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# G R E A T E R N O R T H T E X A S *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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NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 3  
SPEAKER: KATHY CREGER

## Orchid Hunting in Jamaica

At our April meeting our speaker will be Kathy Creger, who lives in Minnesota but travels to the Caribbean every year and has explored the orchids that inhabit these beautiful islands. She will share some of her experiences studying Jamaican orchids and share insights about their habits that should help us to grow our orchids better.

Kathy started collecting orchids while she was in college at the University of Minnesota in the late 1970's. That interest turned into a serious hobby in the late 1980's and a passion in the early 1990's, when she joined the Orchid Society of Minnesota. She grows several hundred species under lights and in windows during the winter and outside in the summer. She has been President of the Orchid Society of Minnesota, is President of the Pleurothallid Alliance, and is an AOS Accredited Judge in Chicago.

For over 20 years she has gone in Jamaica, learning about, hunting, collecting and documenting orchids on the island. Some plants are common throughout the island and the surrounding Caribbean countries, and some are endemic to one side of a hill. She will discuss various habitats there that will help people to provide better environments for our plants.

Kathy has been a fine goldsmith/jewelry designer for over 30 years and now counts Botanical Illustrator as a job. She painted the cover illustration of Hoosier Orchid Company's catalog for several years and has numerous pieces in Orchids magazine.

© Kathy Creger – Laelia



## ORCHIDS 101

TO POT OR NOT  
TO POT, THAT IS  
THE QUESTION

Linda Horton will discuss various types of pots and why they would be used as well as whether to mount or not.



## GNTOS President's Letter April 2011

I hope all of you really enjoyed the March program – what a wonderful discussion about Kew as well as some helpful information about how to make our favorite plants grow well. We are in for a treat in April also, when Kathy Crieger will be here from Minnesota. She is a very high energy lady and although I have never heard her speak, I would expect really good information from her as well as a very entertaining program.

We will have a very busy meeting in April because it will be just a few days before our show – which we will begin to set up on Thursday the 7th. If you haven't volunteered to help with something, please do so – this is an effort that needs the help and support of everyone.

While I am thrilled with all the plants we have at Show and Tell now, I would encourage all of you who have plants you feel will still be in bloom and showable for the weekend of the show, to keep those plants home in your greenhouse so they will be as fresh as possible for the show. Please try to bring a list of the plants you think will be show material (we all know this can change up to the very moment you are setting your plant in the display and the bloom falls off!!!) so we will have a fair idea of what we will be working with, and if you will not be able to bring the plants in yourself early on Friday, please arrange with someone to bring them in for you, and/or keep them for a few days in their greenhouse before bringing them. Please groom and label your plants and have a list of them (with your name on it also) so all the plants will be returned to their rightful owners. The show will break down Sunday afternoon, and again you will need to either be there to pick up your plants or have someone do that for you.

I will bring some of our "Expose Yourself to Orchids" T-shirts to the meeting, and some of you may want to buy one ahead of time to be able to wear through the show.

Please keep in mind that 3 weeks later is the AOS show in Shreveport which I encourage all of you to go to if possible, and we will need plants for that show also. Look forward to seeing a lot of most of you over the first 2 weeks of April.



Regards, Judy

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Manuel Aybar

**PAST PRESIDENT**

Jim Williams

Sunday, March 6, 2011

President Judy Cook called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. with over 50 people in attendance, several of which were visitors.

Hank Horton, Show Chairman, spoke about how the show in progress-ing from set up through takedown.

Help is still needed in several areas including food/cash donations as we host all those involved in setting up the show & the vendors for all 3 days.

Also discussed was how to prepare your plants for displaying; i.e. cleaning & removing dead or damaged leaves and basic plant grooming. Please label each of your plants with your name (on the bottom of the pot) so they don't get lost in the shuffle and be sure to have the plants tagged with their proper name. The meeting adjourned a little after 5.

**Plant Judging Results**

Judges: David Hines & Emily Quinn  
52 plants were entered

**Cattleya Alliance**

Blue – Pot. Creation 'Summer Choice'  
Hortons

Red – Pot. Hawaiian Prominence  
'America' – Hortons

White – Blc. Pamela Hetherington  
'Coronation' – Mike Beber

**Dendrobiums & Others**

Blue – Aerangis citrate – Charles Hess  
Red – Stenosarcoc Vangard  
– Jim Williams

White – Den. anosmum  
– Amy Drumwright

**Oncidiums**

Blue – Colm. Wildcat 'Rainbow'  
– Don Brigham

Red – Onc. Maculatum – Mike Beber

White – Howeara Lava Burst  
– Barbara McNamee

**Paphs & Phrags**

Blue – Phrag. Cahaba Sunrise - Hortons

Red – Paph. philippinense  
– David Gould

White – Paph. Ken Ichi Takaga  
– Lorna Kissling

**Vandas & Phals**

Blue – Phal. stuartiana – Ruth Lazar

Red – Rhy. gigantean  
– Amy Drumwright

White – Holcoglossum quasifolium  
– Barbara McNamee

**Species of the Month**

Max. richii – Hortons

Dryadella simula – Barbara McNamee

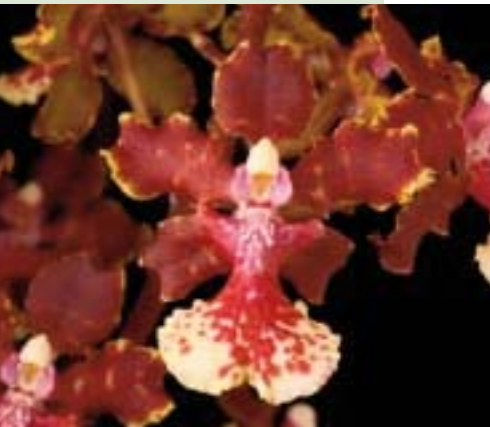
Den. amethystoglossum – Charles Hess

**Peoples Choice**

Pot. Creation 'Summer Choice'  
– Hortons

C. Coral Gold – Kevin Fox

Den. anosmum – Amy Drumwright



## DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

Dallas Judging Center,  
March 12, 2011

32 plants submitted for consideration, 3 awards given:

**Trt. Jimmy Lim 'Oscar Levin'**

(**Haematochilum x**

**Mem. Pepita de Restrepo**)

HCC 77 points,

owner: Robert Marsh, Garland

**Epi. Pacific Frenzy 'Orchid Konnection Hot'**

(**Pacific View x Pacific Girl**)

AM 85 points,

owner: Orchid Konnection, Dallas

**Dtps. Little Gem Stripes 'Stars' (Dtps.**

**Taisuco Stripe x Phal. Taisuco Gem)**

HCC 79 points,

owner: Brandenburgs, Dallas



## GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Kathy Halverson

Financial Report: Feb 28, 2011

Dated: 2-1-11 thru 2-28-11

Beginning Balance: \$ 6673.72

	Income	Expenses
Dues . . . . .	—	
Hospitality . . . . .	—	
Raffle . . . . .	—	
Rent . . . . .	—	
Snoopers . . . . .	—	
Speakers Fee		
Thomas Aaron: . . . . .		\$ 165.00
Speakers air fare . . . . .	—	
Miscellaneous:		
domain name: . . . . .		\$ 17.88
Donations . . . . .	—	
SWROGA Dues . . . . .	—	
Auction . . . . .	—	
Plant Table . . . . .	—	
Yr. End Awards . . . . .	—	
GNTOS Exhibit . . . . .	—	
Library . . . . .	—	
Audit Check . . . . .	—	
Website . . . . .	—	
Spring 2011 Show . . . . .	—	
Subtotals: . . . . .		\$ 182.88
Ending Balance:	\$ 6490.84	





## APRIL SHOW

by Henry Horton, Show Chairman

# Volunteer for the Orchid Show

The upcoming orchid show is going to be fun and informative and a lot of work. Now that it is just a few days away there is still a lot to do and we need volunteers to help on all days for all jobs. There is a job for anyone who can help. Please review the list of jobs and see if you can make some time to come and help out.

**Thursday April 7:** 10 am – 4 pm: • **Setup:** Arrange tables and get the rooms ready for vendors and exhibitors. Cover the vendor tables with plastic, mark exhibit locations, setup the hospitality room and the lecture room.

**Friday April 8:** 10 am – 4 pm: • **Vendor and Exhibit Setup:** Volunteers to help vendors and exhibitors set up, carry plants etc.

- 5 pm – 9 pm: **Clerk** for the judges as they review the plants. You don't need to know anything for this job. It is a fantastic opportunity to learn and assist as the judges discuss the good and bad of each plant. They may ask your opinion but mostly you hang ribbons on selected plants or get materials the judges request. Clip boards and pencils provided.

**Saturday April 9:** 9 am – 5 pm: • **Hospitality:** No cooking, just serving, keep food arranged etc. Make sure people know this is not for the public but for the vendors and workers.

- 9 am – 5 pm: The AOS/GNTOS tables: give out info as well as sell T-shirts.
- 9 am – 5 pm: Assist the Vendors as needed.
- **Potting Demonstrations** need volunteers to lead (times to be determined)

**Sunday April 10:** 9 am – 4:30 pm: • Help out in the kitchen for the vendors and exhibitors. No cooking, just serving and opening food packages and smiling.

- 9 am – 5 pm: Assist the Vendors if they need help
- **Potting Demonstrations** need volunteers to lead (times to be determined)
- **Teardown:** Put everything away. Help the vendors and exhibitors pickup

At the April 3rd meeting, Kathy Halverson will have a sign up sheet for the hospitality room both to work and to bring food. Those who sign up for food need to indicate what they are bringing and when. Hank will have a sign up sheet for the AOS/GNTOS information table. 2 hour shifts preferred but any time is appreciated. If you cannot make the meeting just call Kathy or Hank to volunteer.

Kathy Halverson, (972-699-0907), [keh4@tx.rr.com](mailto:keh4@tx.rr.com)

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## GREATER NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

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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



**May** – TBD

**June** – June Smiley Promsurin [www.Smileyorchids.com](http://www.Smileyorchids.com)

**July** – Auction

**Aug.** – Alan Koch [goldcountryorchids.com](http://goldcountryorchids.com) Gold Country Orchids in Sacramento

**Sept.** – Bill Hill [www.orchidislandorchids.com](http://www.orchidislandorchids.com)

**Oct.** – Greg Butler from Oak Hill Gardens (not confirmed)

**Nov.** – Carson Whitlow will talk on blue cats  
[www.c-we.com/cyp.haven/whitlow.htm](http://www.c-we.com/cyp.haven/whitlow.htm)

**Dec.** – Auction

**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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