

G R E A T E R N O R T H T E X A S *Orchid Society*

NEXT MEETING IS JUNE 2

Orchid Repotting Seminar

MEETING AGENDA

- 3:00 – Meeting Begins
- 4:15 – Break
- 4:30 – Business Meeting
- 5:00 – Adjourn

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This month we are going to have 4 different potting demonstrations. One each for Cattleyas, Phals., Dendrobiums, and one on how to mount your orchids or put them in baskets. We will break-up the meeting into four, 20 minute sessions so everyone can get to all four stations. But

if you want to just stay at one station over and over that’s OK too.

Every time we have done this in the past everyone always has a great time and asks questions and learns stuff. So be sure to bring your questions and bring your friends with questions (Hopefully about orchids but if time allows I’m sure we can open it up to any subject.)

Learn when to repot. Why to repot. What size pot to use. How to sterilize your tools before you begin. How to prepare the plant before you put it back into the pot. The different mediums you can use to put your different kinds of orchids in. Should you use crocking? What is crocking? Is it legal to use crocking in this state? Do I need a permit? And lots of other information.

It will be a free flowing exchange of ideas and is always a good time so plan to be there, otherwise you might not learn all the stuff that everyone else will learn. Just sayin’.

Because of the seminar there will not be a Plant Judging Table or Snoopers Table this month.

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Well, it's finally starting to warm up outside – the coolness has run late into the season this year. Remember to slow the fertilizing down in the extreme heat as orchids (and probably other plants as well) don't take up the fertilizer as efficiently under high heat conditions.

Jim Williams and Manny Aybar, two of our AOS judges, just returned from the Redland International Festival in Florida. Jim was telling me how much fun (and tiring!) the event was. (The ad is inside the front flap of the April and May editions of Orchids magazine.) There were all sorts of speakers, as well as a ton of vendors from all over (I think Jim said around 80!) and so there was quite a variety of orchids to look over and snare for personal collections. I got to thinking how much fun it would be to take in an orchid show while on vacation somewhere in another state. Shows come in all shapes and sizes, taking places in all sorts of different locales. Take a look at the ones listed online at aos.org and also at the back of the Orchids magazine – maybe you can visit one on your next vacation!

We have a good line-up for the repotting program for our next meeting. Spend the time however you want – watch some a couple of times or see all four. Pick up some new tips to improve your skills or find out for the first time how to repot. Bring a friend who's gotten an orchid as a gift and wants to know more how to take care of it. And PLEASE take home some of the wire supports to use – I don't need 200, 6' wires! They make great stakes for all kinds of orchids.

See you in June!

Lorna

Free Wire

Lorna is bringing lots of wire to the meeting that she uses to support her plants. She has a bunch and she is going to share it with all of us. So come and get wired.

May 5, 2013 Minutes

Kathi McKenzie conducted Orchids 101 at 2:30 p.m. She spoke on summering orchids outdoors and took questions.

President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Attendance was 27. Lorna announced that GNTOS needs a pool of volunteers that the vice-president could call on to help with some of the duties involved in hosting a speaker. Opportunities might include such things as taking him or her to dinner (paid for by GNTOS), helping with driving duties, entertaining the speaker, etc. Please let Mike Beber know if you would be willing to be part of this “pool”.

Other announcements:

- June will be our repotting demonstration clinic, with 4 repotting stations (mounting, cattleyas, phalaenopsis, and slippers). July will be our auction.
- There will be no table judging, or Snoopers table in June or July.
- David Gould is working on a greenhouse/growing area tour for September, although if we have enough volunteers, he may set up a second tour date in April. If you would be willing to open your greenhouse/growing space on the tour, please let David know.

- Upcoming shows: New Orleans (first weekend in June) and Baton Rouge (late July)

Mike Beber introduced our speaker, Todd Miller, of Miller’s Tropicals. Todd gave a talk on orchid basics, and slipped in a few of his growing tips.

Nancy Cropp announced the results of judging for the plant table, and the plant raffle was conducted by Lorna. Lorna Kissling adjourned the meeting at 4:40 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 May 5, 2013, Plant Table Judging Results
Judges: Eva Jacobson & Jim Williams

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Blue - Lc. Orange Passion 'Tangerine' - Sarah Hardesty
Red - C. mossiae x sibling - Kamlesh Bhatia
White - Epi. Mabel Kanda x Encyclia Randii
- Kamlesh Bhatia

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS

Blue - Phaius 'Dan Rosenberg' - Sudha Ramakrishna
Red - Den. All Season Blue - Don Brigham

ONCIDIUMS

Blue - Onc. Mendenhall 'Sun #7' - Gerry Darver
Red - Brassia Rex 'Sakata' - Gerry Darver

PAPHS & PHRAGS

Blue - Paph. Moustache x Michael Koopowitz'
- Gerry Darver

VANDAS & PHALS

Blue - Phal. unknown - Gerry Darver
Red - Phal. Taida King's Caroline 'Little Zebra'
- Sarah Hardesty
White - Dtps. Surf Song 'Ox Kumquat' - Kathi McKenzie

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Ryncholaelia digbyana 'Dragon Stone' - Jeanne Thompson
C. mossiae x sibling - Kamlesh Bhatia
Ascocentrum curvifolium - Lorna Kissling

PEOPLES CHOICE

Phal. unknown - Gerry Darver



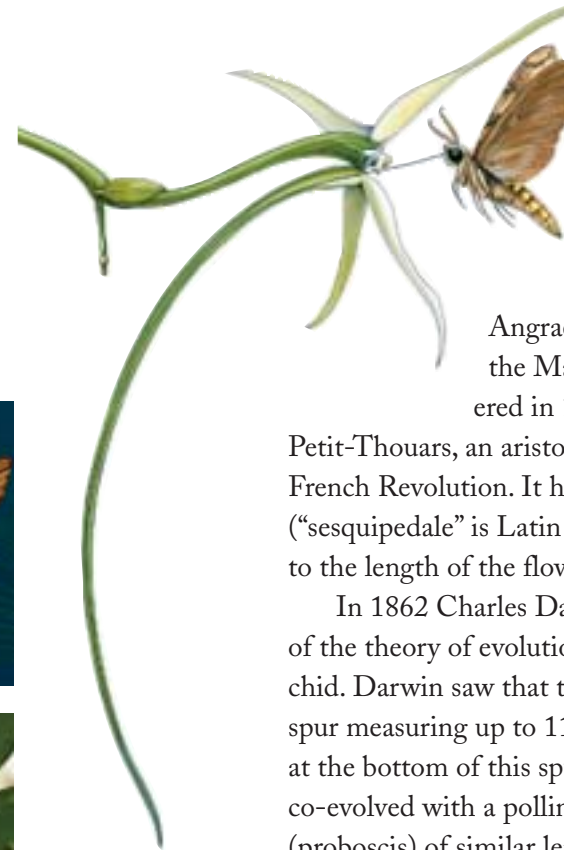
AOS Dallas Judging Center May 11, 2013

Three plants entered for consideration, two awards given:

1. Phal. March 'Jayne Garrison'
(mannii x chibae) AM 81 points
owner: Olie Garrison, Nacogdoches, TX

2. Phrag. Suzanne Decker 'Jayne Garrison'
(kovachii x Cape Sunset) AM 83 points
owner: Olie Garrison, Nacogdoches, TX





Darwin's Orchid

(*Angraecum sesquipedale*)

Angraecum sesquipedale is also known as the Madagascar star orchid. It was discovered in 1798 by Louis-Marie Aubert du Petit-Thouars, an aristocrat and botanist exiled during the French Revolution. It has an exceptionally long nectar spur ("sesquipedale" is Latin for "one and a half feet," referring to the length of the flower/spur).

In 1862 Charles Darwin, English naturalist and author of the theory of evolution, received a specimen of this orchid. Darwin saw that the flower had an unusually long spur measuring up to 11-12" long. Since the nectar gathers at the bottom of this spur, Darwin believed the spur had co-evolved with a pollinator moth having a feeding tube (proboscis) of similar length. He theorized that this orchid and its pollinator had influenced each other, the orchid having a long nectar spur, which forced the moths to rub their faces in the pollen as they reached deep inside. In response to the difficulty of reaching the nectar, the moths evolved longer and longer tongues over time. But to keep the moth rubbing against the pollen, the orchid developed longer and longer spurs, and so on and so on. Therefore Darwin theorized that there must exist a moth in Madagascar having an equally impressive long tongue. This theory was deemed ridiculous until 40 years later, when a very long-tongued hawkmoth was discovered and named *Xanthopan morgani praedicta* ("praedicta" in honor of

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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



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Darwin's prediction).

Each *A. sesquipedale*'s inflorescence produces 2-6 flowers, which can last 8-12 weeks. They are very fragrant at night, although the fragrance fades over the life of the flower. It requires an intermediate to warm growing environment, with high light and high humidity. They dislike being disturbed, and may take years to recover fully from repotting. Adult plants are generally a foot tall, but can grow much larger after years of successful cultivation.

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
Garland, TX 75043

Make check payable to GNTOS.

New Member Renewing Member

Name (#1): _____

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