

FEB Orchidist



A NEWSLETTER OF
THE GREATER NORTH
TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

MEETING AT
NORTH HAVEN GARDENS
7700 NORTHAVEN RD,
DALLAS, TX 75230.
FEBRUARY 5TH, 2:30

Preparing for the show



February's speaker will be Emily Quinn and Linda Horton. They will speak on preparing and grooming plants for our show in March.

We will talk about grooming and things you can do to make your plants look their best and things that you shouldn't do.

Everyone should go to the SWROGA website, and look at the plant tags as well as the show schedule and try to have a listing of the plants you think you will put in the show and what class you think they are in. If in doubt, you might bring the plant, or a picture of it, with you.

Remember, if it is not in the right class it might not get judged, and the registration committee will NOT have time to check on each plant as it is getting registered.

We will focus on the show, getting jobs assigned, any needed discussion about plants for displays and so on.

PRESIDENTS LETTER

Karl Varian

The start of 2023 is VERY busy for us all. With this report I plan on VERY briefly reviewing our initial event with the Plano Garden Club on 3 January 2023 and our two up-coming events, The Tri-Center event is on 11 February 2023 and our Orchid Show and Sale on 10 to 12 March 2023.

The presentation "What are Orchids? How do you grow Orchids?" and the plants that we purchased for the Plano Garden Club were very well received. There were lots of questions and I hope maybe we have started / stimulated additional interest in orchids. GNTOS made a little money (funds received for the blooming plants – the cost of the plants, there was no other expense associated with this event) with the remaining plants brought to the GNTOS meeting. The plants were initially offered on the snoopers table and those not sold there were entered as raffle plants. THANK YOU to all for your support.

The Tri-Center Workshop is an event rotated between three AOS Judging Centers, Dallas, Houston, and Louisiana. The event is for those interested in MORE detailed Orchid information and what are award quality orchids. Dallas is hosting the event this year and the theme is "Phalaenopsis Today". There will be three talks: *"Hybridizing Blue Phalaenopsis"*, *"Culture and Presentation of Novelty Phalaenopsis"*, and *"Judging of Novelty Phalaenopsis"* by World renown experts. Cost will be \$60 in person and \$40 for virtual attendance. The cost for in person attendance is a light breakfast, lunch, and the speakers. More information is available on the GNTOS website, <http://gntos.org/tri-center-seminar>.

The 2023 GNTOS Spring Show and Sale is coming soon but there are many things that are still in the planning phase. Many of these items will be discussed at our February meeting, with information available at: <http://gntos.org/gntos-spring-show-and-sale/>. Looking forward to a lively / informative discussion.



Karl

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Linda Horton

January meeting called to order at 12 Noon by President Karl Varian.

Visitors greeting: Rusifore Ray - member years ago, Kathy - new member, Beth, guest came with today's speaker. Used to live in this neighborhood years ago, and two other gentlemen but unable to hear names

Old business - Tricenter workshop sponsored by GNTOS February 11, 2023. Topic will be "Phalaenopsis Today". Open to the public Cost is \$60.00 which includes lunch. Speakers: Peter Lin of Big Leaf Orchids (will have plants for sale), Michael Mims, Blue Ridge Orchids (will have plants for sale, can pre order) and David Edgeley, AOS trustee - experienced orchid grower.

Our Orchid show is March 10-12, 2023 venue is reserved and the initial layout has been completed, with eight vendors. Members will have a table to sell any divisions or orchid pots or other items but still need volunteers to work table. Need volunteers to assist vendors and help set up.

Treasurers report for 2022: \$1,296.00 profit.

The Fort Worth Orchid Society announced that it is having an "Orchid Extravaganza" at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens Rainforest Conservatory, 2/26 thru 4/6/23. There will be hundreds of orchids spread around among the trees, plants and waterfalls. Volunteers needed to escort vis-

itors around to help ID orchids and explain a bit more about orchids to visitors. There will be a big sale of many of the orchids when the show is over.

Speaker: Dotty Woodson "Plant Pests & Diseases".

A few of the interesting points she shared are:

- Greenhouse is a closed space – no natural enemies of pests.
- Favorable environment for pests
- Pests have rapid birth rate
- Some life stages not affected by treatment
- Insecticide/miticide resistance
- Alternate treatments
- Bud blasting usually caused by environmental change.
- Don't plant rhizome under mix.
- Check for pests under leaves, sheaths, base of leaves. Sucking insect under leaves will cause small yellow dots on upper side of leaves.
- Honey dew causes sooty mold. Comes from insects when they eat too much.
- Use yellow sticky cards for flying insects, Spinosad, Orthene, Merit, Safari.
- Miticides: Sultan, Feramite, Ovation, Kantos (systemic) Avid, Tetrasan 1GR, Talstar

21 plants entered for show and tell.

Raffle - Concluded @ 2:17.

Submitted by secretary Linda Horton

AOS DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

AOS Dallas Judging Center
Jan. 14, 2023

Seven plants entered for consideration, three awards given:

- A. Paph. venustum 'Nerdlord Lucien'
HCC 77 points
Exhibitor: Vee Du, Lewisville
- B. Bark. Guerrero Sunrise (prov.)
'Golden Orb'
(Jaliscan Starburst x Firefly)
HCC 76 points
Exhibitor: Robert Marsh, Garland
- C. Bark. Jaliscan Sunset 'Fancy Flight'
(Mary Marsh x Oaxacan Showers)
AM 80 points
Exhibitor: Robert Marsh, Garland

February 11, 2023, will be the Tri-Center Workshop with three speakers, lunch, judging & auction at the: Texas A & M AgriLife Building
17360 Coit Rd., Dallas

Registration is \$60 (please pay in advance so we can get a head count for lunch).



GNTOS Jan. 8, 2023, Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: Sarah Hardesty & Jim Williams

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE (8 entries)

Blue - Slc. Itsy Bitsy - Linda Horton

Red - L. sincorana x purpurata - Judy Cook

White - C. Chocolate Drop 'Volcano Queen' - Linda Horton

DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS (3 entries)

Blue - Den. Hawaii Spectacular - Manny Aybar

Red - Bulb. nilghorensis - Judy Cook

ONCIDIUMS (no entries)

PAPHS & PHRAGS (6 entries)

Blue - Phrag. Inca Embers - George Bogard

Red - Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice - George Bogard

White - Paph. Lealum - Judy Cook

VANDAS & PHALS (4 entries)

Blue - Phal. Chian Xen Diamond - Manny Aybar

Red - Phal. Joy Spring Canary 'Anaconda' - Tim Brown

White - Phal. Lilts Cute Angel - Tim Brown

SPECIES OF THE MONTH

Bark. palmeri - Judy Cook

Paph. callosum 'Pygmy' - Linda Horton

Phal. mannii f. flava 'Martel' - Tim Brown

PEOPLES CHOICE

L. sincorana x purpurata - Judy Cook

Good start for the year - bring your flowers and earn points!

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

- \$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 March 6th meeting or mail: name, address, email and phone #

with your payment to:

Barb MacNamee, Treasurer

909 Sleepy Hollow Drive

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Make check payable to GNTOS.