

# G R E A T E R N O R T H T E X A S *Orchid Society*

NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 1  
SPEAKER: JERRY BRANDENBURG

## MEETING AGENDA

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

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## Orchid Fishing



This month’s program is straight from your favorite auctioneer’s mouth and his flashing-fingers wife. Jerry and Ronnie Brandenburg are going to take us on a tour of their adventures in Nicaragua and Costa Rica while orchid judging and roaming in the jungles. Of course, a Nicaraguan soldier in one of the border outposts was holding on to their passports at the same time! They are, as you well know, accredited orchid judges in the American Orchid Society and have judged in many local, regional, national

and international shows but this was probably the wildest. They were led astray by some dubious Louisiana orchid judges who decided everyone needed some fun. And they got it!

Jerry has been an accredited judge for 33 years while Ronnie lags behind at only 32 years, they have both been president of the Greater North Texas Orchid Society, Chairs of the Dallas Judging Center (Jerry even did it twice), and worked on many American Orchid Society and SWROGA committees.



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Michael Sinn's presentation generated a lot of questions! I hope that all of you who still had questions were able to get them answered later in the meeting.

Barb McNamee is busy planning the GNTOS display for the Fort Worth show coming up at the end of March. Their show will be the same weekend as our April meet-

ing, which will be finishing up about the time the show ends in Fort Worth on Sunday. You will need to plan for that if you are going to be putting any of your orchids in the display:

- Make sure your orchids are disease-free
- Leave them home if they aren't – let's not share little critters!
- Clean up your plant and stake the spike if needed
- Remember to label each of your plants with their name and your name, especially so that you can get them back

We're at the time of year when many orchids can begin to be put outside. This is particularly true for those of us who don't have a greenhouse. In general, cymbidiums and nobile-type dendrobiums can already be outside. They tolerate evening temperatures in the 40's. For nighttime temperatures in the mid 50's and higher (like what we have right now), dendrobiums and cattleyas can go out. The warm-growing genera, like vandas, bulbophylums and phaleanopsis appreciate having temperatures no lower than 60° – and we're getting more nights in that range. Remember though – orchids are like people in at least one way. They need time to adjust to sun or they will burn. Start with your plants in shade for a few days and slowly increase the sun exposure so they can adjust. For other genera, do some searching on the internet and find out the lower temperature tolerance before putting your orchid outside. And enjoy the spring weather!

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****MOVING ORCHIDS OUTDOORS FOR SUMMER**

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

At 2:30 p.m. Kathi McKenzie conducted Orchids 101. The topic was Growing Healthy Orchids in the Home. Kathi distributed some very well-done documents to the participants. At 3:00 p.m. President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order. 51 people were in attendance. Lorna introduced the new greeter, Nell Gudger. There were 17 visitors. The president then introduced the speaker, Michael Simm, who spoke on Orchids in the Venezuelan Habitat. The program was very well done. Michael included maps, photographs of orchid flowers, drawings of orchids, pictures of orchid plants in their native environment as well as supplementary text information. Michael answered questions during and after the presentation.

After the break Nancy Cropp announced the awards following the judging of the orchids on the plant tables. Mike Beber, past president, conducted the raffle of the plants as well as the member badge drawing. Keving Fox, Vice-President, will prepare the society display at the Fort Worth Orchid Society show in late March. Lorna adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

**Plant Table Judging Results**

Judges: Jerry Brandenburg & Emily Quinn

**CATTLEYA ALLIANCE**

Blue - Blc. Guess What x Pot. Pure Love 'Yellow Circle'  
- Gerry Darver

Red - Lc. Gold Digger x Gold Rush - Bobby Dillard

White - Lc. Mackeys Flair 'Lake View' - Bobby Dillard

**DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS**

Blue - Dryadella zebrina - Barb McNamee

Red - Den. unicum - Lorna Kissling

White - Microterangis hariotiana - Barb McNamee

**ONCIDIUMS**

Blue - Benfeldiara Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'  
- Kathi McKenzie

Red - Onc. Mendenhall 'Sun #7' - Gerry Darver

**PAPHS & PHRAGS**

Blue - Paph. Hsinying Macasar #1 x urbaniumum  
- Mike Beber

**VANDAS & PHALS**

Blue - Phal. Sogo Vivien - David Hines

Red - Phal. Chingruey's Fancy 'Kimo' - Don Brigham

White - Phal. schilleriana - Charlie Hess

**SPECIES OF THE MONTH**

Pleur. wagnerii 'Walter' - Barb McNamee

Dryadella zebrina - Barb McNamee

Phal. amboinensis - Charlie Hess

**PEOPLES CHOICE**

Lc. Green Veil 'Dressy' - Mike Beber



## 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



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ORCHIDS 101

We have had a lot of folks come to Orchids 101 the last few months. It is a great way to encourage new growers and prospective members. Recently we have had a general Q&A session, as well as “Repotting”, and “Growing Orchids in the Home”. This month we will have “Moving Orchids Outdoors” as our topic. BUT we need more speakers! Please think about what you could talk about. Each Orchids 101 is from 2:30 to 3 ... a quick talk or demo, followed by answering a few questions, and you are done!

Some possible topics (or make up your own):

- Why doesn't my orchid bloom?
- Watering & fertilizing orchids
- Pests & problems
- How to photograph your orchids

Or, pick your own topic ... ??

Please reply to Kathi McKenzie at: [kam6318@yahoo.com](mailto:kam6318@yahoo.com) and let me know what topic you can do, and what month or months you could do it.

I'd really like to get several months planned so Nancy can put in the newspaper.

Thanks!  
Kathi

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  
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Make check payable to GNTOS.

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