



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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DECEMBER MEETING:

Auction

This month we will have our SemiAnnual Auction and Snacks. We will have many beautiful plants for the auction. Also, if possible, you can donate plants and divisions, as well as collectibles or any orchid related item. Jerry Brandenburg will be our auctioneer, so be prepared for a fun afternoon!

This is one of our fund raising events for the society, so bring your bidding spirit and get ready to buy! Auction and Potluck starts at 3:00pm. Feel free to bring a refreshment, finger food or dessert to share with the group.



OFFICERS

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Lorna Kissling

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David Gould

GNTOS WEBMASTER

Manuel Aybar

PAST PRESIDENT

Judy Cook



We have a date for the Spring show – it’s set for April 12-13, with setup starting on Thursday afternoon, April 10. It’ll be along the lines of the Fall show in 2012, with the vendors starting sales on Friday afternoon while our judges are judging the orchids and displays. We’ll be at North Haven Gardens again, so it’ll be a lot like the last show, only in the Spring this time. So, mark your calendar and reserve the dates to come and help and enjoy!

We’ll be having our last auction of the year when we meet in December, and it maybe easy to forget since we’re meeting the weekend of Thanksgiving because it comes so late this year. Remember to bring finger foods to share as we enjoy the auction.

Also at that meeting, we’ll be voting on the new officers for 2014, so come and plan on some good fun!

Lorna

November 3, 2013 Minutes

President Lorna Kissling called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. There were 33 in attendance, including 6 visitors. It was announced that our next meeting will be the December potluck and auction, so there will be no Orchids 101, and no show table.

Lorna also introduced the proposed slate of officers for 2014. This slate will be voted on at the next meeting:

- President Gerry Darver
- Vice President Mary Heiffner
- Secretary Rhonda Whitson
- Treasurer Kathy Halverson

Mike Beber introduced our speaker, Sergio Garcia, a native of São Paulo, Brazil, who spoke on “Cattleyas in Exhibition.” He told us of the many species of the cattleya family that come from Brazil, and how they have been enhanced through line breeding.

After the break, the raffle was conducted and table judging results were announced. Nancy reminded us that at the next meeting, the year’s show table winners will be announced. The meeting ended at 4:47.

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 Nov. 3, 2013, Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: David Hines & Gerry Darver

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Blue - Blc. Mem. Vida Lee 'Limelight' - Don Brigham

Red - Blc. George King 'Serendipity' - Dianna Rose

White - B. nodosa var. giganteum - Manny Aybar

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS

Blue - Den. Burana Green - Manny Aybar

Red - Den. no name - Barb McNamee

White - Den. unknown - Sarah Hardesty

ONCIDIUMS

Blue - Psychopsis Mariposa - Barb McNamee

Red - Howeara Lava Burst - Sarah Hardesty

White - Onc. Twinkle - Kathi McKenzie

PAPHS & PHRAGS

Blue - Paph. Lynleigh Koopawitz - Manny Aybar

VANDAS & PHALS

Blue - Dor. pulcherrima var. champornensis
- Don Brigham

Red - Phal. equestris - Jeanne Thompson

White - Phal. unknown - Denise Griggs

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

C. warscewiczii - Jeanne Thompson

Enc. cochleata alba - Jeanne Thompson

PEOPLES CHOICE

Blc. George King 'Serendipity' - Dianna Rose



AOS Dallas Judging Center
November 9, 2013

Seven plants entered for consideration, two awards given:

Top:

Phal. Mitou Prince 'Orchid Konnection'

(LD's Bear King x LD's Bean Queen)

HCC 76 points

Owner: Orchid Konnection, Dallas

Rth. Grezaffi's Blue 'Shawn'

(Rth. Victoria x C. Holdenii)

HCC 78 points

Owner: Daniel Callahan, Dallas



C. percivaliana carache



C. percivaliana summit FCC



C. percivaliana El Diablo



Oh, Christmas Catt, Oh Christmas Catt!

C. percivaliana is sometimes referred to as the Christmas orchid, as it is often flowered around that time of year. *C. percivaliana* was discovered in 1881 in the Venezuelan Andes by a collector working for the Sanders firm. At the time it was discovered, it filled a “void” between *C. labiata* finishing in November, and *C. trianaei* starting to flower in January. This offered a nice opportunity, and Sanders began to push for it to be described as a new species. Instead it was first described as a variant of *Cattleya labiata*, which cut the commercial value of Sanders plants in half. A year later it was raised to species rank.

It was named *C. percivaliana* to honor Mr. R.P. Percival, an enthusiastic private grower. Percival took his name-sake orchid seriously and spent much time exhibiting it, winning several awards.

Compared to other labiate cattleyas, *C. percivaliana* tends to be more compact - around 12" in height. Flowers are produced in the autumn or winter, and tend to have a fuller and flatter form than most labiate cattleyas, which has made them very useful in breeding. It also has a strong fragrance, which most describe as “lovely” and “spicy,” although not everyone cares for it.

C. percivaliana is an adaptable orchid. Found primarily in the northwestern mountains of Venezuela, it has been reported in Colombia as well. It adapts well to lower elevations, and even grows well in

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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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C. percivaliana. Continued from page 5

warm, sea-level climates. It is found primarily growing as an epiphyte, but sometimes if found growing lithophytically on rocky cliffs with near-full sun. Its acceptance of varied conditions makes it easy to grow.

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): _____

Name (#2): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail (#1): _____

E-mail (#2): _____