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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 SEPTEMBER 4  
SPEAKER: BILL HILL OF ORCHID ISLAND ORCHIDS

## the *Oncidium* Alliance

I have been growing orchids for 40 years. Started with cattleyas that I got from Hawaii then added dendrobiums phals & oncidiums. I started my nursery on residential property which was a mistake as I couldn't sell from there, so I opened a store in the busy part of town. Then another store in Boca Raton and kept that one for 8 years. But it was a two hour trip one way so eventually I had to close it. So I went back to the one store and did shows. I only do shows now and speak to societies. We worked our way into *Oncidiinae* Intergenerics as they are so diverse, bloom a lot and last in bloom. My topics are growing *Oncidiinae* Intergenerics, *Bulbophylums* and answer questions on all genera.



**Bakerara Everglades  
Hunter**  
'Swamp Buggy'



**Brassidium Shooting  
Star**  
'Black Gold'



**Brassia Rex 'Sakata'**  
AM/AOS



**Miltonidium  
Hawaiian Sunse**



**Brassidium Fly Away**  
'Miami'

## 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](mailto:david@gouldcreative.com)



Rumor has it the Devil got tired of this Texas weather and went back to a cooler place!!! I don't know about your plants, but mine are sure wishing this heat wave would go with him – and some of the more vulnerable ones have succumbed to the really severe, persistent heat. Working in the greenhouse this weekend I was surprised at how hot the leaves were on some of my plants that are really heat tolerant. Keeping them fairly moist, having a lot of moving air and 70% shade cloth helps a lot, and the evaporative cooler keeps the temperature generally down below 95° and the humidity up, but that relentless sun beating down is still very stressful. Guess working on keeping them comfortable gives each of us a little something to 'keep ourselves busy' until the weather is a bit better for outdoor activities.

I know the presentation from Carlos had to be really wonderful and am sorry I could not be there to enjoy it with the rest of you. Unfortunately, I will also be on call during this month's meeting and will not be able to join you in welcoming and enjoying our speaker. Seems like in addition to an excess of heat, there is an overabundance of psychiatric patients!!! Seems we are experiencing a time of overabundance of what would be really good things in a different setting. I suspect the people in the northern half of the country would love having some of our hot dry weather as much as we would enjoy some of their excess rain and cool weather.

Apparently no one will be able to set up a display for our society for the San Antonio show, but I hope as many of you as possible will make an attempt to at least go to the show. It seems as if most of us have quite a load on our plates right now, but I recommend to you – as I do to myself – that you take time from all of that to have some relaxation time for yourself – and keep smelling the orchids.

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**OFFICERS****PRESIDENT**

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Manuel Aybar

**PAST PRESIDENT**

Jim Williams

Manny Aybar called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m; there were 28 people in attendance.

Manny introduced Carlos Fighetti, our speaker of the month.

**New business:**

Help is needed if we are to have a display in San Antonio the last week in October.

We tested a new way to try your luck at winning a raffle plant; place your ticket with the plant you wish to take home.

Manny introduced Facebook on our website – a big thanks to Kamlesh Bhatia's son who did the design for us – please log on and “like it”.

We welcome 2 new members – Clay Williams and Marilyn Corrigan.

Our visitors were – Dawn Klammer, Bernard Hale, Joyce Allen and Hilda Adelson, we're glad you joined us!

No old business was discussed.

Bill Hill from Big Island Orchids will be our speaker in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

**GNTOS PLANT TABLE****JUDGING RESULTS**

Judges: Barbara McNamee & Bobby Dillard

**CATTLEYA ALLIANCE**

Blue - Pot. (Blc. Oconee 'Mendenhall' x Chatoyant 'Sonnet')

- Mike Beber

Red - C. Chocolate Drop x anzac - Manny Aybar

White - Epi. floribundum x Encyclia lincarfoioides - Kathi McKenzie

**DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS**

Blue - Bulb. gradiflorum 'Hihimanee' - Kathy Halverson

Red - Bulb. (Frank Smith x equinolabium) - Manny Aybar

**ONCIDIUMS**

Blue - Mtssa. Radermacher 'Ace' - Kathi McKenzie

**VANDAS & PHALS**

Blue - Trichoglottis brachiata - Manny Aybar

**SPECIES OF THE MONTH**

Bulb. gradiflorum 'Hihimanee' - Kathy Halverson

Trichoglottis brachiata - Manny Aybar

**PEOPLES CHOICE**

C. Chocolate Drop x anzac - Manny Aybar

(Only 11 plants exhibited, so not all the usual ribbons awarded)

**DALLAS JUDGING CENTER**

Nancy Cropp

**GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kathy Halverson

Dallas Judging Center  
August, 13 2011

Five plants entered for consideration,  
no awards given.

Financial Report: July 2011

Dated: 7-1-11 thru 7-31-11

Beginning Balance: \$ 6868.67

	Income	Expenses
Dues . . . . .	—	
Hospitality . . . . .	—	
Raffle . . . . .	—	
Rent – Storage Unit . . . . .		\$ 150.00
Snoopers . . . . .	\$ .472.00	\$ 424.80
Speakers Travel:		
Carlos Fighetti . . . . .		\$ 160.58
Smiley . . . . .		\$ 155.08
Miscellaneous		
Stamps . . . . .	—	
SWROGA Dues . . . . .	—	
Auction . . . . .	\$ .984.00	
Plant Table . . . . .	—	
Yr. End Awards . . . . .	—	
GNTOS Exhibit . . . . .	—	
Library . . . . .	—	
Audit Check . . . . .	—	
Website . . . . .	—	
Subtotals: . . . . .	\$ .984.00	\$ 465.66
Ending Balance:	\$ 7387.01	

## GREATER NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

Manuel Aybar  
2330 Saharah Drive  
Garland, TX

## 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



**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

## ORCHID TIP FROM JUDY COOK

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## 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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