

G R E A T E R N O R T H T E X A S

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 NOVEMBER 3
 SPEAKER: SERGIO GARCIA

Cattleyas in Exhibition

When I was just a little boy, 7 or 8 years old, my father and I were suddenly hooked on orchids. At a home and garden show we saw a *Catasetum pileatum* and were shocked by its beauty. When we asked people where to buy that plant, we were pointed to the orchid booth of one of the most important and respected orchid growers in Brazil's orchid history - Mr. Heitor Gloeden. Soon after that initial contact, he took us under his wing.

As a native of São Paulo, I learned about many orchid species. Those that I was first in touch with are still my favorites - *Cattleya*, *Laelia*, *Sophranitis*, *Oncidium*, *Paphiopedilum* and *Vanda*. I love all orchids, but these are the ones that continue to populate my daydreams, even when I was working on the trading floor at the Pacific Stock Exchange!

My father and I learned about orchids together, so orchid growing became a partnership with him. Today my dad is 84 years old, and we still spend hours discussing possible crosses, preferred cultivars and plants that we still "need" to add to our respective collections. Still living in Brazil, he cultivates beautiful orchids there, while I pursue my hobby here in Northern California. I love it here. I im-

migrated in 1989 to Ohio. After college, my wife and I moved to California where we put down roots, made friends, and I began cultivating orchids again.

Herman Piggors, the founder of Oak Hill Gardens, taught me how to reproduce orchids in vitro, in a laboratory. I went on to learn more not only in the lab, but also about planning hybrid crosses to produce amazing orchids that are improvements over their parents. Now at Olompali Orchids, my commercial operation, we dedicate ourselves to the improvement of species and creation of special hybrids. We produce orchids with the objective of creating show type plants, for becoming the next award winners.

In parallel to our own production and breeding program, we partner with two multi-generational orchid businesses in Brazil - Wenzel Orchids and AWZ Orchids.

Olompali has its greenhouses in Sonoma County in the farming area adjacent to the City of Petaluma, California. We are located in the middle of Sonoma County's beautiful Wine Country, - under the great micro-climate provided by the proximity with the Petaluma River, the Bay and under the amazing California sunshine.

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What a nice break from the hot and dry weather! It finally feels like Fall and I don't think there will be more hot days until next year – at least I hope so. Along with the change in the weather, I've moved all my warmer weather orchids indoors. Even turned on some heat in the house. And made my first cup of hot chocolate! It must really be

Fall. Soon, I'll be filling up the humidifiers and running them.

Plans are beginning for the Spring Orchid Show. After some details can be worked out, the date and location will be announced and put on the website.

Remember to change your clocks the Saturday night before our meeting! Otherwise, you'll be spending some time at North Havens waiting for the meeting time to roll around. Remember, it's time to "Fall back"!

Lorna

October 6, 2013 Minutes

President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. There were 26 in attendance, including several guests. Our speaker was Gene Crocker, who gave a very informative talk called “Cattleyas around the year.” Gene is now retired, but for 25 years he carried on the breeding program at Carter and Holmes. Many of his hybrids have been awarded by the AOS, including two that received FCC’s and one cross that received an Award of Quality. The presentation took us through the year, with Cattleya species that bloom in each season, including the “Easter Orchid” (c. *mossiae*) and the “Christmas Orchid” (c. *perciviliana*).

After the break, table judging results were announced, and the meeting ended at approximately 4:45.

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 Oct. 6, 2013, Plant Table Judging Results
Judging: Jeanne Thompson & Cecelia Pinson

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Blue - Pot. Hawaiian Prominence 'America' - Kathi McKenzie

Red - Bc. Golden Glory 'The Cameleon' - Don Brigham

White - B. nodosa - M. Forest Shipps

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS

Blue - Den. Pegasus - G. Gudger

Red - Ctsm. Frilly Doris x Susan Fuchs - M. Forest Shipps

White - Den. unknown - Lorna Kissling

ONCIDIUMS

Blue - Oncidium unknown - Gerry Darver

PAPHS & PHRAGS

Blue - Paph. Hsing Glory x charlesworthii - Mike Beber

VANDAS & PHALS

Blue - Aerides odoratum - Mike Beber

Red - Phal. Unimax Moonlight - Kathi McKenzie

White - Doritis pulcherrima var. champornensis - Don Brigham

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Den. acerosum - Barb McNamee

V. lamellata var. remedoisae - Charles Hess

Phal. equestris var. apparri - Charles Hess

PEOPLE CHOICE

Aerides odoratum - Mike Beber



AOS Dallas Judging Center Oct. 5, 2013

Five plants entered for consideration, one award given:

Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora'

(Blc. California Girl x Sc. Beaufort)

HCC 79 points

Owner: Judy Cook, MD, Gunter, TX

Psychopsis papilio



ORCHID OF THE MONTH

by Kathi McKenzie

hybrid mendenhall



Psychopsis

The genus *Psychopsis* is often referred to as butterfly orchids for the resemblance to a large brightly colored butterfly. The genus is naturally distributed from the West Indies and Costa Rica to Peru. At one time it was considered to be an *oncidium*, but is now recognized as its own genus, albeit within the *oncidium* alliance.

Psychopsis is a genus of four species:

- *Pyschp. krameriana*
- *Pyschp. papilio*
- *Pyschp. sanderae*
- *Pyschp. versteegiana*

Pyschop Krameriana



*Pyschop
Krameriana*



All have similar coloring (outside of alba forms). Some of the more commonly seen hybrids include Mendenhall, Papilio, and Kalihi, all of which include papilio in their background.

Psychopsis will flower repeatedly on the same stem, sometimes for years. Each bloom will extend the stem just a bit more, so inflorescences can become quite long.

Psychopsis prefer intermediate to warm temperatures, moderate light, good drainage, and high humidity. Watering is typically reduced in the fall and winter, as growth slows.

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
Garland, TX 75043

Make check payable to GNTOS.

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Name (#1): _____

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