

GREATER NORTH TEXAS *Orchid Society*

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MEETING AGENDA

2:30
Orchids 101

3:00
Meeting Begins

4:15
Break

4:30
Business Meeting

5:00
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NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 6
SPEAKER: KRUM SOTIROV

Kew Gardens, London



He was born in Varna, Bulgaria where he learned Agriculture, then Microbiology, Biochemistry, Latin, Medicine and other subjects that were useful for his major and for home micropropagation experiments. He learned microbiology techniques for in vitro cultivation of fungi, bacteria and cell tissue, effects of antibiotics and plant growth substances, testing and record keeping.

After moving to the UK, he had responsibility for an entire greenhouse at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, London to take care of South American and South African section of the orchid collection from 1996 until 1999.

RBG Kew is the greatest privately owned plant collection in the world – property of Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Great Britain, and The Commonwealth.

His lecture will include very quick familiarization what The RBG Kew -what is, and why is important. There will be many pictures from some of the attractions. But

the main focus will be the Orchid unit – what is being done, how and why. He will also talk about the sections that are NOT OPEN to the public, how the orchids are taken care of and what is done with the collection and why.

In the garden there is a whole “city” for orchids: micropropagation unit, herbarium, orchid library, a large research laboratory (Jodrell) and of course many greenhouses to care and display (as well, to quarantine) orchids and other plants.

Since 1996 he maintains a web site devoted to orchid to education: <http://www.ionopsis.com> The site includes over forty two articles on distribution, cultivation, propagation, pollination, and pests & diseases.



ORCHIDS 101

HOW TO CREATE THE BEST GROWING CONDITIONS FOR YOUR ORCHIDS.

Bobby Dillard will briefly talk about things you can do to improve your orchids environment.

It will be followed with a brief Q&A.

Hope to see you there, at 2:30 in the greenhouse.

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



Wow – what an incredible month this has been. The weather has been really weird all over the country and we had a tremendous amount of snow here. I hated to cancel the February meeting, but with the roads as treacherous as they had been and more thought to be on the way, it seemed the safest decision for all concerned. I do hope all of you remained safe, comfortable and unharmed from all our winter weather, and that all your greenhouses are doing well.

The other part of the month that has been almost unbelievable is the political situation in the Middle East. I am just thankful that my trip to Egypt was scheduled for AFTER the ‘demonstrations’ broke out and I could cancel the trip, rather than being stranded over there like so many people were. I had been a bit concerned about what COULD happen with the WEATHER when I scheduled my trip, knowing that the previous February we had a lot of snow and it was a lot to ask my neighbors to care for my greenhouse if the weather really turned bad. Never in my wildest dreams did I envision what has been happening over there. Hope I’ll get that camel ride one of these years. Don’t think I’ll plan a February vacation again soon, though.

Now spring is approaching – in my greenhouse it looks as if it is already here as many things are blooming 2 – 3 months early – and I am concerned about what we will have for the upcoming spring shows with so much stuff blooming so early. Hopefully the rest of you have greenhouses growing more ‘normally’. Do work at grooming those plants and remember when you do that to prepare a list of your plants, hopefully including the parents and the class they go into (not possible for all of you, I know) and PUT SOME KIND OF IDENTIFICATION ON YOUR POTS. Return address mail labels work very nicely.

There are several shows coming up where it would be nice if we could participate by going and putting in a display. We will, of course, put in a display at our own show, which is April 8 – 10, and we will be putting in a display for the Members meeting in Shreveport from 4/27 – 5/1. There are shows in both Houston and Oklahoma City on the 4/15 – 4/17 weekend, and if someone is just filled with burning desire to put a display in one of them, we can consider it, but I think we have enough on our plates already. Then in May, Galveston has a show 5/13-15 and Austin has one 5/20 -22 and we need to decide whether we will do displays for either of those.

I look forward to seeing all of you and hearing our speaker on the 6th.

Regards
Judy



DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

Dallas Judging Center
February 12, 2011

25 plants entered for consideration,
5 awards given:

**Paph Gary Romagna x
Sanderiana 'Superbeins'**
HCC 78 points,
owner: Berry Woodson, Fort Worth

Phal. Jose Carreras 'Amber'
(**Spirit House x ambonosa**)
AM 79 points,
owner: Berry Woodson, Fort Worth

**Phal. New Vision Wine
Summer Wine x Cinnamon Gold**
AM 76 points,
owner: Meir Moses,
Orchid Konnection, Dallas

Phal. 'Haur Jih'
**Phal. Sogo Yukidian x Phal. Golden
Peoker**
AM 82 points,
owner: Meir Moses,
Orchid Konnection, Dallas

Phal. Jose Carreras 'Amber'
AQ
owner: Berry Woodson, Fort Worth

GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Kathy Halverson

Financial Report: Jan 31, 2011
Dated: 1-1-11 thru 1-31-11

Beginning Balance: \$ 6304.72

	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$ 310.00	
Hospitality	—	
Raffle	\$.64.00	
Rent	—	
Snoopers	\$ 96.00	\$ 86.40
Speakers Fee	—	
Speakers air fare	—	
Miscellaneous:		
Records Folders:		\$ 14.60
Donations	—	
SWROGA Dues		\$ 79.00
Auction	\$ 787.00	
Plant Table	—	
Yr. End Awards	—	
GNTOS Exhibit	—	
Library	—	
Audit Check	—	
Website	—	
Spring 2011 Show	—	
Subtotals:	\$ 470.00	\$ 101.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 6673.72	

2011 CALENDAR

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April – Thomas Mirenda from the Smithsonian

June –

Aug. – Gold Country Orchids in Sacramento

Sept. –

Nov. – Carson Whitlow will talk on blue cats

Jan. – Fred Clarke

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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