

G R E A T E R N O R T H T E X A S

Orchid Society

NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 4
SPEAKER: MICHAEL SINN

MEETING AGENDA

- 2:30 – Orchids 101
- 3:00 – Meeting Begins
- 4:15 – Break
- 4:30 – Business Meeting
- 5:00 – Adjourn

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Orchids in the Venezuelan habitat



Michael was twelve years old and living in Venezuela when he took over the care and culture of his mother's backyard orchid collection of over 120 plants, primarily Cattleyas and Oncidiums. When he purchased his own first plant, a blooming V.

sanderiana, he knew he'd been hit with orchid fever.

Growing up, Michael hiked the jungles of Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela whenever he could in search of Cattleyas in their natural habitats. Following graduation from Universidad Metropolitana in Caracas, he worked as a contractor for four years in the Venezuelan Amazon State. The work afforded him the opportunity to observe more habitats of *C. violacea*. Fired by what he believed was an urgent need for conservation of the precious orchids, he spent personal time teaching local people how to pollinate

the plants, impressing upon them the need to let the plants remain in their natural habitat.

During July 1994, Michael took an expedition of a Japanese orchid grower and two Brazilian orchid growers through Canaima National Park in Venezuela searching for *C. violacea* in habitat; at that time of year the species is in flower. Impressed with Michael's knowledge, his three friends pressed him with the question, "Why don't you become a professional grower?" The spark was fired, and Michael knew that's exactly what he wanted to do. He wondered what to call his company, and they replied, "Why not Canaima?"

Because of the growing insecurity surrounding Venezuela's political situation, in 2004 Michael brought his wife and three children to Florida, and began work to make the next phase of his dream come true. He created and continues to grow and develop his own nursery business – Canaima Orchids.

Michael's deep commitment to conservation and preservation instinctively drew him toward the breeding of Cattleyas and Laelias.

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Wow, we had a lot of visitors at the February meeting – I think almost a third of the people there were newcomers! It must be getting that time of year when people start thinking about growing things. Paul Storm's talk was really enthusiastically pro-schomburkia and I'm looking forward to growing some. I've never tried this genus before. It is fun trying new orchid types – especially in Spring!

The society board had a meeting after the judging on Saturday and one of the things we spent some time on was the fall show. While several things are still in the planning stages, we are beginning to get things moving, especially in the area of a location and a date. These two items need to be established around six months before the show in order to get AOS approval. Later this year, Kevin Fox, our show chairman, will be asking for specific help in several areas, but for now, most of our efforts will be focused towards the

basics of setting up the show. We will not be able to use the Pavilion at the Texas A&M Extension Center on Coit Road as they are going to remodel the building and there is no guarantee the building will be available by Fall. However, we're looking at another location. If we are able to use it, we'll have an attractive place for the displays and a large space for the vendors as well. More later!

We are still needing someone to help be our Greeter. We like to be able to say "Hi" to our visitors and you can help us do that by locating new faces and getting their names. If you'd like to help in this way, let me know!

Lorna

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**GROWING ORCHIDS IN YOUR HOME**

Get some tips for making the most of your growing environment. Kathi McKenzie will offer ideas and then take questions about your plants.

Kathi McKenzie conducted Orchids 101 beginning at 2:30 p.m. The topic was Potting Orchids. Kathi distributed culture sheets to the participants. They are also available on the AOS web site, www.aos.org. A video demo is also available on www.orchidworks.com/potting/.

President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. 46 people were in attendance. Lorna informed the attendees of forthcoming orchid shows. There were 9 visitors in attendance.

Vice-president Kevin Fox introduced the speaker, Paul Storm, who gave an excellent program, with photographs and supplementary text, on Schombo-Love 101. He and his wife, Mary, have what is believed to be the largest collection of Schombo-Laelia and Myrmecophila species and hybrids anywhere. Their web site: www.mekealohaorchids.com

After the break Nancy Cropp announced the results of the Judging Table. There were many plants on exhibition. Mike Beber, former President, conducted the plant raffle. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: Celelia Pinson & Sarah Hardesty

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Blue - C. Kitten Kisses (luteola x Gold Digger)
- Dan Callahan

Red - Blc. Lily Maria Almas (Blc. Orange Nuggett x L. Jalapa) - Dave Gould

White - Blc. Pam Hetherington - Mike Beber

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS

Blue - Stelis morganii - Barb McNamee

Red - Den. anceps - Barb McNamee

White - Den. Wonder Nishii x Spider Lily - Gerry Darver

ONCIDIUMS

Blue - Oncidioda Chaculatum 'Golden Pacific'
- Charlie Hess

Red - Tolumnia Jairak Ranbow 'Freckle Face'
- David Gould

White - Tolumnia basket - Barbara McNamee

PAPHS & PHRAGS

Blue - Paph. philippinense - David Gould

Red - Paph. Luna Light Glow x philippinense alba
'Heartbreak' - Kathi McKenzie

White - Paph. fairrieanum x Magic Leopard - Mike Beber

VANDAS & PHALS

Blue - Phal. Sogo Gattris - Kathi McKenzie

Red - Phal. Spanish Dance - Don Brigham

White - Phal. Chian Xen Pearl - Don Brigham

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Stelis morganii - Barb McNamee

Den. peguanum - Lorna Kissling

Angraecum sesquipedale - Charles Hess

PEOPLES CHOICE

Angraecum sesquipedale - Charles Hess

DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

Cym. Twickenham Honey



AOS Dallas Judging Center, Feb. 11, 2012

12 plants entered for consideration, no awards given.

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!



above: Phal Zuma's Pixie

below: Phal. Jiaho's Lovely Star



GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Barbara McNamee

Financial Report: October 2011 Dated: 1-1-12 thru 1-31-12

Beginning Balance: \$ 6454.51

	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$.470.00	
Hospitality	—	
Raffle38.00	
Rent: 3 months,	—	
Snoopers	\$.35.00	
Speakers meals/hotel		
Marguerite Webb	—	\$.64.37
Miscellaneous – financial software	—	\$.116.90
SWROGA Membership Dues	—	\$.62.00
Auction	—	
Plant Table	—	
GNTOS Exhibit	—	
Library	—	
Audit Check – Clopton & Co.	—	\$.200.00
Subtotals:	\$.543.00	\$.443.27

Ending Balance: \$ 6554.24

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

**ORCHID TIP**

New growths that are smaller than previous growths can be caused by inappropriate culture conditions or lack of a nitrogen source the plant can use. To solve this problem check all culture conditions (humidity, temperature, light, potting mix and fertilizer) and make the appropriate adjustments.

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.

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Name (#1): _____

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