

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 SEPTEMBER 2
 SPEAKER: PATRICIA HARDING

Oncidiinae of Brazil



Patricia Harding will be speaking on the Oncidiinae of Brazil. She will show us their habitats and examples of the plants as they are found in nature. Even though the species can seem very similar, Patricia will show us the patterns that can be used to identify them.

The last half of the program she will talk about the recent re-classification of the species. She tries to keep this humorous and not overwhelm with the science of taxonomy. Patricia is retired from the workforce and now does orchids as a writer traveler photographer and observer with a little orchid growing on the side. When she is not traveling she lives in Oregon.

She has been growing and photographing orchids for three decades and is an accredited American Orchid Society judge in the Pacific Northwest Judging Center.

Patricia studied Botany as an undergraduate, but the economy at the time provided no jobs in Botany,

so she became a medical doctor. She started growing orchids at age 21, killed them all, started again at 25, killed them all, and again at 30, but this time she started by going to Orchid Society meetings to learn how to do it.

At the first meeting someone had a *Dendrobium thyrsiflorum* with three massive inflorescences. They had collected the plant years before and they were selling it because it was too big. Patricia sat on her hands and let the thing go to someone else for \$20, as she vowed not to buy an orchid till she knew how to grow them. She felt so frustrated by this that she never sat on her hands again, buying every orchid she reasonably could get her hands on. This led to one greenhouse, two, and now three greenhouses with approximately 5000 plants and of those there are 1500 different species.

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The recent rains have been a real blessing to us! I hope other drier areas have also been getting rain. And it's given some of us a break from daily watering outside as well!

Our show is gaining momentum. Judy Cook just informed me today that the AOS has approved our show! This means that we'll be able

to have AOS judging after ribbon judging, and we'll be able to award two special trophies, the AOS Show Trophy for the best show exhibit and the SWROGA Show Trophy for the best show flower.

We will be letting you know of several opportunities to help during the show and during the setup for it. We always need people to come help setup and to help vendors bring in their plants and supplies (Thursday and Friday this year). We'll need people to sign up to bring food each day. Also, we'll need people to man our GNTOS information table during the show itself. During judging, which will take place Friday afternoon, we'll need clerks to help the judges – this is an educational time for people to learn what goes on during judging and to learn what qualities judges look for in orchids and exhibits.

More details about these opportunities to help will be available at our next meeting – and we have a most interesting speaker, Patricia Harding, as well! See you then!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**October 11 – Thurs**

1-5:30pm vendor and exhibit setup

3pm begin plant registration

October 12 – Friday

8:30-11am finish exhibits

9-10am Plant Registration

noon-6pm early plant sales

noon Judges Dinner

1pm Ribbon Judging & AOS Judging

(the exhibit room will be closed to the public during judging)

October 13 – Saturday

9:00am – 6:00pm Show and Sale – Open to the public

October 14 – Sunday

10:00am – 4:00pm Show and Sale

– Open to the public

4:00pm Dismantle and Clean Up

Lorna

ORCHIDS 101

Kathy McKenzie

Q&A

Kathy McKenzie will answer your questions about orchid and orchid related topics.

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

GNTOS Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2012

President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order at 3:05 on Sunday, August 5, 2012. She briefly discussed our October fall show and mentioned the need for volunteers to help in various areas. At the September and October meetings signup sheets will be available.

We welcomed the following visitors: Rebecca Nostrel, Lsilla Dennis, Jane Rogers, Dora Stahl, and Howard & Kathy Starling.

Then Manny Aybar introduced our speaker Andrea Niessen owner of Orquideas del Valle in Cali, Colombia. We were entertained with slides about the many different Cattleyas of Colombia and the varied regions in which each grows. We were also shown slides of other orchid genera native to Colombia. A question and answer followed, after which we took a short break for refreshments and more plant shopping.

When the meeting resumed, we had the results of the plant table and our plant raffle.

The meeting closed at 4:30 PM.

Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: Emily Quinn & Manny Aybar

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Blue - Blc. Haw Yuan Beauty x Pot. Haw Yaun Glory
- Mike Beber

Red - Bro. sanguinea - Barb McNamee

White - Bl. Bernice Foster - David Gould

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS

Blue - Den. Clown Feathers - Lorna Kissling

Red - Cadetia taylori - Hortons

White - Pl. grobyi - Barb McNamee

ONCIDIUMS

Blue - Howeara Lava Burst - Barb McNamee

PAPHS & PHRAGS

Blue - Paph. Pine Glow x vietnamense - Hortons

VANDAS & PHALS

Blue - Phal. Equalacea - Mary Heifner

Red - Christensonia vietnamica - Hortons

White - Tricoglottis brachchiata var. Philipinensis
- Mike Beber

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Christensonia vietnamica - Hortons

PEOPLES CHOICE - tie

Den. Clown Feathers - Lorna Kissling

Phal. Equalacea - Mary Heifner

Not all of the usual ribbons were awarded as only 14 plants were displayed.

DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

AOS Dallas Judging Center Aug. 11, 2012

Nine plants entered for consideration, no awards given.

New Judging meeting location effective now:

Garland Senior Activity Center
00 West Avenue A
Garland, TX

(parking can be accessed from either Ave. A or Ave. B)

GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Barbara McNamee

Financial Report: August 2012 Dated: 6-1-12

Beginning Balance:	\$ 5419.00	
	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$.367.00	
Hospitality	—	\$.. 39.00
Raffle	—	\$..182.00
Storage Unit	—	\$..150.00
Snoopers	—	
Speakers meals/hotel John	—	\$..164.00
Miscellaneous – financial software	—	
SWROGA Membership Dues	—	
Snoopers Expense	—	\$.. 95.00
Library	—	
Audit Check	—	
Subtotals:	\$..367.00	\$..630.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 5682.00	

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES

2012

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): _____