

# GREATER NORTH TEXAS *Orchid Society*

## MEETING AGENDA

3:00 – Meeting Begins

4:15 – Break

4:30 – Business Meeting

5:00 – Adjourn

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NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 7

SPEAKER: RON MIDGETT

## Minicattleyas – Not New



Ron Midgett began growing orchids in 1969 in the orchid-rich environment of Southern California. Since then, he has grown orchids in many different regions of the US and in the Caribbean for 3 years. Currently, he resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is a breeder with an emphasis on

Cattleyas, Paphiopedilums, and Oncidinae. Several cultivars from his crosses have received AOS awards.

In 1990, Ron founded the New England Orchid Company in Franklin, MA. In 2003, he moved his orchid business to New Jersey and in 2010, to Santa Fe, NM and changed the name to New Earth Orchid Co.

In addition to Ron's activities in the orchid business, he has been active in the local orchid societies. This includes serving as an officer, chairing orchid shows, and running the New England Orchid Fair for 3 years.

Ron is an accredited AOS judge currently serving in

the Rocky Mountain Region. He has served as chairperson for AOS judging for the 2011 and 2012 New Mexico Orchid Guild Shows. In 2011, Ron was invited to participate in judging the Taiwan International Orchid Show.

Ron has authored articles published in Orchids and most recently in the Orchid Digest. He was given the prestigious Ernest Heatherington award from the Orchid Digest for his article, "Beyond Sc. Beaufort—A 20 Year Odyssey in Cattleya Breeding". Ron feels a special honor in receiving this award because Ernest was one of his first mentors.

### "Minicattleyas—Not New"

What was the first hybrid orchid to be awarded? What was the first orchid hybrid to be registered from the US? The answer may surprise you that these were all "Minicattleya" hybrids. This and other fun facts about Minicatts will be discussed plus a look at some current hybrids.

Ron Midgett will give  
10% off of preorders  
from his website if  
you mention GNTOS.  
[newearthorchids.com](http://newearthorchids.com)

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You'll be getting this newsletter about the time of the Tyler, TX show. Emily Quinn and Linda Horton will be making our display for that show. Maybe some of you would like take a trip to Tyler! There are other shows coming up soon also: Houston has its show April 20-21, Austin is the next weekend, and Oklahoma City is coming on Mother's Day weekend. So pace yourself!

We are close to the time of year when many orchids can begin to be put outside. The last average date of possible frost is March 15 (though I've also seen dates for Dallas that extend to April 8). In our climate, cymbidiums and nobile-type dendrobiums can spend most of the winter outside. They tolerate evening temperatures down into the 40's. Many houseplants can go outside now. When night-time temperatures reach the mid 50's and higher (like we'll be having soon), dendrobiums and cattleyas can go out. The warm-growing genera, like vandas, bulbophylums and phaleanopsis, appreciate having temperatures no lower than 60°. 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 heavy 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 lowest temperature tolerance before putting your orchid outside.

Our next show will be about a year from now. We are beginning to look at possible locations for it. Once we have a location, we'll be able to set a date. In the meantime, keep growing!

Lorna

**We need some people to help with organizing the monthly 101 classes.**

**Kathi McKenzie led it last year, but is now the society secretary and would like to turn it over to someone else. She has programs lined up through May, so some of the work has been done. Can you help out?**

**We need to be looking for someone to be the main person creating the GNTOS exhibits for our show and occasionally for other shows. If either of these are something you might be interested in or have questions about, please talk to me!**

Lorna

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**ORCHIDS 101**

Kathi McKenzie

Orchids 101 is a class for those just getting starting with orchids. It is at 2:30 just before our regular monthly meeting. A new topic every month is lead by a member of the society and usually finishes with a general Q&A session.

This month is:

**April**

"Repotting"

Linda Horton

**May**

"Summering orchids outdoors"

Kathi McKenzie

**March 3, 2013 Minutes**

Don Brigham conducted Orchids 101 at 2:30 p.m. He spoke on growing orchids in the home, covering how to water and fertilize, among other topics. Don also passed out several helpful handouts. There were 10 present, including both members and guests.

President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. There were 32 present, including 1 guest. Volunteers were requested to help with the Snooper's Table, to serve as greeter, and to handle scheduling members to conduct Orchids 101. Please let Lorna know if you can help with one of these jobs. Emily Quinn announced that we will have a tabletop display at the Tyler show 3/22-24.

Mike Beber introduced our speaker, Alex Maximiano, who is an AOS judge, and the creator of OrchidWiz. Alex gave a very interesting talk on "The Ethnobotany of Orchids" which included their use in emblems, in drugs and foods, and in local beliefs. His talk was illustrated by many beautiful slides. Just a few ways orchids are used:

- As floral emblems or "official flowers" for countries, states, etc.
- As a flour, salep, used in beverages and desserts
- As a flavoring agent
- To make glue for everything from bookbinding to shoes
- As an aphrodisiac
- For any number of physical ailments, from toothache to stomach problems
- Against witchcraft

Nancy Cropp announced the results of judging for the plant table, and Linda Horton conducted the plant raffle. Lorna Kissling adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

## 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 March 3, 2013, Plant Table Judging Results  
Judges: Jerry Brandenburg & Jim Williams

### **CATTLEYA ALLIANCE**

Blue - Epidendrum stamfordianum  
          'Mem. Harold Ottensman' - Jeanne Thompson  
Red - Epi. silvestre - Linda Horton  
White - Slc. Bright Circle - Nancy Cropp

### **DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS**

Blue - Den. Roy Tokunaga - Linda Horton  
Red - Den. atrovioleaceum - Sarah Hardesty  
White - Ddc. wenzelii - Linda Horton

### **ONCIDIUMS**

Blue - Howeara Lava Burst - Sarah Hardesty  
Red - Odcdm. Sunlight - Linda Horton  
White - Onc. maculatum - Charlie Hess

### **PAPHS & PHRAGS**

Blue - Paph. Cassandra's Fairy - Jeanne Thompson  
Red - Paph. haynaldianum 'Maybrook' HCC/AOS  
          - Jeanne Thompson  
White - Paph. lowii - Linda Horton

### **VANDAS & PHALS**

Blue - Phal. stuartiana HCC/AOS - Jeanne Thompson  
Red - Phal. Sogo Grape - Cecelia Pinson  
White - Phal. (Hiroshima Fantasy x Leopard Prince)  
          - Tim Brown

### **SPECIES OF THE MONTH**

Ddc. wenzelii - Linda Horton  
Onc. maculatum - Charlie Hess  
Phal. stuartiana - Jeanne Thompson

### **PEOPLES CHOICE**

Paph. haynaldianum - Jeanne Thompson



AOS Dallas Judging Center March 9, 2013

Ten plants entered for consideration,  
four awards given:

**1. Phal. Tying Shin Fly Eagle 'Jordan Juliet'**  
(tetrapis C#1 x Dragon Tree Eagle)  
HCC 75 points  
Owner: Olie Garrison, Nacogdoches

**2. Phal. Walnut Valley Yellow Peoker 'Orchid Konnection'**  
(Golden Peoker x Golden Sun-amboinensis)  
HCC 79 points  
Owner: Orchid Konnection, Dallas

**3. Phal. Pylo's Sweet Orange 'Jerry Brandenburg'**  
(Katie Morris x Yungho Gelb Canary)  
AM 82 points  
Owner: Brandenburgs

**4. Phal. Pylo's Sweet Orange 'Ronnie Brandenburg'**  
(Katie Morris x Yungho Gelb Canary)  
HCC 79 points  
Owner: Brandenburgs





## Waling-Waling

*Vanda sanderiana* (syn. *Euanthe sanderiana*) is commonly called Waling-Waling in the Philippines, where it originates. Waling-Waling is a term used by the Bagobo people of the area, referring to the movement of a butterfly or moth in flight. The Bagobo also rever the Waling-Waling as a “diwata” (a benevolent spirit said to reside in large trees, and invoked for crop growth, health, and fortune).

*V. sanderiana* is native to Mindanao, the second-largest and southernmost island in the Philippines. It was discovered by Carl Roebellin, an explorer for the orchid house of Sander. In 1882 it was named *Vanda Sanderiana* in honor of Frederick Sander. In the 1950s, due to over collecting and habitat destruction, it became rare and expensive. However, in 1982 at the Asian Orchid Congress, it caught the eye of a young orchid grower named Charita Puentespina, who took up its cause. By 1986, Puentespina was able to sell to the public hundreds of healthy seedlings. Today the Waling-Waling, although rare in nature, can be found in gardens throughout the Philippines.

*V. sanderiana* is also sometimes referred to as “The Queen of Orchids,” due to its importance in breeding. It is estimated that up to 80% of all hybrid vandas include *sanderiana*. And, in 2013, a bill was passed by the Philippine Senate declaring the Waling-waling as a national flower alongside the Sampaguita.

In addition to the pink form discovered by Roebellin, it also has an alba form. Its flowering season starts July to September, although there are plants that flower twice a year, blooming in January to March as well.

## 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



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## 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". 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!

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. Thanks! Kathi

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

2013

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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