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A NEWSLETTER OF  
THE GREATER NORTH  
TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

MEETING AT:  
NORTH HAVEN GARDENS  
7700 NORTHAVEN RD,  
DALLAS, TX 75230,  
2:30, FEB 6

# Demystifying New Zealand Moss Growing

*Carri Raven-Rienmann,  
OrchiPhile owner, AOS judge,  
and founding member of IPA.*



With so many orchids being sold these days potted in New Zealand Moss, many growers find it a major challenge to deal with as relates specifically to watering & potting. Thanks to many years of visiting Taiwan, & the Taiwan growers' generous sharing of information, I've come to appreciate its amazing benefits over bark or other mixes, something I would have never imagined many years ago when we all first started working with moss.

I've been surprised at how well it functions for almost all genera, from Phalaenopsis to those you wouldn't suspect like Cat-

tleyas, Oncidinae & Dendrobiums. I'll cover the important basics of growing successfully in moss, from the quality of the moss to potting, watering & fertilizing, ending with a great instructional video made by a friend in Taiwan demonstrating potting and mounting your orchids properly using this medium.

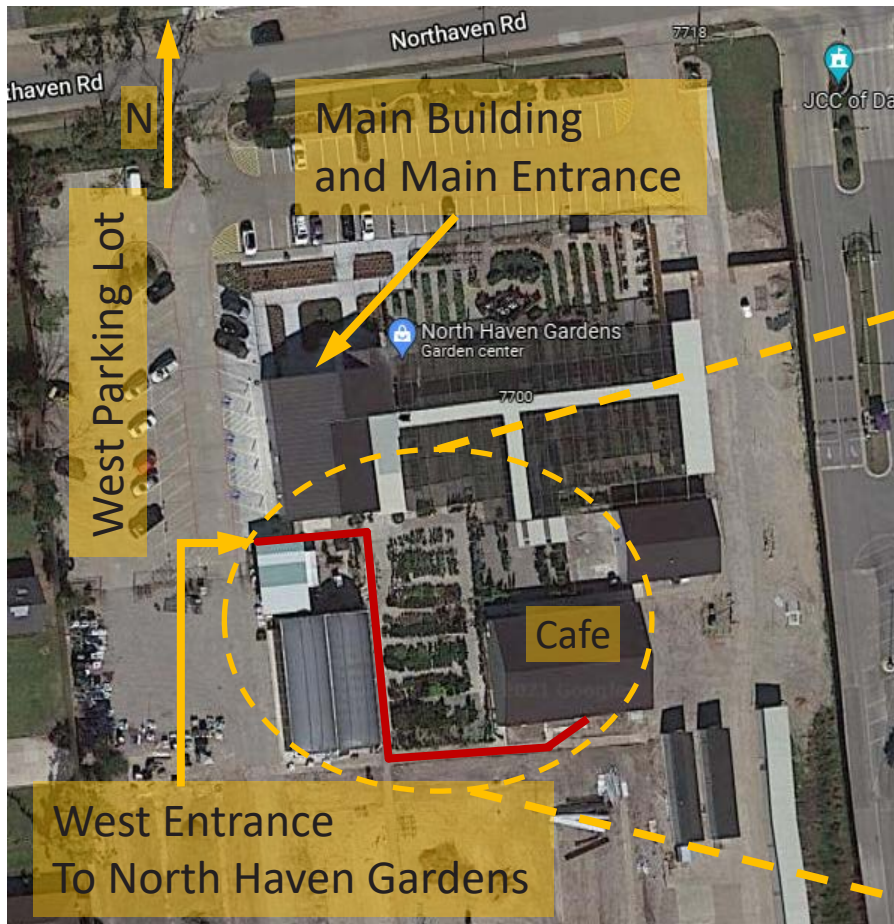
# We are back at North Haven!

## WHAT IS THE SAME

- Start at 2:30
- Park on the West side lot
- Orchids 101 in the greenhouse

## WHAT IS DIFFERENT

- Meet in the new meeting room that is behind the cafe.
- If you need a cart to move your stuff to the meeting do not roll it through the cafe. Enter around the back of the building.



- Park in West Parking lot
- Use the West Entrance to North Haven Gardens
- Orchids 101 will be in the Tropical Greenhouse, entrance on north side of Greenhouse
- Meeting in Classroom, behind the Cafe, ALL 'Carts' must enter through 'Classroom rear entrance'. Follow paved path indicated by red line below to 'Classroom rear entrance'.



# PRESIDENTS LETTER

*Karl Varian*

December and January have been a busy time for your recently elected officers and appointees. Linda Horton and I were not able to find a place for our January meeting but we did find out that North Haven Gardens was 're-opening' their community meeting room, behind the café, in time for the February meeting. Contracts were reviewed and signed for us to hold our 2022 meetings at North Haven Gardens.

Our Vice President, Tim Brown has been busy lining up speakers for the year, some nationally acclaimed speakers, some local speakers, some in person and there will be some Zoom meetings. In fact, our first meeting will be a Zoom meeting. This provides the membership with flexibility in attending our meeting based on their personal situations.

Lorna Kissling and Charlie Hess will be hosting Orchids 101 at 2:00pm in the greenhouse.

For people needing carts to bring items to the meeting, we have been asked to bring them to the meeting room through the south (back) door, NOT through the café.



I personally have also been busy getting a new heater in the greenhouse and LOTS of repotting, probably not the best time but I have neglected my plants this past year(s).

Looking forward to 'seeing' everyone at 2:30pm, 6 February at North Haven Gardens or through the magic of computers.

Lastly, Covid numbers are on the rise again. Masks are required and should cover your nostrils, not just your mouth. Try to stand 6 feet apart from each other when possible. We need to be responsible and respectful to all members of our Society.

## PLANT TABLE JUDGING RESULTS

*Nancy Cropp*

Plant Table Judging results for 2020 & 2021 combined:

- 8 meetings with 166 plants entered, plus 1 show
- 23 members brought plants and 374 total points were accrued
- 8 members judged, with 5 doing it multiple times
- 20 points Dave Gould & Shane Stewart
- 21 points Gerry Darver
- 22 points Manny Aybar
- 25 points George Bogard & Charles Hess
- Third Place - 35 points Karl Varian winning \$50
- Second Place - 46 points Judy Cook winning \$75
- First Place - 47 points Mike Beber winning \$100

Congratulations to the winners! Bring your blooming plants in 2022!

Please remember to pay your dues for the year. GNTOS membership dues are paid yearly

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

Please bring a check or cash to our next meeting on February 6th meeting or mail: name, address, email and phone #

with your payment to:  
 Barb MacNamee, Treasurer  
 909 Sleepy Hollow Drive  
 Garland, TX 75043

Make check payable to GNTOS.



## 2022 OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Karl Varian
<i>Vice President</i>	. . . . .	Tim Brown
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	Carol Varian
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Barbara McNamee
<i>SWROGA Directors</i>	. . . . .	Barbara McNamee
	. . . . .	Karl Varian
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	. . . . .	David Gould
<i>GNTOS Webmaster</i>	. . . . .	Manny Aybar
<i>GNTOS Web Publisher</i>	. . . . .	Lorna Kissling
<i>AOS Representative</i>	. . . . .	Karl Varian
<i>Greeting</i>	. . . . .	Mike Beber
<i>Library</i>	. . . . .	Linda Horton
<i>Monthly Raffle Tickets</i>	. . . . .	Barbara McNamee
<i>Name Badges</i>	. . . . .	David Gould
<i>Orchids 101</i>	. . . . .	Lorna Kissling
	. . . . .	Charles Hess
<i>Plant Table</i>	. . . . .	Nancy Cropp
<i>Publicity</i>	. . . . .	Karl Varian
<i>Refreshments</i>	. . . . .	TBD
<i>Show Chair</i>	. . . . .	Karl Varian
<i>Snooper's Table</i>	. . . . .	Betty Ekholm
<i>SWROGA Rep</i>	. . . . .	Charles Hess
<i>Yearbook</i>	. . . . .	David Gould

AOS Dallas Judging Center Jan. 8, 2022

Eleven plants entered, three awards given:

**A. *Broughtonia sanguinea* 'MAS Orchids'**

AM 81 points

exhibitor: Robert Marsh, Garland

**B. *Barkeria palmeri* f. *coerulescens*  
'Jaliscan Mist'**

AM 81 points

exhibitor: Robert Marsh, Garland

**C. *Barkeria* Natalie Warford  
(*obovata* x *palmeri*) 'Jaliscan Doll'**

AM 80 points

exhibitor: Robert Marsh, Garland

# AOS DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

## NEW LOCATION

Bring your plants for judging, come for the training session at 11 am, judging at 1 pm. Learn about being in the AOS judging program. The Dallas Judging Center meets on the second Saturday of every month.

The next meeting is on Feb., 12th at the Carver Center located at 222 Carver St., Garland, TX 75040.

Visitors are always welcome.



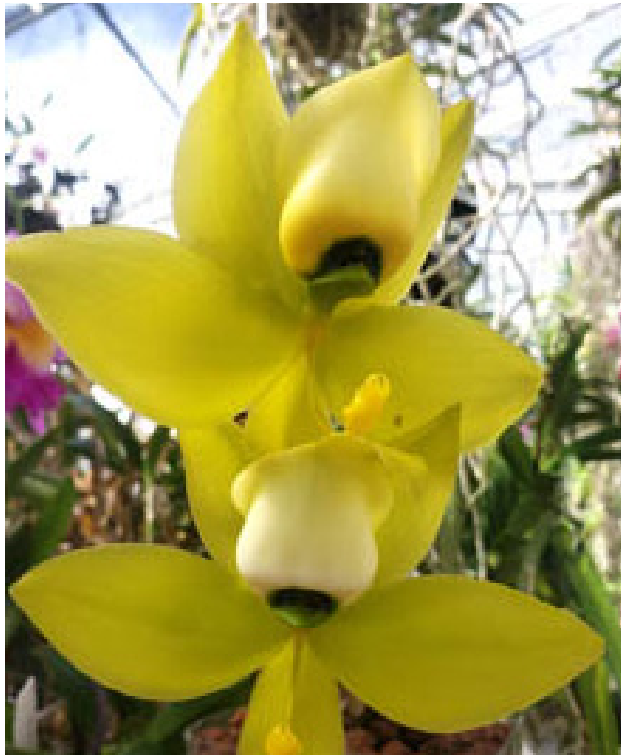
# WEEKLY WEEKLY

Orchids grown by  
Shane Stewart

*Blc. Fordyce Fantasy*  
*'SVO Winter Splash'*  
x *Lc. Tokyo Magic '6-1' AMAOS*



(*Cyc. Richard Brandon*  
*'SVO II' AMA OS*  
x *Cyc. Maren Gleason 'SVO'*)



*Rlc. Heaven's Gate*  
*'Crystelle' FCCAOS*



*Lc. Spring Fires 'Lenette' No.1'*  
x *Pot. My Precious 'Valentine Gift'*

# WEAKLY WEEKLY

Orchids grown by  
Shane Stewart

*V. Elly Carroll*



*Vandachostylis Conference Gold*



*V. Sanchai Gold Spot # 2*

