

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 FEBRUARY 5
 SPEAKER: PAUL STORM – SCHOMBURKIAS

Schombo-Love 101



Paul and Mary Storm are hobbyists who have a passion for anything "SCHOMBO" and their nursery in Sarasota, Florida holds what is believed to be the largest collection of Schombo-

Laelia and Myrmecophila species and hybrids anywhere. Their love of orchids, have brought them invitations to many societies around the U.S., Central America and the Caribbean.

Paul is the botanical author of Myrmechea as well as several future Nothogenera. He is actively involved in hybridizing several genera with schoms that have never been combined before. Paul is the botanical author of two RHS accepted Nothogenera and the RHS Registrar has created Stormara as a new orchid genus. Some outstanding nurseries and hybridizers have named schom hybrids after Paul in honor of his schom mission.

Some pre-orders may be arranged by viewing their web-site (but luggage space will be very limited): mekealo-haorchids.com.

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We're coming into the month of February – still cool weather, but getting to be time for some repotting. My cattleyas and a few others are starting to show new growth and new roots and so could handle repotting. Kathi will be giving a repotting demo during the 101 presentation before our regular meeting, so be sure and attend if you're not too sure about that process. And always feel free to bring to the monthly meeting a plant about which you have questions. If you think it's diseased and need to ask about it, please keep the plant at home and just bring a good description of the problem, so you don't spread the disease!

Even though it's been a mild winter, if you grow in your home and not a greenhouse, your orchids can always benefit from some well-placed humidifiers. Home humidity during the winter, even with daytime temperatures in the 60's, can be around 35% or less. Putting out one or two humidifiers can raise humidity by 10% or more, depending upon the room conditions. I use filterless ones and try to mix in at least some distilled water with the tap water to prevent a build-up of white residue from the unfiltered water. I also have a humidity/temperature gauge that I keep amongst my orchids so I can monitor the conditions in their area.

We're going to have a list going around during our next meeting for volunteers to sign up to bring snacks for the rest of the year. Many hands make light work, so let's be ready to help out in that area.

I really enjoyed Marguerite Webb's talk and looking over all the different genera she brought for sale. And now I'm trying to learn how to grow some new orchid species! That's one of the things that intrigues me so about orchids – the tremendous variety. It's not hard to find ones to like and learn about!

Lorna

Can you help out?

We need a couple of areas covered each month at our meetings. Both require showing up 15-20 minutes before the meeting starts at 3pm.

- **Greeter** – Keep a lookout for visitors, write down their names and introduce them during the business meeting.
- **Snooper's Table** – Jim Williams would like some help! He needs someone to come to help sell to the early buyers. This is a good job for two people to share and we need one more!

If you're interested in either of these, contact Lorna Kissling (greenhouse2mom@yahoo.com or 214-484-8930) for more details.

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 me at: david@gouldcreative.com

ORCHIDS 101**REPOTTING YOUR ORCHIDS.**

Kathi McKenzie will have a demonstration about repotting your orchids. Bring your plants you have questions about and get some answers.

January 8, 2012

At 2:30 p.m., Kathi McKenzie conducted Orchids 101. The topic was Questions and Answers.

President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The following visitors were introduced: Rosemarie Paul-Mills, Marguerite Webb, Bo Ward, Gayla Fredrick, Tim Brown, Ian and Lucy Patterson, Beth Sonnier, and Genevieve Quinn. Two of the visitors joined the society. 34 people were present at the meeting. The treasurer did not have an interim report. The full report subsequently appears in the newsletter. The president asked for volunteers to help with the Fort Worth Orchid Society show March 30 – April 1. Other up-coming shows in the southwest region were briefly mentioned.

Vice-President Kevin Fox introduced the speaker, Marguerite Webb, who gave an excellent program, illustrated with photographs and additional commentary, on Warm Growing Miniature Orchids.

After the break, Nancy Cropp announced the awards for the plant table. There were a large number of plants to be judged. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

GNTOS Jan. 8, 2012, Plant Table Judging Results
Judges: Emily Quinn & Ronnie Brandenburg

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Blue - *C. perciviliana* - Kevin Fox
Red - *L. anceps v. veitchii* - Judy Cook, MD
White - *Slc. Jami Hollingsworth* - David Gould

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS

Blue - *Max. sanguinea* - Judy Cook, MD
Red - *Lepanthopsis astrophora* 'Stalky' - Barb McNamee
White - *Den. spectabile* - Judy Cook, MD

ONCIDIUMS

Blue - *Tolumnia* (no tag) - Barb McNamee
Red - *Onc. Twinkle* 'Snow' - Kathi McKenzie
White - *Onc. Tsiku Marguerite* - Manny Aybar

PAPHS & PHRAGS

Blue - *Paph. Warmest Regards* - Kathi McKenzie
Red - *Paph. (unknown)* - Judy Cook, MD
White - *Paph. Bruno* 'Motel' - Judy Cook, MD

VANDAS & PHALS

Blue - *Rhyncostylis gigantea* - Charlie Hess
Red - *Rhync. gigantea* - Manny Aybar
White - *Haraella odorata* - Barb McNamee

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Lepanthopsis astrophora 'Stalky' - Barb McNamee
Onc. hastilabium - Judy Cook, MD
Rhyncostylis gigantea alba - Mary Heifner

PEOPLES CHOICE

Den. spectabile - Judy Cook, MD
Ascosenda Liswong Kiilani - David Gould



DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

AOS Dallas Judging Center, Jan. 14, 2012

15 plants entered for consideration, 4 awards given:

(top) **Rth. Burana Fire 'Clown Alley'**
 (Rth. Burana Beauty x C. Fire Fantasy)
 HCC 77 points
 owner: Clown Alley Orchids, Pasadena

Paph. Warmest Regards 'McKenzie'
 (Sarella x spicerianum)
 HCC 76 points
 owner: Kathi McKenzie, Dallas

Rhyncattleanthe Fender's Love Song
 (Chia Lin x Love Sound)
 AM 80 points
 owner Clown Alley Orchids, Pasadena

Paph. (unregistered) 'Woodson'
 (Gary Romagna x sanderianum)
 HCC 77 points
 owner: Berry Woodson, Fort Worth

Beginning in Feb. the Pavilion Building will be closed for renovation, and judging will be held in the Education Building at the same campus of TX A&M Extension Center on Coit, North of Campbell. Visitors are always welcome!

GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Barbara McNamee

Financial Report: October 2011 Dated: 10-1-11 thru 10-31-11

	Income	Expenses
Beginning Balance:	\$ 7017.12	
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Dues	\$.170.00	
Hospitality	-	
Raffle	182.00	
Rent: 3 months, North Haven Gardens:	-	\$ 150.00
Snoopers	\$.67.00	\$ 60.30
Speakers meals/hotel Whitlow, Klonowski	-	\$ 371.29
Miscellaneous	-	
SWROGA Dues	-	
Auction	-	
Plant Table	-	
GNTOS Exhibit	-	\$ 501.43
Library	-	
Audit Check	-	
Subtotals:	\$.419.00	\$ 1083.02
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Ending Balance:	\$ 6353.10	

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 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

**2011 PLANT TABLE JUDGING WINNERS**

- First Place - Linda Horton \$100
- Second Place - Manny Aybar \$75
- Third Place - Kevin Fox \$50

31 members displayed plants, over 311 plants and 14 members judged the table during the year. Other high scorers: Barbara McNamee, Judy Cook, Charles Hess, Mike Beber

GNTOS membership dues are paid yearly by January 31, in order for you 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:
Barbara McNamee
909 Sleepy Hollow Drive
Garland, TX 75043

Make check payable to GNTOS.

New Member Renewing Member

Name (#1): _____

Name (#2): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail (#1): _____

E-mail (#2): _____