

Sept Orchidist



A NEWSLETTER OF
THE GREATER NORTH
TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

MEETING AT:
NORTH HAVEN GARDENS
7700 NORTHAVEN RD,
DALLAS, TX 75230,
SEPT. 4TH, 2:30

By Any Other Cultivar Name: AOS Judging and Awards

Cecily Maciejewski, owner of Cedarwood Orchids and Ornamentals presents a discussion of the process of judging and awards granted by the American Orchid Society, in concurrence with a live outreach judging sponsored by the Dallas Judging Center. Plants may be presented at the Sept. 4th meeting of GNTOS for an official judging open to members and guests. Come learn about the judging program of the AOS and maybe take an award or two home, yourself!



Cecily Maciejewski grew up in east Texas, splitting time between the city of Houston and the country between Lufkin and College Station. Her interest in orchids began at 14, with her first seeing tropical orchids depicted in a high school library copy of *Exotica*.

From there an incurable case of orchid addiction took hold. Most of her interest is in neotropical orchids, in particular the *Cattleya* and *Oncidium* alliances. Orchid biology, taxonomy, and reproduction have long been special interests for her, and she began breeding orchids in the early 2000s. In 2004 both her first collection and first batches of seedlings were lost to a freeze, but in 2013 she began growing orchid in earnest again, with a focus on building a high-quality collection of *Cattleya* alliance stud plants. She fairly quickly returned to her breeding program, focusing on line breeding species and both remaking classic hybrids as well as establishing new directions in hybridizing.

She is now an Associate Judge for the American Orchid Society and established Cedarwood Orchids and Ornamentals in 2022 to bring her two decades of experience to commercial orchid breeding. This development had absolutely nothing to do with funding her habit, of course. Her first crosses are now beginning to bloom.



PRESIDENTS LETTER

Karl Varian

Continuing last months' theme, membership, I was brought up with the idea that the members make up our society. We get out of our society membership only as much as we put into our society.

We all contribute in different ways. A current society volunteer opportunity is to 'man' the booth at the Dallas Home and Garden Show (see David Gould). Many of us contribute in various ways.

Some volunteer their time running the monthly society meeting requirements, such as: setting up the room, running the snoopers table, judging the 'show and tell' plants, getting speakers, getting raffle plants, bring food, documenting what was done, etc. Every detail needs someone to make it happen.

Another way is opening their home to friends and exposing their friends to the strange and wonderful world of orchids.

Others are willing to talk to almost anyone about growing orchids.

But there is one area we need to improve upon, and will continue to be a focus area, and that is welcoming new members to the society. Everyone who joins, joins for a different reason. I joined for the opportunity to interface with other people that grow orchids, and I was looking for a cheaper way to get bark. Since everyone has different reason to join our society, I have accepted Linda Horton as the membership chair. In my ideal world, she will be the interface between new members needs and our society needs / success.

This is a huge task and although she has NOT asked for help, feel free to reach out to her and offer your time to help her with this VERY necessary and VERY rewarding task.

OUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT, VOLUNTEER,
Karl

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Carol Varian

Minutes August 21, 2022

Old Business:

1) Meir Moses Orchid Estate

Charlie Hess had a successful sale on July 10th. We provided plants to be auctioned at the Houston Orchid Society's workshop

A lack of enthusiasm for auctions was noticed and so a temporary return to plant raffles was voted in rather than pursue continuous auctions.

2) Linda Horton has agreed to call new members and welcome them to GNTOS

New Business:

- 1) Volunteers are needed for our booth at the Dallas Home and Garden Show September 9th – 11th. Contact David Gould to volunteer for the time you can. Blooming plants that will be offered for sale to the public have been ordered. Booth requirements are being looked into and lined up for the display. Barbara McNamee is looking into acquiring a SQUARE for the society. Handouts will be made available for the show also.
- 2) Judy Cook has requested anyone who can help maintain her orchids during her upcoming move contact her.
- 3) The Speaker for the meeting was Jeff Bradley speaking on the topic of Historic Cataleayas.
- 4) The venue for the next orchid show for the society has been reserved. Followup to make sure that the SWORGA and AOS websites will have that information available to the public. The Temporary Committee for the show has been formed as follows:
 - Chair – Karl Varian
 - Show Judging Chair – Judy Cook
 - Treasurer – Barbara McNamee
 - Society Exhibit –Emily Quinn, Linda Horton
 - Door Monitor / Membership Drive Lead – Judy Cook
 - Vendors – David Gould

- Hospitality – Kathy Halverson, Barbara McNamee, Linda Horton
- Society Sales Table – Tom Reddick
- Show Booklet / Schedule – David Gould
- Plant Registration – Tim Carr, Jim Williams, Jim Diffily
- Judging Clerks Lead – Mike Beber
- Staging Show Rewards / Ribbons – Linda Horton / Barbara McNamee
- Trophy Clerk – Linda Horton
- Judging Dinner – Barbara McNamee
- Photography – David Gould
- Signage – Mike Beber
- Publicity and Printed Material – David Gould
- Trophies – Emily Quinn

If you do not wish to continue in the capacity listed or wish to serve elsewhere please contact Karl Varian.

Nancy Cropp

PLANT TABLE JUDGING RESULTS

GNTOS Plant Table Judging Results Aug. 7, 2022
Judges: Lorna Kissling & Charles Hess

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE (2 entries)

Blue - Lc. Lorraine Shirai - Karl Varian
Red - Lc. Busy Bev 'Blue Jewel' - Gerry Darver

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS (1 entry)

Blue - Den. bracteosum - Manny Ayber

ONCIDIUMS (0 entries)

PAPHS & PHRAGS (4 entries)

Blue - Phrag. Mama Hanh Thi Nguyen - George Bogard
Red - Phrag. Caidinoli - George Bogard
White - Paph. Lady Light - Manny Aybar

VANDAS & PHALS (4 entries)

Blue - Rimcharcentrum Thailand Gold - Manny Aybar
Red - Dyakia hendersoniana 'Hawaii' - Karl Varian
White - V. christsoniana - David Gould

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Den. bracteosum - Manny Aybar
Dyakia hendersoniana 'Hawaii' - Karl Varian
V. christsoniana - David Gould

PEOPLES CHOICE

Phrag. Mama Hanh Thi Nguyen - George Bogard

Only eleven plants entered this month
– REALLY slow month for blooms.
Hoping for better next month.

DALLAS HOME AND GARDEN SHOW SIGN-UP

We need people to help out with our booth from September 9th – 11th at Dallas Market Hall, 2200 N. Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX 75207. We would like at least three people per 3 hour time slot. Four would be better.

All you have to do is be there and answer questions for anyone who seems interested in orchids and might want to join our society. Our membership suffered during the pandemic so this is a way to try and attract new members.

* These time slots will conflict with the Sept. Orchid Judging Center meeting.

Please email me to let me know when you can help out: youngdavegould@gmail.com

The best slots are going fast!

First come, first serve.

SET-UP FRIDAY 12-2	NAME	PHONE #
FRIDAY 2-4	Karl Varian	_____
	Dave Gould	_____
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FRIDAY 4-7	Karl Varian	_____
	Emily Quinn	_____
	Linda Horton	_____
* SATURDAY 10-1	Lorna Kissling	_____
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* SATURDAY 1-4	Gene Cawfield	_____
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SATURDAY 4-7	_____	_____
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SUNDAY 11-2	_____	_____
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SUNDAY 2-5	Karl Varian	_____
	Dave Gould	_____
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TAKE-DOWN SUNDAY-5

AOS DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

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AOS Dallas Judging Center
August 13, 2022

Six plants entered, two awards given:

Phrag. Ecuagenera Dream 'Oaklynn Rose'

(Sedenii x kovachii)

AM 80 points

exhibitor George Bogard, Rockwall

Den. (not yet registered) 'Survivor Dallas'

(Blue Violetta x Black Cat)

HCC 76 points

exhibitor Daniel Callahan, Dallas



JOIN US

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 Sept, 10th at the Carver Center located at 222 Carver St., Garland, TX 75040.

Visitors are always welcome.