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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 NOVEMBER 6  
SPEAKER: CARSON E. WHITLOW

## A History of Blue Cattleya Breeding



Carson's work with blue Cattleyas and Laelias in the 1960's laid the groundwork for many of today's hybridizing efforts. His presentation takes you through the breeding program, showing the parental stock used and some of the hybrids produced.

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Cattleya Loddigesii 'Volcano Queen' x Mem. Robert Straight

## NEWSLETTER

Members are encouraged to submit articles, information, or suggestions for publication in our newsletter. No really. I'm serious. Help me out here. I'll take photos, stories whatever. Send submissions to the me via email at: david@gouldcreative.com

Carson became interested in orchids in 1958 when he was a sophomore in college.

The following years he worked on the weekends and summers repotting orchids for a firm in Springfield, Illinois. After graduating in 1960, he went to

in collections, arising from the original seedlings or as mericlones. Many are used as basic parents in today's blue *Cattleya* breeding.

In 1973, with his move to central Iowa, Carson took a distinct change in direction, working with the hardy terrestrial orchids, primarily the *Cypripediums* and *Calopogons*. His work resulted in the first registered artificial hybrids of *Cypripedium* in 1987 and *Calop* in 1991. He continued to hybridize these genera and built a small business, Cyp. Haven, as retail outlet for his work. He continues to hybridize blue *cattleyas* and white *paphs* and provides the seed to other growers to offer.

In 1995, his interest in the internet and an easier means of finding orchid related sites on the world

Santa Ana, California to work for the prestigious firm of B. O. Bracey and Company. A year later, he changed his direction and started a career in government service with the Orange County (California) Health Department.

After leaving the Bracey firm, Carson established his own collection, mostly of blue *Cattleyas*, with which he undertook hybridizing in association with Fred A. Stewart, Orchids, in San Gabriel, California. From 1964 thru 1969, he produced in excess of 60 blue *cattleya* hybrids, many of which are still

wide web brought about the birth of "The Orchid Mall," which today has become the definitive index site for orchids on the internet. In addition, the "unClassified Ads" offers everyone an opportunity to share their plants and/or find things they are looking for.

His hybrid work is recognized throughout the world. He has published over 30 articles in U.S. and European journals and has been giving presentations on his breeding and propagation for over 30 years. He is truly a world-class hybridizer, author and speaker.



Laeliocattleya  
Sky Blue  
'Brazil'

## ORCHIDS 101

**TO DRY OUT OR  
NOT TO DRY  
OUT, THAT'S THE  
QUESTION.**

Many orchids require a dry spell in order to bloom. This month Linda Horton will discuss why and which ones. Her talk will be followed with a brief Q&A so we hope to see you there, at 2:30 in the greenhouse.



Wow - it was wonderful to be back at the meeting - and even more wonderful to know I had been missed! I hope you all enjoyed Carol's presentation on 'White Toads' - it was a really well thought out and scholarly presentation.

I was delighted to see that everyone still seems to be getting their plants to grow well despite the weather issues we have had. As I write this, tonight's temperature is supposed to drop to 39 degrees - so I guess fall was that drop into the 90's and winter is on it's way!!! In my experience we get the first significant frost about Thanksgiving, which is only a month away and we seriously need to start prepping our greenhouses for the winter weather.

This year has really flown for me and it's hard to believe it is nearly over. Also nearly over is my tenure as president, and there is a nominating committee in place who will present the slate of officers at our next meeting. Please respond if you are called on to help, and also please let me, or even better, the incoming slate of officers once they are designated, know that you are willing to help and what you are willing to do. It is only through the hard work of all of us as volunteers that we keep organizations like GNTOS and the AOS continuing to function.

I hope many of you will be able to make it to the show in San Antonio and will participate in meetings like the town hall forum and all the interesting speakers. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend related to an unforeseen change in my schedule, but I will be there in spirit.

It is time to begin thinking about our next show - or shows. Nikki would very much like for us to have another show at Northaven Gardens, and we have talked about that and even looked into doing it this fall, but the time schedule just didn't work for the members to have time to do it. It would be nice if we could have a Spring - probably May because the April schedule is packed - table top show at the gardens and we need to start planning for a Fall show as part of our regular show schedule, and hopefully we can do that again at the TAMU campus and have a speaker program as we did this spring. Please get your mental wheels spinning so we can talk about it at the November meeting - and please don't hesitate to let your voice and recommendations be heard with the Nominating committee, which is headed by Kathy Halverson.

See you at the meeting!!!

**OFFICERS****PRESIDENT**

Judy Cook

**VICE PRESIDENT****SECRETARY**

Barbara McNamee

**TREASURER**

Kathy Halverson

**SWROGA****DIRECTOR**

Brandenburgs

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

David Gould

**GNTOS WEBMASTER**

Manuel Aybar

**PAST PRESIDENT**

Jim Williams

Sunday Oct 2, 2011

Judy called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., we had 35 people in attendance, 2 visitors: Larissa Alarcon & Rebecca Milam.

We have 3 people going to San Antonio and the other upcoming shows were mentioned: Heart of Texas (now over) Alamo, VA Beach, NE Louisiana & the Arcadia short course.

The nominating committee for next year's slate of officers was announced: Kathy Halverson, Tham Johnson, David Hines, Mike Bieber & Barbara McNamee.

Judy mentioned many jobs will be available throughout next year so if you are interested please see any one of the current officers.

Linda Horton has graciously agreed to do Orchids 101 for our next meeting on November 6th – and Daylight Savings ends – don't forget to set your clocks back & get that extra hour back.

The meeting concluded at 4:30.

**GNTOS Plant Table Judging Results**

Oct. 2, 2011

Judges: Diana Rose &amp; Daniel Callahan

**CATTLEYA ALLIANCE**

Blue – Blc. Haw Yawn Beauty  
Kevin Fox

Red – Lc. Azure Skies - Judy Cook

White – Blc. Keowee 'Newberry'  
Mike Beber

**DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS**

Blue – Ceratostylis rubre - Judy Cook

Red – Cyc. Wine Delight 'Jem' FCC  
Meir Moses

White – Dendrochilum magnum  
Linda Horton

**ONCIDIUMS**

Blue - Onc. Mariposa

Mary Ann Hupp

Red – Howeara Lava Burst

Barbara McNamee

White – Brs. Edzuh Lou - Mike Beber

**PAPHS & PHRAGS**

Blue – Phrag. Geralda - Linda Horton

Red – Paph. godefroyae x

In-Charm White - Meir Moses

White – Paph. henryanum - Judy Cook

**VANDA & PHALS**

Blue – Christensonianum vietnamica  
Judy Cook

Red – Phal. equestris var. aurea  
Charles Hess

**SPECIES OF THE MONTH**

Phokodota imbricatz – Judy Cook

Pleur. tribuloides – Barbara McNamee

Den. chrysopterum – Charles Hess

**PEOPLES CHOICE**

Ceratostylis rubre – Judy Cook



**DALLAS JUDGING CENTER**

Nancy Cropp

**GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kathy Halverson

Dallas Judging Center  
October 8, 2011

3 plants entered for consideration,  
no awards given.



Dtps. Chingruey's Goldstaff 'M'



Ascocenda Piswong 'Kiilani'



Ascocenda Piswong 'Kiilani'



Phal amboinensis

Financial Report: Sept. 2011

Dated: 9-1-11 thru 9-30-11

Beginning Balance: \$ 7255.22

	Income	Expenses
Dues . . . . .	—	
Hospitality . . . . .	—	
Raffle . . . . .	—	
Rent – 3 months		
North Haven		
Gardens: . . . . .	—	\$ 150.00
Snoopers . . . . .	\$ .29.00	\$ 26.00
Speakers		
meals/hotel		
Bill Hill . . . . .		\$ 91.10
Miscellaneous . . . . .	—	
SWROGA Dues . . . . .	—	
Auction . . . . .	—	
Plant Table . . . . .	—	
Yr. End Awards . . . . .	—	
GNTOS Exhibit . . . . .	—	
Library . . . . .	—	
Audit Check . . . . .	—	
Website . . . . .	—	
Subtotals: . . . . .	\$ .29.00	\$ 267.10
Ending Balance:	\$ 7017.12	

## 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



Dec. – Auction

Jan. – Fred Clarke

## ORCHID TIP

You can make a net pot, for plants that require this type of pot, from the aluminum mesh that is used to cover house gutters to keep leaves from getting into them. Simply wrap the gutter screen around a can that is approximately 3 inches diameter, cut the screen to size and wire the ends together. Let the screen overlap the can by approximately 2 inches and pound the screen down over the end of the can to form the pot bottom. Line the sides and bottom of the pot with sphagnum moss if you are using a bark mix or simply fill with sphagnum moss when repotting the plant.

## 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.

☐ New Member ☐ Renewing Member

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

Name (#2): \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail (#2): \_\_\_\_\_