



# ORCHIDIST

GREATER NORTH TEXAS  
ORCHID  
SOCIETY

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Next Meeting: *Orchid Auction December 1*

This month we will have our SemiAnnual Auction and Potluck.

Bring plants you can donate and divisions, as well as collectibles or any orchid related item.

This is the event that we do to raise funds for the society, so bring your bidding spirit and get ready to have some fun!

Auction and Potluck starts at 2:30.

Please bring a refreshment, finger food or dessert to share with the group.

There will be no Orchids 101 this month.

For our  
December Meeting and  
Auction we will meet  
at Classic Wine Storage,  
14372 Proton,  
Dallas, TX 75244



## ORCHID AUCTION

# OFFICERS

## **PRESIDENT**

*Linda Horton*

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

*Tim Carr*

## **SECRETARY**

*Barbara McNamee*

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*Kathy Halverson*

## **SUROGA DIRECTORS**

*Barbara McNamee*

*Linda Horton*

## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

*David Gould*

## **GNTOS WEBMASTER**

*Manuel Aybar*

## **PAST PRESIDENT**

*Judy Cook*

## PREZ LETTER

*Linda Horton*

Hello all. It's been a very busy time since the tornado trying to locate a new meeting place that is affordable. I'm sorry to say the Harrington Library fell through. I was given some wrong information as to cost. I am continuing to work on this. We do have our December meeting covered, with Tom Riddick's excellent assistance, by using the wine tasting room on Proton. You were previously notified of this place for our auction/pot luck meeting. Be sure to bring your covered dish, checkbook and contributions for the auction as this is one of two major fund raisers for the year.

We have received some sad news. Rhonda Beber, Mike's wife, has passed away after a long illness. I know you will keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

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## Minutes

*Barbara McNamee, Secretary*

Linda started the meeting at 2:35, there were 27 people in attendance, at the Garland Senior Center (room was only for the November meeting) and mentioned we are looking for a permanent meeting room.

Linda introduced our speaker, Karl Varian, newly elevated Associate AOS Judge, his topic "Madagascar, Land of Extremes". Thank you Karl for your tour of Madagascar.

Nancy announced the plant table winners, judges were Charles Hess and Tim Carr, 27 plants entered. Next month the winners with the most points received will be announced.

Linda asked for suggestions for a meeting room going forward for as little cost as possible. She will call UTD at Coit & Campbell, Karl offered his home, Tom will call SMU, Jack will check another room he knows of. Tom will check on his wine club room for our December auction.

Kathy - regarding our spring show, asked for volunteers to contact Sam's, Lowes, Walmart, Walgreens, etc. donation person, if we can get enough donations it will help offset our show expenses. For a \$50 donation we will print their logo on the show poster.

Kathy announced the nomination committee's proposed slate of officers to be voted on at the December auction: President - Linda Horton, VP - Shane Stewart, Treasurer - Kathy Halverson, and Secretary - Barbara McNamee. Linda motioned to accept the slate, Karl seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Nominating committee consisted of Kathy, Barbara, Lorna, David H. and Mike.

Laurie White has agreed to be our new people Greeter.

December is our bi-annual auction/pot-luck. Everyone please bring a dish to share and plants or orchid related items to auction off, and your \$\$\$!

Linda conducted the raffle, meeting adjourned at 4:25.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara McNamee



# Plant Table

Nancy Cropp

GNTOS Nov. 3, 2019  
Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: Charles Hess & Tim Carr

## **CATTLEYA ALLIANCE (10 entries)**

Blue — C. Winward Flare 'Hawaii'  
— Ashley Nguyen  
Red — C. Hauserman's Holiday  
'Christmas' — Judy Cook  
White — Rlc. Lake Land 'Brit'  
— Karl Varian

## **DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS (7 entries)**

Blue — Coelogyne ovalis — Judy Cook  
Red — Den. Windward Rose  
— George Bogard  
White — Angraecum distichum  
— Judy Cook

## **ONCIDIUMS (3 entries)**

Blue — Onc. Longlen 'Bill Switzer'  
— Judy Cook  
Red — Onc. unknown — Judy Cook  
White — Onc. Nia Rose 'Sweet Sixteen'  
— Gerry Darver

## **PAPHS & PHRAGS (3 entries)**

Blue — Paph. Wossner Ministar  
— Barb McNamee  
Red — Paph. Kemp Tower  
— George Bogard  
White — Phrag. Lutz Rolfke  
— George Bogard

## **VANDAS & PHALS (4 entries)**

Blue — Phal. Yang Yang Blue Berry  
— Ashley Nguyen  
Red — V. Rosalyn Rogers — Judy Cook  
White — Phal. Pylo's Passion Wing  
'Super Red' — Tom Reddick

## **SPECIES OF THE MONTH**

Odc. cibbranum — Judy Cook  
Phal. amboinensis 4N — Tom Reddick

## **PEOPLES CHOICE (tie)**

Den. Windward Rose — George Bogard  
Paph. Wossner Ministar — Barb McNamee

In December awards will be presented to  
the year's top three points winners.



## Dues Due

Dues are due in January  
but if you want to pay in  
December while you've got  
your checkbook out to pay  
for all of the plants you  
purchased in the auction,  
we'll take it.

# EVENTS

## UPCOMING

### SWROGA SHOWS

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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

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**Conservation of *Sacoila lanceolata* in Florida, A Tale of Success**  
*Jennifer Reinoso*

Tuesday, December 10th, 2019  
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST  
Saving Sacoila Orchid Q&A

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**Orchid Travels in Peru**  
*Ken Jacobsen*

Thursday, January 9th, 2020  
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST  
Peru Orchids in situ

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**Greenhouse Chat September 2019**  
*Ron McHatton*

Thursday, January 16th, 2020  
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EDT  
Orchid Q&A

# Dallas Judging CENTER

Nancy Cropp

AOS Dallas Judging Center Nov. 9, 2019

Five plants entered for consideration,  
no awards given.

News from the AOS Trustees meeting  
in Florida: *Connie Koehler* (Fort Worth  
Orchid Society) and *George Bogard* were  
approved as Student Judges, and *Karl  
Varian's* elevation to Associate Judge was  
approved. Congratulations!

December 14 meeting is the semi-annual  
Business Meeting.

*Shown is plant that was  
previously presented for  
consideration.*

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The Dallas Judging Center meets on the  
second Saturday of every month  
The next meeting is on December, 14th at  
the Garland Senior Activity Center  
600 West Avenue A,  
Garland, TX 75040.

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

Visitors are always welcome!



*Lycaste tricolor*

# VIRTUAL SHOW TABLE

Show us what you grew.  
Submit your orchid photos to:  
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Ashley  
Nguyen



Madalyn  
Hernandez





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Gerry  
Darver



George  
Bogard



# ORCHID GROWING TIPS

## ADJUST YOUR GROWING FOR DECEMBER CONDITIONS

This month includes the shortest day of the year and a time when the sun is at its lowest angle. Even here in Florida, the shade cloth is totally off my greenhouse and has been for two months.

For the past month or so some rearranging of orchids was necessary to maximize growth and avoid potential leaf burn. Jewel Orchids were moved into corners previously occupied by phals and other lower light-loving orchids because this area had become very shady. Jewel Orchid's leaves actually develop better color under lower light, making them better exhibition plants for the upcoming winter orchid shows. Conversely, other orchids located in places that did not receive direct light are now feeling the direct rays of the sun through one side of the greenhouse. While they did not burn, leaves on some phals were yellowed indicating more light than they might like.

This same phenomenon, i.e. light coming from a new direction, is a good reason for those windowsill growers to examine their orchids as well for both excess light and too little light. While temperatures here in Florida are not likely to cause cold damage close to windows, it can be a concern further north or if windows are poorly insulated. Typically, damage is not significant

enough to cause plant death, but can cause flower buds to drop.

One group of hobbyists does not have to worry about light angle or windows; under-light growers. They have another issue however, a need to alter day length to simulate the winter solstice. Many orchids depend not on the length of day, but on the change in day length. It will be equally important to begin increasing day length in January as this is the cue for the orchids to initiate some part of their life cycle.

The first phal flowers should be opening this month if you were successful at initiating spikes with cool nights a few months ago. Multifloral paphs with mature growths are putting up spikes now too. They appreciate a little more light than most other paphs and may also need to be moved into a better location.

These paphs are also initiating new growths. While a reduction in watering and fertilizing is warranted for both of these groups of orchids, do not stop altogether. If you water weakly, weekly, maintain the same fertilizer level. The reduction in watering will automatically reduce the total quantity of fertilizer you apply.

It is always surprising to see high light, hot loving vandas not only growing, but putting up flower

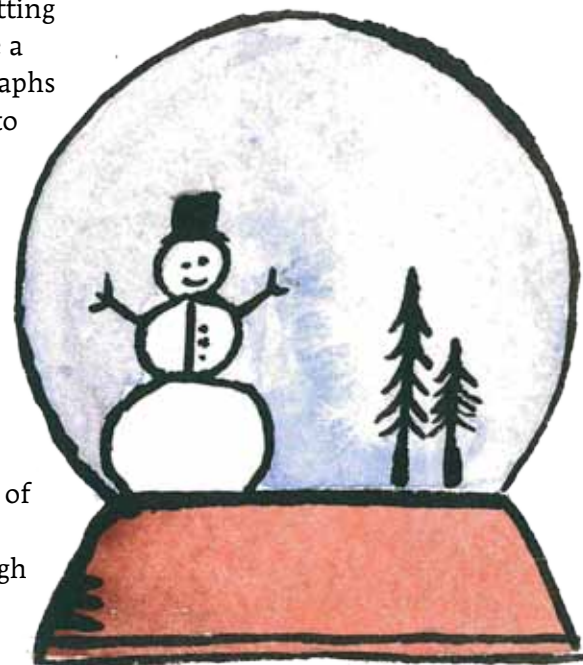
spikes in winter. They seem to handle cool nights in the mid to upper 50s with no impact as long as the day temperature warms into the upper 70s or 80s. Over the years, I have noticed that these warm loving orchids continue their growth with new leaves and roots until there is an extended cold period with little light to warm the greenhouse during the day. I continue my regular fertilizing of vandas until I notice new, green root tips disappearing. Only then do I stop weekly fertilizing and do not fertilize again until they show new root growth.

Mostly, this time of year is a great time to relax and enjoy the myriads of species and hybrids that flower this time a year. If you are lucky, Santa might even bring you a gift certificate to your favorite orchid nursery.

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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.





# 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.

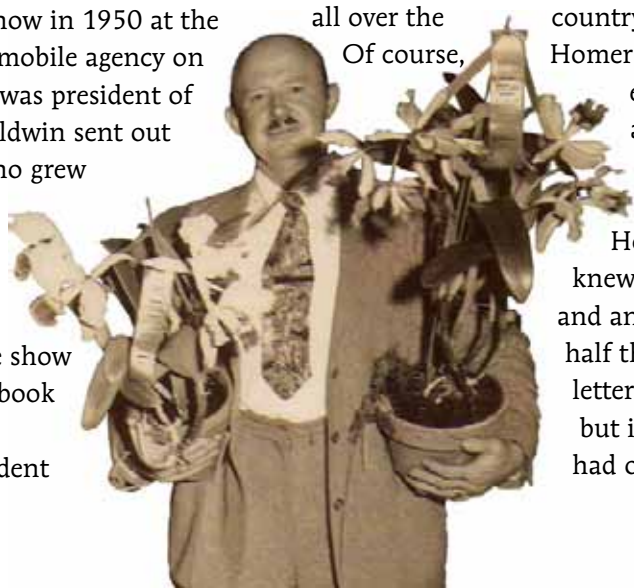
The following year with much encouragement from Homer Baldwin, most of the members from the Dallas Orchid Society came back to join the original society.

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.

☐ New Member      ☐ Renewing Member

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