

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 JULY 1



This month we will have our SemiAnnual Auction and snacks. There isn't a speaker or plant judging, just buying plants and eating food. Bring a refreshment, finger food or dessert of your choice. We will have many beautiful plants for the auction. Please bring plants or divisions for the auction, as well as collectibles or any orchid related item. Jerry Brandenburg will be our auctioneer, so be prepared for a fun afternoon and lots of bad jokes! This is the event that we do to raise funds for the society, so bring your bidding spirit and get ready to bid to help support the GNTOS!

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We're well into summer now, and so far, the temperatures seem cooler than last year's. Of course, most any normal temps would be cooler than last year's! If you've got orchids outside, remember that, up to a point, they'll need extra water and fertilizer in summer. Look up and learn the requirements for the types of orchids you're growing. However, things can change in very hot conditions. When temps get into the upper 90's and hotter for several days in a row, you should stop the fertilizer and slow the watering, as plant metabolism slows down in very hot weather.

We finally have a date for the fall show. It will be the second weekend in October, the 13th and 14th, with set-

up on Friday, Oct. 12. Kevin Fox will give more details at our July meeting. But for now, mark your calendars for that second weekend in October!

We should have a good variety of plants for the auction. Remember that we won't have the orchid show and tell. Just bring orchids to auction – see you then!

Lorna

GNTOS Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2012

Jerry Brandenburg, past president of the society and accredited orchid judge, conducted Orchids 101. He described the evolution and development of the 28' x 33' greenhouse that he and his wife, Ronnie, maintain. Different types of orchids require different types of potting medium and light. Both plants and potting medium can require different types of fertilizer. Both plants and people do not want the same mono diet. Both want variety in nourishment. Growing orchids on a window sill will have different requirements than growing orchids in a greenhouse. Periodically potted plants need to be flushed with water to eliminate the buildup of salts in the pots and growing medium. The pH of the water supply needs to be monitored. Books and society culture sheets provide guidelines, however "one size" does not fit all growing environments. Hence the need for local societies to share information and help members to grow better plants. Jerry provided a handout with information about selected fertilizers and equipment that he and his wife use in their greenhouse. This was a well done presentation.

At 3:00 p.m. President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order. Kevin Fox, vice-president, introduced the speaker, Dotty Woodson, Ph.D. who gave a presentation on "Native Texas Orchids." In the orchid world there are about 30,000 species, 600 genera and 3,000,000 hybrids. There are 274 known North American native orchids. 54 are in Texas, 3 in Dallas County, and 4 in Tarrant county.

This well illustrated program included pictures of the flowers, native habitats, maps, information on general growing areas in Texas as well as general blooming periods. A number of orchids have been successfully established in the Nature Center in Fort Worth. Web sources were provided on the last slide. This was a very well done presentation.

Mike Beber, past president, conducted the plant raffle. Nancy Cropp announced the results of the plant exhibition table. There were 30 attendees and 3 visitors. The president adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

GNTOS June 3, 2012, Plant Table Judging Results
Judges: Ronnie Brandenburg & Manny Aybar

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Blue - Epic. El Hatillo 'Nina' - Mike Beber
Red - Lctna. Jire Sidran - Kevin Fox
White - Epic. Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash' - Mike Beber

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS

Blue - Zglm. Louisendorf 'Rhein Moonlight'
- Kathi McKenzie
Red - Dend. moniliforme - Charles Hess
White - Dendrochilum gracile - Kathi McKenzie

ONCIDIUMS

Blue - Milt. Maui Mist 'Golden Gate' - Linda Horton
Red - Tolumnia triquetrum - Lorna Kissling

PAPHS & PHRAGS

Blue - Paph. Lalita - Gerry Darver
Red - Paph. Cahaba Sharen Barley - Linda Horton
White - Paph. Hanne Popow - Linda Horton

VANDAS & PHALS

Blue - Phal. Equalacea - Barbara McNamee
Red - no ID - Don Brigham
White - no ID - Don Brigham

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Leptotes bicolor - Barbara McNamee
Paphinia cristata - Kathi McKenzie

PEOPLES CHOICE

Milt. Maui Mist 'Golden Gate' - Linda Horton

NEWSLETTER

Please 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 at the meeting. Send submissions to me at: david@gouldcreative.com

ORCHID TIP

If you find a brown discolored patch anywhere on the leaf usually round in shape it is caused by sunburn or the leaf touching a light. This can be caused by reducing the sunlight getting to the plant or remove the leaf from touching the bulb. Remove the burned area from the leaf.

DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Barbara McNamee

Phal. Silbergrube
Plant previously submitted



Dallas Judging Center, June 9, 2012

Two plants entered for consideration, no awards given.

Jim Williams has returned to the judging program at Probationary status. Bruce Bradham will be recommended to the AOS JC for elevation to Accredited.

Daniel Callahan has been accepted as a Student

GNTOS members are urged to bring their plants to judging!

July 14 Judging Center meeting will be at TX A&M (on Coit N. of Campbell) (subsequent meetings may be subject to relocation)

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

Beginning Balance:	\$ 6454.51	
	Income	Expenses
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
Ending Balance:	\$ 6554.24	

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 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: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail (#1): _____

E-mail (#2): _____