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# GREATER NORTH TEXAS *Orchid Society*

## MEETING AGENDA

2:30  
Orchids 101

3:00  
Meeting Begins

4:15  
Break

4:30  
Business Meeting

5:00  
Adjourn

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FEBRUARY MEETING SPEAKER: TOM AARON

## Vandaceous Culture

I was born and raised in an agricultural family, with experience growing citrus, corn and soybeans among other edible crops. At the age of 12 my younger brother and I became very interested in how plants grow and we experimented with dozens of african violet stem cuttings, to create more plants. It was a year later when we both saw a very unique looking plant with equally unique flowers, called a Dendrobium.

After that it was just a matter of time before I would eventually start my own orchid farm and a landscape business.

I hold two degrees in the Horticulture Sciences, and currently operate with my wife and two very young children the largest orchid farm and orchid propagation lab in Northeast Florida. Green Earth Nursery & Landscaping.



## ORCHIDS 101

### WHEN TO REPOT YOUR ORCHIDS

Manny Aybar will discuss when to repot and with spring right around the corner this is an important topic to know about

After a short presentation we will have a brief Q&A on any Orchid related topic.

We start at 2:30 in the greenhouse. See you there

## 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



I hope all of you at January's meeting really enjoyed the fun, informative interchange. Bobby set a very relaxed forum for discussion of plants with problems and it was an active session where I almost had to act as referee to slow a few people down. It is amazing the amount of cumulative knowledge that exists in this society and I hope everyone came away with new and useful information. I know I certainly did.

Our speaker for February sounds quite interesting and hopefully in addition to his talk about Vandas we can pick his brains about 'green growing'.

Remember we have shows coming up – the most important being our show at TAMU the 8-10 of April and the AOS Members meeting in Shreveport the last weekend of April. We are also looking at finding a date in the fall when we can set up a time to have a table top judged show at North Haven Gardens in the fall. It is really great fun to be able to spread our excitement about orchids as well as helping people learn how to grow them successfully. Please remember that EACH OF US should be a 'goodwill ambassador' for orchids and our society, and go out of our way to make visitors and new members feel welcome and invite others to the meeting.

Speaking of inviting others, I was really delighted that several of you also came to the judging in January and I hope you enjoyed it, will come again and will encourage others to come. Be sure to bring a plant or two – even if it isn't awarded, you will learn useful things about how to better evaluate your plant and other plants and maybe even some things about how they grow best. The judging program is fun, and as I have pointed out before, you will see a LOT of familiar faces. See you at the meeting J



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Jim Williams

President Judy Cook called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. with 35 people in attendance. We had 5 visitors: Cindy Oliver, Walter Foss & Lyn Berman all became members, Mary Ann Hupp and Betty Ekholm are planning to join. In lieu of a speaker, Bobby Dillard led a “how to” discussion on plant problems, pests etc., with several members joining in answering questions.

**Announcements**

We still need volunteers to help Tham with refreshments, and speakers for Orchids 101. Come on and help out, it's fun.

Bobby Dillard, David Gould and Jack Hickman have offered to help with the orchid collection at The Butterfly House in Discovery Gardens at Fair Park.

North Haven Gardens has requested we do another show. We discussed perhaps staging a small judged tabletop show where members can also sell their plants if they wish, in the fall. The board will decide further details.

Don't forget our AOS judged show is April 8-10 at the A&M Extension Center on Coit. Help will be needed for set up, tear down, clerking, etc. and it's a great learning experience. Nancy Cropp will handle the advertising.

Another greenhouse tour was suggested and welcomed.

Our July meeting falls on the week-end of the 4th again, so a decision needs to be made on meeting a week earlier or later.

Judy has offered her oasis in Gunter for a cookout/auction, maybe when it's not quite so hot out. You don't want to miss seeing her beautiful home, greenhouse and grounds, great people, lots of fun and good food.

Jim Williams has taken over the Snoopers (plant sale) Table. Thanks Jim. As a reminder, please do not remove plants from the sale table until they are paid for – they belong to our members and are reimbursed 90% (with the other 10% going to the club). You too can sell your plants. All you need is a sales number. See Kathy Halverson.

Jack Hickman is our new People Greeter. Thanks Jack.

Remember, DUES ARE DUE by the end of January if you want to be in the society yearbook.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51.



## DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

## GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Kathy Halverson



Dallas Judging Center  
January 8, 2011

19 plants entered for consideration,  
3 awards given:

**Laelia anceps**  
**var. veitchiana 'Judy' (species)**  
HCC 76 points,  
owner: Judy Cook, Gunter



**Phal. Jose Carreras 'Dotty'**  
**(Spirit House x ambonosa)**  
AM 81 points,  
owner: Dotty Woodson,  
Fort Worth



**Phal. Salu Black Pearl 'Ching Her #2'**  
**(Golden Sun x mariae)**  
AM 82 points,  
owner: Meir Moses,  
Orchid Konnection, Dallas

Financial Report: Dec 31, 2010

Dated: 12-1-10 thru 12-31-10

Beginning Balance: \$ 5686.49

	Income	Expenses
Dues . . . . .	\$ 120.00	
Hospitality: Food, table cloths: . . . . .		\$ \$91.90
Raffle . . . . .	—	
Rent (Storage 3 mo) . . . . .		\$ 150.00
Snoopers . . . . .	—	
Speakers Fee . . . . .	—	
Speakers air fare . . . . .	—	
Miscellaneous:		
Plant ribbons: . . . . .		\$ 86.06
FlashDrive: . . . . .		\$ 10.81
Donations . . . . .	\$ 50.00	
SWROGA Dues . . . . .		\$ 79.00
Auction . . . . .	\$ 787.00	
Plant Table	—	
Yr. End Awards	—	
GNTOS Exhibit	—	
Library	—	
Audit Check	—	
Website	—	
Spring Show	—	
Subtotals: . . . . .	\$ 957.00	\$ 338.77
Ending Balance:	\$ 6304.72	

## GREATER NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

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## SOCIETY HISTORY

The GNTOS was formed in 1954 as a result of the amalgamation of the Dallas Orchid Society and the North Texas Orchid Society. The new organization was formed as a nucleus for a larger and 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



For our March meeting, Krum Sotirov will be speaking about the time he spent working at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew in London in the Orchid Unit.

### Orchid Judging Center Topics:

**Feb.** – Tom Mulhollan on Neofinetias

**March** – Meir Moses on Phalaenopsis

**April** – Glenda McIntosh on Playing with Words

**June** – Peter Lin on Phalaenopsis

**Aug.** – Manny Aybar on new trends in Phals following his trip to Taiwan

**Sept.** – New AQ+ software

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

2011

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.

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Name (#1): \_\_\_\_\_

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