

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 OCTOBER 7
 SPEAKER: WEYMAN BUSSEY

Mexican Orchid Species You Can Grow, and Some You Can’t

Born in Germany and raised in Belle Glade, Florida, after collecting his first orchid in the Big Cypress Swamp at the age of 12, Weyman knew his life was predestined to forever work with orchids. He went to Colombia, South America for the 7th W.O.C. when he was 17 and there he fell in love with the tropics. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1976.



After college, he spent four years in Colombia setting up a tropical foliage nursery and looking for orchids.

In 1980, Weyman accepted a position with “the godfather of the flower industry” in Mexico. Eighteen months later he formed his own partnership and started a very successful flower operation called “Rancho La Joya”. In 1989, he started “Save the Flora International”. This company’s objective was to promote ecologically sustainable development and salvage some of the millions of orchid plants he had observed dying over his many travels around the country and the tropical world. Plants were being lost by the millions, mostly from the slash and burn harvesting technique for lumber, without concern for other species.

Meanwhile to make a living and pursue his life long ambition, he has continued to grow orchids, give talks around the country, and set up other orchid nurseries. He specializes in Mexican species, has a laboratory for propagation, has created a line of tropical flowering Cymbidiums and tries to grow any orchid that he doesn’t kill, by accident of course!

Weyman lives part time in Mission, Texas where he has set up a new up and growing nursery under the name of “Abunda Flora” to distribute his Mexican produced orchid plants. Most of the time, Weyman claims to live in his pickup truck in Mexico.

An adventurer at heart, an orchidist to the core, professor of innovation and a great lecturer on Mexican orchids and tropical orchid growing, Weyman says anybody can grow an orchid. They can be obtained with a minimum investment and require only the right environment and lots of love.

Afterwards, you will be able to purchase some of the plants mentioned in the talk.

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The cooler weather reminds me that it's heading towards the season of chili and hot cocoa. For those of us who have plants outdoors, it's also a reminder that, before long, they'll need to come inside. And I prefer not to bring in the "boarders" who've made my plants their summer home! For my houseplants, I usually treat them with a powder systemic a month or so before bringing them in. For orchids, I begin treating with a systemic spray, according to the instructions, so that they also lose all their boarders. To get the best results, several treatments are necessary, so start early. And then, during the winter, I keep tabs on the plants every time I water and use a half-and-half alcohol/distilled water mix as an indoor spray to keep bugs away.

Our orchid show is getting closer! It will take place the weekend after our next meeting. There are still plenty of ways to help and plenty of time to sign up. Make sure you read over the show information on the next page in this letter. Included are the times of all the events – setup, judging, show hours, etc. Sign up sheets will be at our meeting again, so read up and plan on helping out with food and time as you are able.

Lorna



Orchid shows are a lot of work, but they are also a lot of fun. There are several ways to help:

1. Sign up to sponsor one or more awards and, by doing so, help fund the show.
2. Sign up to help provide food. We need at least some food and drink every day for society members and vendors who are working at the show.
3. Sign up to staff the GNTOS information table. This table helps visitors find out about our society and AOS.
4. Plan on coming Thursday afternoon to help prepare the exhibit and vendor areas, and help the vendors bring in their plants and supplies. You'll get an advance look at their stock and plan your purchases!

No one person can help everywhere, but if everyone pitches in a little, then the load becomes less for us all. Pick some way to help and join in the fun! See you at the show!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday Oct 11

- 1 pm – 5:30 pm Begin vendor and exhibit setup
- 3 pm – Begin Plant Registration

Friday Oct 12

- 8:30 am – 11am Finish exhibit setup
- 10 am – Close Plant Registration
- Noon – 6 pm Early vendor sales
- Noon – Judges' luncheon
- 1 pm – 5 pm Judging
- 6pm – North Haven Gardens closes

Saturday Oct 13

- 9 am – 6 pm Show & Sale
- 11 am – DJC meeting begins, followed by AOS judging (at a different location)

Sunday Oct 14

- 10 am – 4:00 pm Show & Sale
- 4pm – Teardown and clean up

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 September 2, 2012

Orchids 101 was conducted by Kathi McKenzie. The topic was Q&A. Examples were how to care for orchids during vacation, when to cut the spike on phalaenopsis, and repotting orchids from moss to bark chips.

At 3:00 President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order. There were several announcements and requests for help regarding the Orchid Show scheduled for October 13 and 14 at North Haven Gardens. Sample requests were for members to sponsor trophies, help with set-up for vendors and displays, clerks for judging, members to populate the information desk during the show, and refreshments. Setup will take place on Thursday, October 11. Work on displays will continue, and judging will take place on Friday afternoon, October 12. The show will be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14.

Kevin Fox introduced the speaker, Patricia Harding. Patricia has been an author or co-author of several books including *Oncidiinae of Brazil*. The emphasis is on the oncidium group. Most of the flowers are yellow and brown, however there are a few exceptions. Taxonomists and DNA people are creating controversies with renaming and reclassification. The Brazilian taxonomists have disagreements with the taxonomists in Kew Gardens in Great Britain. She showed close-up pictures of the flowers, the rugged terrain, and native habitat of the plants.

There were several visitors and new members. Nancy Cropp announced the results of the plant table. Mike Beber conducted the plant raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: Barb McNamee and Tham Johnson

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Blue – Blc. Goldenzelle 'Lemon Chiffon'
x Pot. Rubescence – Gerry Darver

Red – Laeliocattleya Sky Blue Brazil – Gerry Darver

White – C. Black Jack 'Universal' x C. Mark Jones
– Gerry Darver

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS

Blue – Catasetum Spitz II – Charlie Hess

Red – D. wassellii – Mike Beber

White – Bulbo. Kalimpong 'White River'
– Kathi McKenzie

ONCIDIUMS

Blue – Miltassia Shelob 'Tolkein' – Jack Hickman

Red – Miltonia spectabilis v. moreliana – Kathi McKenzie

White – Bratonia Radermaker 'Ace' – Kathi McKenzie

PAPHS & PHRAGS

Blue – Phrag. Green Hornet – Kathi McKenzie

VANDAS & PHALS

Blue – Phal. belina – Charlie Hess

Red – Phal. Hannover Passion 'Ching Ruby'
– David Gould

White – Phal. hieroglyphica – Charlie Hess

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

D. wassellii – Mike Beber

Phal. belina – Charlie Hess

PEOPLES CHOICE

Phal. hieroglyphica – Charlie Hess

DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

GNTOS FINANCIAL REPORT

Barbara McNamee



Mediocallcar decoratum
Plant previously submitted

AOS Dallas Judging Center Sept. 8, 2012

Seven plants entered for consideration, no awards given.

New Judging meeting location effective now:

Garland Senior Activity Center
500 West Avenue A
Garland, TX

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

Financial Report: August 31, 2012

	Income	Expenses
Dues	\$ 40.00	
Hospitality	-	
Raffle	-	
Room Rent	-	\$ 300.00
Snoopers	-	
Speakers meals/hotel	-	
Miscellaneous – financial software	-	
SWROGA Trophy	-	\$ 90.00
Snoopers Expense	-	
Library	-	
Audit Check	-	
Ending Balance:	\$ 5863.49	

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): _____