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SEPTEMBER MEETING SPEAKER: BARRY JONES

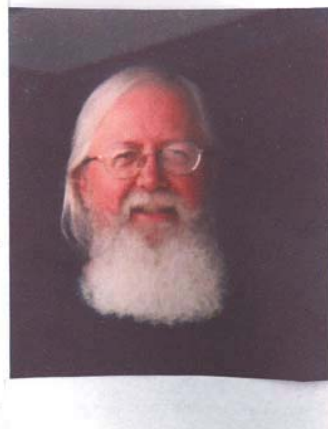
MEETING AGENDA

- 2:30
Orchids 101
- 3:00
Meeting Begins
- 4:15
Break
- 4:30
Business Meeting
- 5:00
Adjourn

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Miniature Dendrobiums

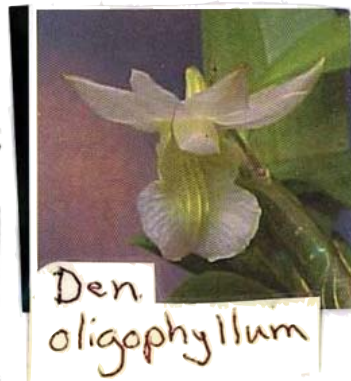


Our speaker this month will be Barry Jones. He will be speaking on miniature orchids. This is a hot topic and has been a growing trend for years. You can get MORE orchids in LESS space. This is a prime opportunity especially for windowsill and under-light growers.

Barry, a long-time orchid grower and AOS judge will be bringing plants for sale so bring your cash and enjoy the good side of downsizing!

Barry is an accredited AOS judge at the Cincinnati Judging Center. He grows his orchids in a Four Seasons sunroom in the winter, and outdoors in the summer. He particularly likes pleurothallids, dendrobiums, bulbophyllums, and all sorts of odd little species. He has been selling orchids at shows since 1987.

Born in North Carolina, raised in Wisconsin, he worked as a research technician at the USDA lab in Peoria, IL. Upon retirement, he and his wife moved to Loveland, OH, just outside Cincinnati.



Den. rigidum



Den. abberans

ORCHIDS 101

SHREDDED
COCONUT-FIBER
LINERS AS
POTTING MEDIA-
PROS AND CONS

Jack Hickman will discuss using coconut fiber instead of bark or moss to plant your orchids. He will cover reasons for using fiber, what orchids it's best for, how to pot with it and finally the best source to buy it. See you at 2:30 just before the main meeting



Sure hope it is warm enough for everyone ... and I am SOOOOOO thankful we are finally getting some rain. All this extensive heat and 'supersunlight' gets a little stressful - at least for my plants in my greenhouse. I have been needing to water a lot more than usual and move some of the plants to lower light situations, but it has been effective and they have gone from looking 'near dead' to 'nearly thriving again' by doing that.

I am so excited about my upcoming trip to Africa that I can't think of much besides that, and am really hoping I will be able to come back with some orchid photos as well as animal photos. An elephant pulling a huge orchid out of a tree for me would be a great shot, eh?

Our program this month has really represented an interesting saga. The meeting, of course, is the day before Labor Day - and I hope most of you will be around for the meeting anyway, but if you aren't, we all understand. Unfortunately we had a speaker arranged, and apparently that person changed their mind, and then the replacement changed their mind within the last few weeks. Like the good, adaptive vice president/program chairman that he is, Bobby came up with an alternative of having some of the experienced growers in the Society do a discussion roundtable for us. A few days after that we received an e-mail and apparently one of the VP's in another society was able to talk Barry Jones into come and talking. I am not sure what his topic will be, and only 95% certain that I will recognize him when I see him, but certainly he has to be a great sport to agree to do the several society travel circuit on such late notice, so I anticipate we will hear interesting things from him. One of the qualities that makes a successful orchid grower is the ability to adapt quickly to changing circumstances, and we seem to be doing that here .

See you at the meeting.

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GNTOS MEETING, SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2010

Judy Cook, Society President, called the meeting to order at 3 pm. 35 people were present.

Visitors included Chee Ching Wong, Larry Swenson, Gina Sanders, and Nancy Snodgrass. New members are Kathi McKenzie, Jina Woods, Dan Callahan, Dawni Callahan and Tim Brown.

Judy announced that the plant auction/picnic event was a success although several things were left behind. She estimated that \$800 was raised.

Judy announced that our next orchid show would be held during the second weekend of April 2011 at the Texas A&M University Extension Service. Hank Horton needs volunteers for the show committees. The venue will be free because it is during the SWROGA weekend. Linda Horton said that the trophies for the show will be framed orchid stamps. She was looking for anyone who could frame the stamps.

Emily Quinn is November's speaker.

Manny Aybar is in talks with the Dominican Orchid Society about a trip in March 2011. He is working with a travel agent. March will be a prime time to view blooming orchids. There will be more announcements in the future.

To get into the members only area of the website, you need a login ID and password. If you are having problems contact Manny Aybar.

The speaker for the meeting was Graham Wood from Lehua Orchids on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Plant Judging Results

from Nancy Cropp. Judges: Dianna Rose, Tham Johnson

Cattleya Alliance

- Blue – C. Bactia 'Grape Wax'
– Dave Gould
- Red – C. unknown – Hortons
- White – Pot. Little Toshi 'Mini Flares'
– Gerry Darver

Dendrobiums & Others

- Blue – Den. bracteosum - Judy Cook
- Red – Stanhopea wardii
– Manny Aybar
- White – Galeandra baueri
– Amy Drumwright

Oncidiums

- Blue – Onc. luridum (?)
– Amy Drumwright
- Red – Colmanara Wildcat 'Rainbow'
– Don Brigham
- White – Onc. kramerianum
– Amy Drumwright

Vandas & Phals

- Blue – Trichoglottis brachiata
– Manny Aybar
- Red – Schoenorchis fragrans
– Jack Hickman
- White – Dtps. Queen Beer
– Manny Aybar

Species of the Month

- Galeandra baueri – Amy Drumwright
- Den. bracteosum – Barbara McNamee
- Trichoglottis brachiata – Manny Aybar

People's Choice

- Trichoglottis brachiata – Manny Aybar

NEWSLETTER

Members are encouraged to submit articles, information, or suggestions for publication in our newsletter. Send submissions to the editor via email at: david@gouldcreative.com



Darwinara Charm 'Blue Pacific'



Christenstylis Kedah Bella 'Reyna'



Dendrochilum magran 'Daniel'

DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

Dallas Judging Center
August 14, 2010

10 plants entered for consideration
3 awards given:

Darwinara Charm 'Blue Pacific'
(Neofinitia falcata x Vascostylus
Tham Yuen Hae)
HCC 78 points
owner: Judy Cook, MD, Gunter

Christenstylis Kedah Bella 'Reyna'
(Christensonia vietnamica x
Rhynchostylis coelestis)
HCC 79 points
owner: Sarah Waddoups, Rogers, AR

Dendrochilum magran 'Daniel'
(species) CBR,
owner: Linda Horton, Garland

GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Kathy Halverson

Financial Report: July, August 2010

Dated: 6-20-10 thru 8-12-10

	Income	Expenses
Beginning Balance:	\$7929.08	
Dues	\$ 70.00	
Hospitality	-	
Raffle	\$ 98.00	
Raffle Plants for		
rest of year:		\$ 250.00
Rent (Storage Unit)		\$ 150.00
Snoopers	\$ 206.00	\$ 185.40
Speakers Fee	-	
Speaker's Meals		\$ 116.68
Speakers Air Fare	\$ 122.04	
Speakers Hotel		\$ 340.00
Miscellaneous		
Ron Horton		
Funeral Spray		\$ 84.98
Donations	\$ 5.00	
Updated Quicken		\$ 48.70
AOS Dues		\$ 125.00
Auction	\$ 962.00	
Plant Table	-	
GNTOS Exhibit		
Oklahoma Show		\$ 500.00
Library	-	
Audit Check	-	
Website	-	
Subtotals:	\$ 1463.04	\$ 1800.76

Ending Balance: ...\$ 7591.36

MONTHLY CHECKLIST FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

by Ned Nash and James Rose, Cal Orchids

Cattleya Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom. Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold. This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too. Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

Cycnoches This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches ventricosum*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium Through diligent modern breeding programs, the cymbidium season gets stretched longer and longer. Now we can expect to have flowers open as early as September and October. Stake inflorescences and move the plants to a shadier location to help the flowers develop successfully. Because the plants will have warmth tolerance "built in" genetically, keeping the plants as cool as possible will help prevent bud curl. For the midseason varieties, inflorescences should be initiated by now. Feed plants on a regular schedule with a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20) and shade the plants lightly.

Dendrobium This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of longlasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

Paphiopedilum Standard, green-leaved paphiopedilums begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late-season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to

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prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

Phalaenopsis The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid type fertilizer, is beneficial.

SNOOPERS CORNER

Barbara McNamee

Snoopers Corner is for items that are too large to bring to the snoopers table.

Members who want to place an ad should contact Barbara McNamee:

972-279-9685. Submit a brief description and a small photograph if necessary. Each entry will run until it sells or for 3 months, whichever comes first.

Did you get more plants and now have nowhere to go with them this winter?



ORCHID STAND for Sale

- Holds dozens of plants in 8 sq.ft. of floor space (2' deep, 4' wide, 7.5' tall)
- Shelves are adjustable to hold different size plants (up to 4 shelves) Shown with 3 shelves.
- Humidity trays to keep the moisture level high
- Made of aluminum tubing for strength and rust resistance

\$220 (Comes with the original lights as shown)

I also have a set of three custom light fixtures which provide three times the light as the original fixtures shown above. I paid \$500 to get the lights made but I will sell the lights and the orchid stand together for **\$600**

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GREATER NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

Manuel Aybar
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SOCIETY HISTORY

The GNTOS was formed in 1954 as a result of the joining of the Dallas Orchid Society and the North Texas Orchid Society. The new organization was formed as a nucleus for a larger an potentially greater Society with an enthusiastic membership. On March 19, 1954, we were issued a charter by the AOS as the Greater North Texas Orchid Society



- October 1/3** Central Louisiana O.S. Meeting & Show, Alexandria, LA
- October 3** GNTOS – Francisco Mirenda – “Vandas”
- October 13/14** Fort Worth Orchid Society Fall Plant Sale & Show
- November 7** GNTOS – Local Speaker
- December 4** Acadian Orchid Society Short Course, Lafayette, LA
- December 5** GNTOS – Dinner and Sale

ORCHID TIP

If the leaves are smaller than normal you might check for root rot or salt build up on the roots or a lack of nitrogen in the plant’s diet. To solve this problem, check the roots for rot or damage. Probably best to repot no manner what is seen. If new leaves are still small increase the amount concentration in your fertilizer.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

2010

GNTOS Membership Dues are paid yearly by January 31, in order for your name to be listed in the published Yearbook.

- \$20.00 – New or Renewing Member (individual)
- \$10.00 – Additional Member (each additional person in same household)

Please mail completed form with payment to:
Kathy Halverson
1922 Baylor Drive
Richardson, TX 75081
Make check payable to GNTOS.

New Member Renewing Member

Name (#1): _____

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