

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 MAY 6  
 SPEAKER: JOHN STUBBINGS

## Around the World for Orchids

A travel and orchid talk with pictures from our trip to the 20th World Orchid Conference in Singapore. It includes Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, India. A highlight was looking for orchids with Michael and Benjamin Ooi.

Clown Alley Orchids is the family business started in 1986 near Chicago. In September 2005 he re-opened the orchid business with a full time retail shop in Pasadena, Texas where the greenhouse space is much larger. John is the chief grower and hybridizer. He attends many shows and fairs each year exhibiting and selling orchids suitable for the south.

John has been growing orchids starting indoors under lights and in windowsills in 1979. He built his first lean-to greenhouse in 1986 and then a larger freestanding greenhouse in 1996. John concentrates his orchid hybridizing work in Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis and Galeandra. John has registered over 15 Galeandra hybrids, 30 Phalaenopsis hybrids and two Cattleya hybrids.

He was President of The International Phalaenopsis Alliance with members from about twenty countries and nearly every state. Previously he was Regional Director and

First Vice-President with the IPA.

John is a fully accredited AOS judge since 1991, has served as Vice-Chair of the AOS Houston Judging Center and has attended and judged shows all over the US and international shows in Canada, Scotland, Taiwan, Korea and Singapore. He was President of the Houston Orchid Society for 2010 after serving two years as Vice-President. John has won many AOS awards for flower quality as well as cultural excellence.

John gives lectures or presentations throughout the world to various orchid and botanical or garden groups. These talks are usually about growing orchids more effectively or about Phalaenopsis or other orchid genera.

**Clown Alley Orchids  
 offers 10% discount for preorders.  
 Need the the orders by May 5.  
 Also no tax will be charged  
 so customers save 8.25%.**

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I just got back from a trip to Houston where I was able to spend some time with John and Sandy Stubbings, who own Clown Alley Orchids. John is the speaker for our May meeting. I was able to pick out some orchids (2 from my wish list!) that will cost me a little less due to John's special pricing for us.

It was fun to see his greenhouses, meet his assistant, Salvador, and get a little education on breeding phals. I'm looking forward to seeing him again in a couple of weeks.

Congratulations to Barb McNamee for getting the AOS award for the GNTOS display at the Fort Worth show! She and her helpers spent a lot of time trying to lay out the orchids just right and it was time well spent. Hope several of you got a chance to get over there for the show.

Just a reminder that if you are doing some repotting and dividing, you might consider donating some of those divisions for the monthly raffle or saving them for the summer auction. Or, you can offer them for sale at the monthly Snooper's Table where 10% of your sales helps support GNTOS.

See you in May!  
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. I will give \$1 to the first person who asks for it. Send submissions to me at: david@gouldcreative.com

**ORCHIDS 101****PEST CONTROL**

After you get the unwanted pests on your plants that you will absolutely get at some point, Jim Williams will give us pointers on how to identify and eliminate them.

Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2012

Kathi McKenzie conducted Orchids 101 beginning at 2:30 p.m. The topic was "Moving your Orchids outdoors."

Kathi provided a good handout.

At 3:00 p.m. President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order. There were five visitors and thirty four attendees. Lorna announced the passing of member Hank Horton and provided information regarding the services. At the Fort Worth spring orchid show, The Greater North Texas Orchid Society exhibit won a show trophy. Linda Horton received recognition for "Best in Show" flower.

Jerry Brandenburg provided the program laced with his usual humor – "Orchid Fishing or Have We Lost our Minds?" This was a very well done illustrated travelogue including orchids. Nancy Cropp announced the results of the plant table. Mike Beber, past president, conducted the plant raffle. At 4:15 Lorna Kissling dismissed the meeting.

**Plant Table Judging Results**

Judges: Tham Johnson & Dawni Callahan

**CATTLEYA ALLIANCE**

Blue – Rolfeara Hoku Gem 'Freckles' - Mike Beber

Red – Appleblossom (Snow Flake x Orange Nuggett)  
– Don Brigham

White – C. New Dawning 'Flowers Galore'  
– Sarah Hardesty

**DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS**

Blue – Thecopus secunda - Mary Heifner

Red – Den. anosmum – David Gould

White – Zygonisia Cynosure 'Bluebird' – Kathi McKenzie

**ONCIDIUMS**

Blue – Odontocidium Gatante 'Pumpkin Patch'  
– Kathi McKenzie

**PAPHS & PHRAGS**

Blue – Paph. (Toni Semple x liemianum) – Lorna Kissling

Red – Paph. (no tag) – Mary Heifner

**VANDAS & PHALS**

Blue – Dtps. Sogo Yenlin - David Hines

Red – Jose Carreras - David Gould

White – Dtps. Surf Song 'Ox Cumquat'  
– Kathi McKenzie

**SPECIES OF THE MONTH**

Thecopus secunda – Mary Heifner

Phal. stuartiana – Gerry Darver

**PEOPLES CHOICE**

Dtps. Surf Song 'Ox Cumquat' – Kathi McKenzie

## DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp



**Odontocidium Catatante**  
**'Pumpkin Patch'**  
 AM 80 points  
 owner: Kathi McKenzie



Dallas Judging Center, April 14, 2012

12 plants entered for consideration, one award 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!

## GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Barbara McNamee

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

	Income	Expenses
Beginning Balance: . . . . .	\$ 6454.51	
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Dues . . . . .	\$ .470.00	
Hospitality . . . . .	-	
Raffle . . . . .	.38.00	
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
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Ending Balance:	\$ 6554.24	

## GREATER NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

Manuel Aybar  
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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  
Garland, TX 75043

Make check payable to GNTOS.

New Member       Renewing Member

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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