



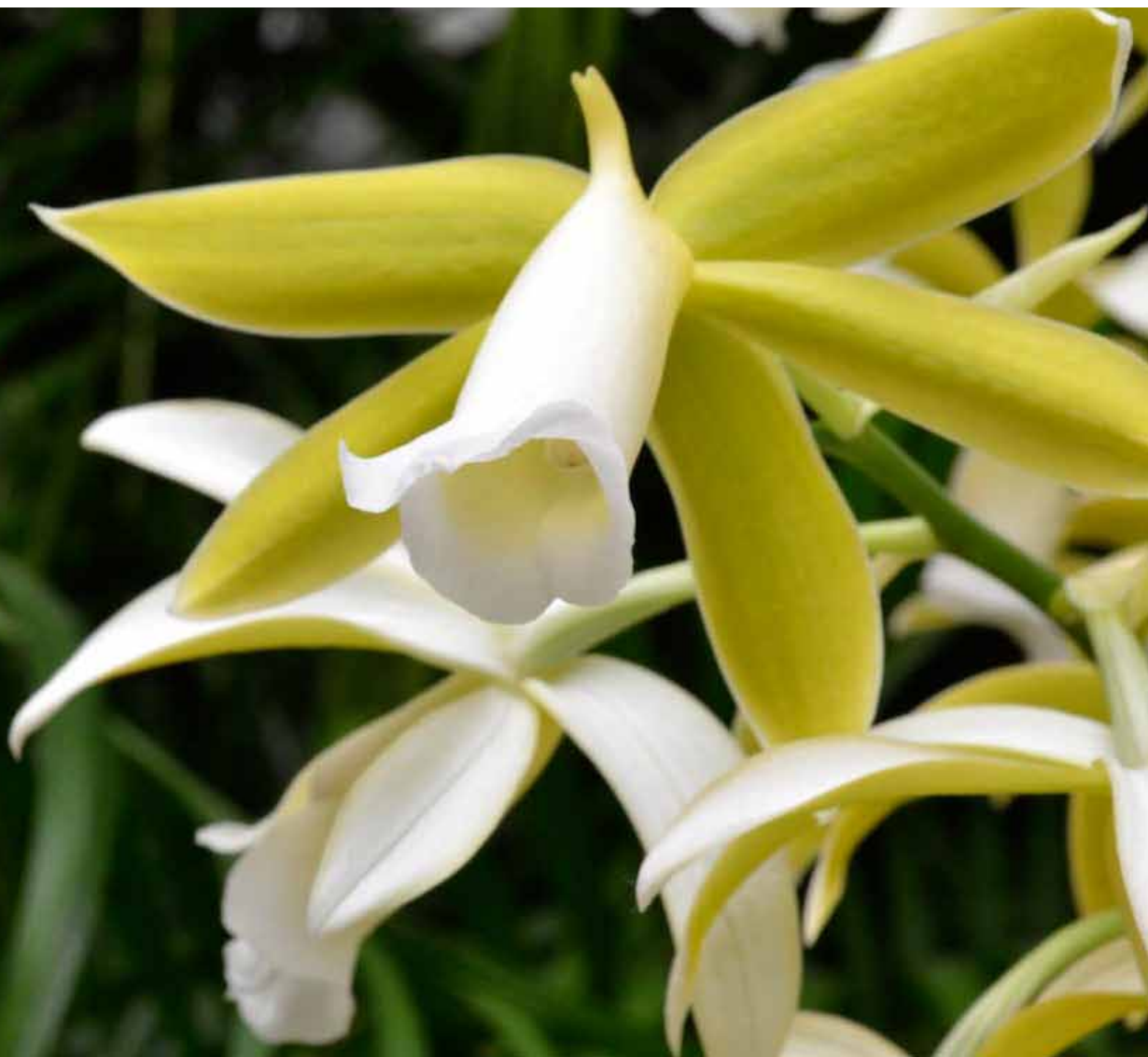
GREATER NORTH TEXAS
**ORCHID
SOCIETY**

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Next Meeting: *November 3rd. Karl Varian*

Society member Kal Varian who has been growing orchids since 1960 and is an American Orchid Society Student Judge will be our speaker next meeting. Madagascar has one of the richest and most distinctive orchid floras anywhere in the world and boasts almost 1000 species. He will highlight some of the endemic species such as Vanilla, Angraecum, and Bulbophyllum.

"Madagascar:
Land of
Extremes"



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Plant Table

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GNTOS Oct. 6, 2019

Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: Linda Horton & Cecil Coale

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE (12 entries)

Blue — C. labiata var. rubra 'Schiller'
— Dan Lyons

Red — (Lc. Jalapa x Pot. Mario Lanza)
— Gerry Darver

White — C. Robin Henry — Judy Cook

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS

(14 entries)

Blue — Den. Lowe's Dumpster Special
(no tag) — Karl Varian

Red — Den. unknown — Gerry Darver

White — (Ctsm. Pelealiem von Imp
x Susan Fuchs) — George Bogard

ONCIDIUMS (3 entries)

Blue — Onc. no name — Judy Cook

Red — Brsdm. Rattler — Judy Cook

White — Milt. Sandy's Cove — Judy Cook

PAPHS & PHRAGS (5 entries)

Blue — Paph. superbiens — George Bogard

Red — Phrag. (QF Naukana Kealoha
x Nicholle Tower) — George Bogard

White — Phrag. Peruflora's Cirila Alca
— George Bogard

VANDAS & PHALS (5 entries)

Blue — Dtps. Malibu Queen — Judy Cook

Red — Vandofinetia Pat Arcari

— Judy Cook

White — Phal. Mituo King 'Big Pink'

— Tom Reddick

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

B. cucullata — Barb McNamee

Habineria medusa — Karl Varian

Paph. superbiens — George Bogard

PEOPLES CHOICE

Den. Lowe's Dumpster Special (no tag)

— Karl Varian

Great showing this month of BIG plants!

ORCHIDS 101

Kathi McKenzie

& Lorna Kissling



Orchids 101 classes are tailored to the beginning orchid grower. Our topic this time:

"Q&A"

We will meet in the greenhouse at 2:00 for 30 minutes so we can discuss that and also get all questions answered in time for the meeting at 2:30.

Minutes

Barbara McNamee
Secretary

Linda got the meeting under way at 2:40, there were 32 people in attendance, 8 were guests.

Our speaker of the day was caught in traffic so Karl Varian saved the day with a “mini” talk on Mini Phragmipediums until our speaker arrived. Thank you Karl for your help.

Dottie Woodson was our speaker, introduced by Linda, her topic was “What’s Wrong With My Orchid” Thank you Dottie, as always for the huge amount of information you provided.

Nancy conducted the plant table assisted by Linda and Cecil, there were 39 beautiful plants.

Kathy asked members to go to various Sam’s and ask for donations that they graciously provide for our upcoming show in March. Dave will print some posters and cards to use at Sam’s. Go to a Manager and ask who to see for donations as we are Non-profit – Horticultural.

Linda conducted the raffle table.
Meeting adjourned at 4:35.

EVENTS

UPCOMING

SWROGA SHOWS

12/07/2019

The Louisiana Orchid Short Course

Hilton Garden Inn, Lafayette LA

12/07/2019

59th Acadian Annual Short Course

Hilton Garden Inn, Lafayette Louisiana

03/06/2020 - 03/07/2020

GNTOS 2020 Orchid Show and Sale

Richardson Civic Center, Richardson TX

03/13/2020 - 03/15/2020

Calcasieu Orchid Society Show and Sale

Historic City Hall, Lake Charles LA /USA

04/10/2020 - 04/11/2020

Fort Worth Orchid Society Show

hosting SWROGA Spring 2020

Fort Worth Botanic Garden,
Fort Worth Fort Worth

UPCOMING

AOS Webinars

Greenhouse Chat November 2019

Ron McHatton

Thursday, November 7th, 2019

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT

Orchid Q&A

How to Buy and Grow Bulbophyllums

Charles Wilson

Tuesday, November 12th, 2019

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT

All about bulbophyllums.

Dallas Judging Center

Nancy Cropp

AOS Dallas Judging Center

Oct. 12, 2019

Thirteen plants entered for consideration, two awards given:

1 Cattlianthe Land of Enchantment 'Sudan'

(Molly Tyler x Ibbie)

HCC 77 points

owner: Judy Cook, Gunter

2 Cattlianthe Minerva 'Jill'

(Gur. bowringiana x C. loddigesii)

AM 80 points

owner: Linda Horton, Garland

The Dallas Judging Center meets on the second Saturday of every month. The next meeting is on November, 9th at the Garland Senior Activity Center, 600 West Avenue A, Garland, TX 75040.

Presentation start at 11 am.
Judging starts around 1 pm.

Visitors are always welcome!



VIRTUAL SHOW TABLE

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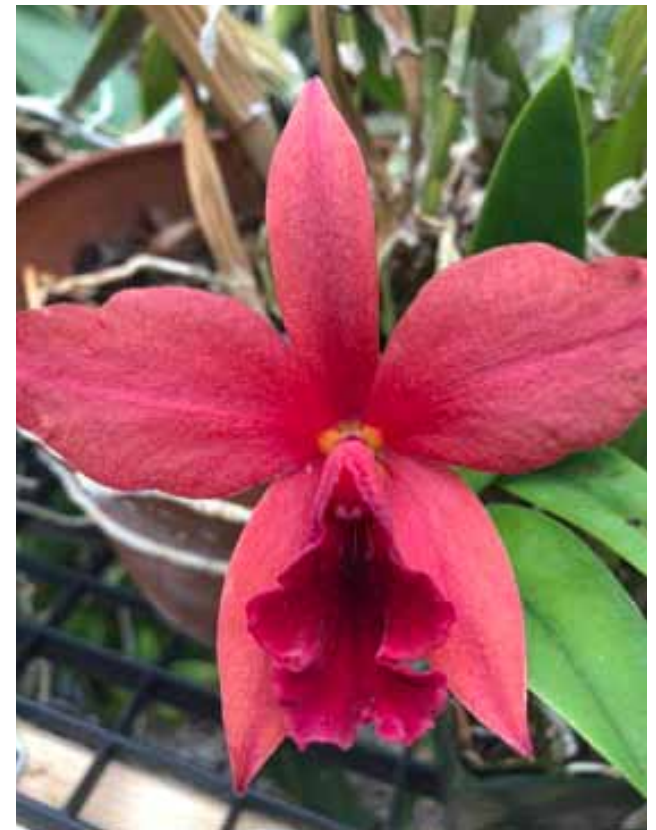
Ashley Nguyen



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Gerry Darver

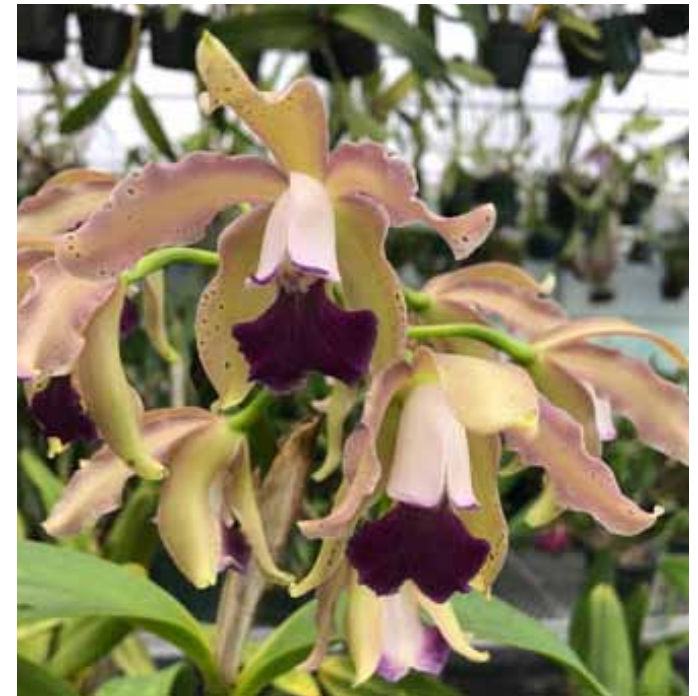


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C. Interglossa
Judy Cook



Blc. Robin Henry
Judy Cook



Yellow Cataseatum
George Bogard



Ctism. Pileatium v. Imperale Blood Red
X Susan Fucks 'Burgandy Chips' male
George Bogard

ORCHID GROWING TIPS

COOL CULTURE

Cool weather is here for most of us. Even South Florida is experiencing lower daytime temperatures and cool nights. The shortening day length and cooler nights initiate all sorts of changes in your orchids.

Many fall blooming cattleyas are getting ready to bloom and buds are swelling in their sheaths.

C. labiata, *C. bowringiana* and the fall blooming form of *C. skinneri*, and their hybrids typically have double sheaths. It seems that the big change in day to night temperatures can cause moisture to accumulate between the inner and outer sheaths causing buds to rot. Watch these orchids carefully and be sure there is lots of air movement around these orchids. If you observe any moisture accumulating, carefully open the outer sheath and allow air movement into the space between sheaths.

That usually solves the problem.

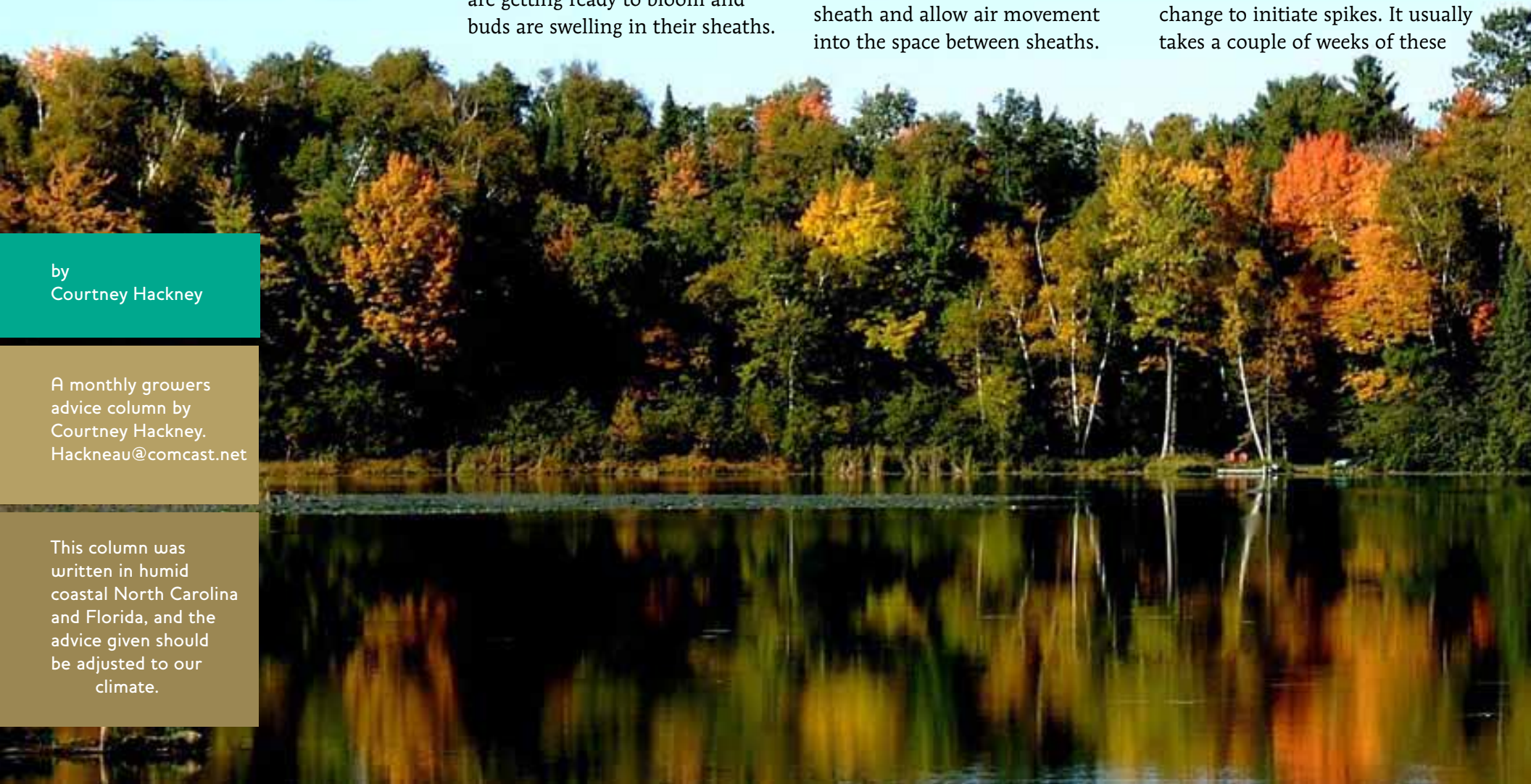
Vandas are known as heat-loving orchids, but have always bloomed better for me in the fall and winter as long as temperatures do not get below 60° F and there is enough light. Colors are always brighter when nights are a little cooler. This is especially true for any Vanda or Ascocenda with Vanda coerulea in the parentage.

Phalaenopsis require a significant day to night temperature change to initiate spikes. It usually takes a couple of weeks of these

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This column was
written in humid
coastal North Carolina
and Florida, and the
advice given should
be adjusted to our
climate.



ORCHID GROWING TIPS

conditions to get all of the phals in a greenhouse to put their energy into growing spikes instead of leaves. Phals will be fine on a porch or in a greenhouse even after nights are in the upper 50s F as long as the day temperature rises above 80°. Once daytime high temperatures are below 78-80°, phals need to be kept no lower than 60° at night.

Paphs and phrags really seem to love the cool nights too. Mature growths, especially in the multifloral paphs will prepare to flower. Usually development of new growths is the first sign that a flower spike will soon emerge.

Essentially, I stop fertilizing cattleyas (except seedlings) starting in October and reduce watering frequency, but not watering intensity. Less light and heat each day means that orchids dry out less rapidly. Pay careful attention to periods of clouds and rain, which can also lead to less need for water.

Some books recommend switching to high phosphate fertilizers for phals, paphs, vandas, and other orchids that do not have a rest period before flowering. For years I did this, but finally decided that main-



taining a high nitrogen fertilizer gave me better flowers and more of them. Because watering is reduced and fertilizer is provided with each watering, there is a reduction in fertilizer, but that is the only change.

Cymbidiums are not widely grown in the Deep South, but can do well here. If you have some of these genera, now is the time to move them into increased sunlight. Best results occur when Cymbidiums are

kept under heavy shade during the intense summer heat. Now, give them a good shot of fertilizer and slowly move them into the sunlight. Unless you have one of the tropical forms, they can take temperatures near freezing and seem to bloom best when they have a light frost on their leaves at sunrise. Once you see bloom spikes emerging, protect them from extreme cold until they flower.

SOCIETY HISTORY

The history of the GNTOS goes way back. In the mid-40s there were only three orchid growers in town: Eli Sanger of Sanger Brothers, which was Dallas' biggest department store at that time; Roy Munger, known for Munger Place and Munger Street, and Percy Larkin.

Margie Corn, a garden columnist, was the source of any orchid information they could find and she gave their names to a woman running Hardy's Seed Company, Mrs. Moses. They gathered at her house one day in 1946 and it was Mr. & Mrs. Polhemus, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Carter, Homer Baldwin, Percy Larkin and a young man from Waxahachie named Costalanus. They decided they would apply for AOS membership and started receiving the Bulletin and meeting monthly. More and more people started to show up and they elected Percy Larkin, Jr. their first president in 1947. This was the North Texas Orchid Society.

They held their first show in 1950 at the Marsh Kaiser Fraiser automobile agency on Ross Avenue. Jack Morris was president of the society and Homer Baldwin sent out invitations to everyone who grew orchids in Dallas. Invitations also went to the big orchid firms who would send representatives from around the country to the show. They had everyone sign a book that came to that show.

There was an incident

that year that upset several members of the North Texas Orchid Society, so several members chose to leave and form another society calling themselves the Dallas Orchid Society. Percy Larkin was one of the members who left to form the Dallas Orchid Society. This society was never sanctioned by the AOS.

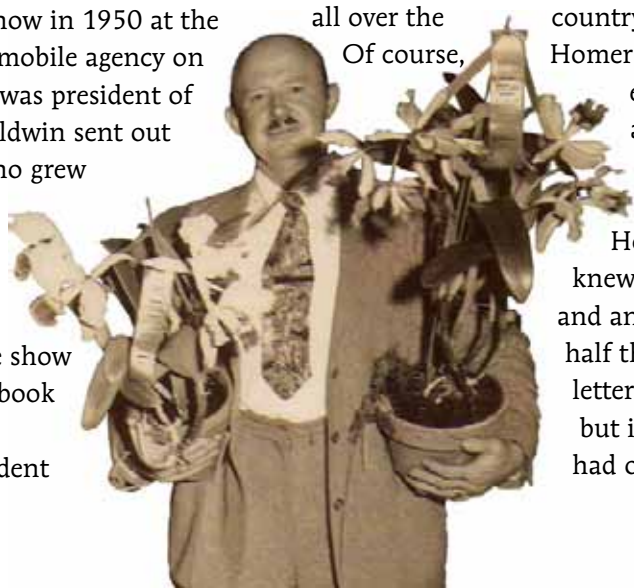
The following year with much encouragement from Homer Baldwin, most of the members from the Dallas Orchid Society came back to join the original society.

Later, they decided to become affiliated with the American Orchid Society so they wrote a Constitution and Bylaws for the society. On March 19, 1954, they were issued a charter by the AOS as the Greater North Texas Orchid Society.

They put on a show in the Dallas Garden Center but there weren't enough plants in the area so the bulk of the show was made up of boxes of blooms sent to them for free from commercial growers. They'd get five, six, or seven boxes of flowers from different growers from all over the country - even overseas.

Of course, Homer had mailed cards to everyone who had an ad in the Bulletin to achieve this.

Fortunately for Homer, Lena Baldwin knew how to type and she and another woman spent half the night writing letters on two typewriters but it worked and they had orchids for the show.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

GNTOS membership dues are paid yearly by January 31, in order for you to be listed in the published Yearbook.

- \$30.00 - New or Renewing Member (individual)
- \$15.00 - Additional Member (each additional person in same household)

Please mail completed form with payment to:

Kathy Halverson
1922 Baylor Drive
Richardson, TX 75081

Make check payable to GNTOS.

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