

# MAY Orchidist



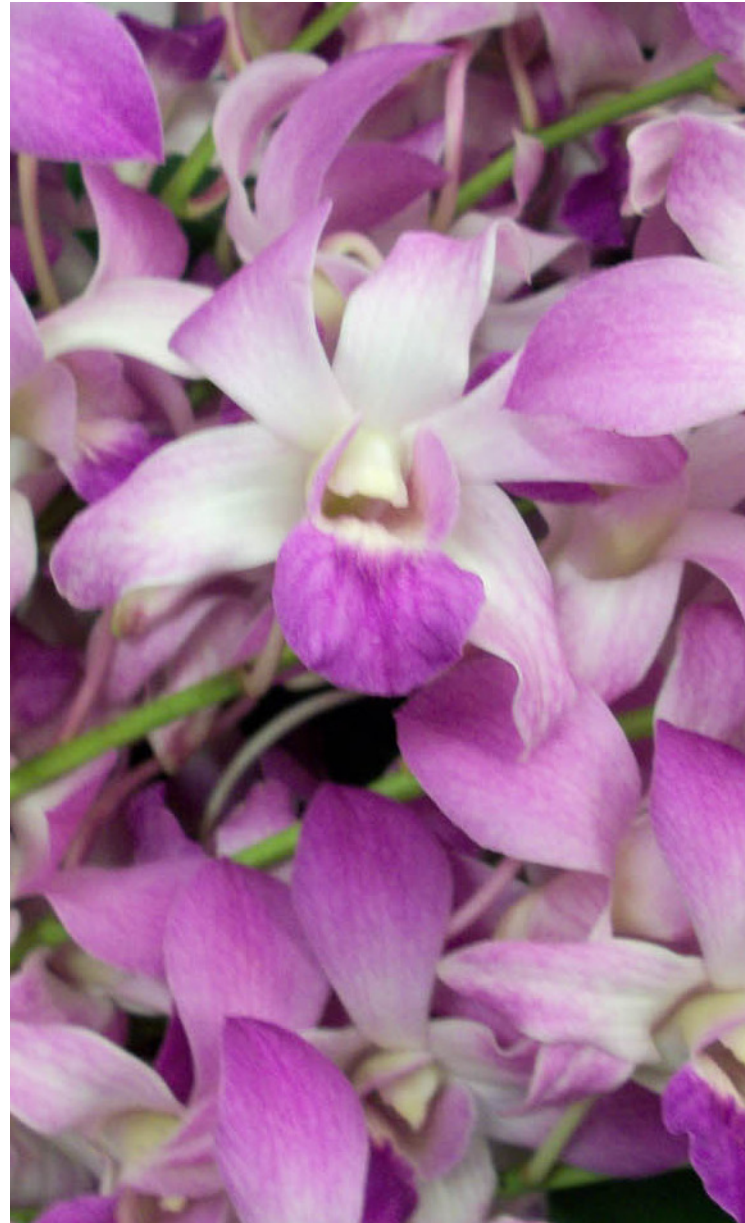
A NEWSLETTER OF  
THE GREATER NORTH  
TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

MEETING AT  
NORTH HAVEN GARDENS  
7700 NORTHAVEN RD,  
DALLAS, TX 75230.  
MAY 7TH, 2:30

# Orchids of the Dominican Republic

Our own, Manuel Aybar is originally from the Dominican Republic (a grower's paradise, as he describes it). He will be speaking on Orchid Species of the Dominican Republic. He has been growing orchids for more than 25 years. The genus that got him started was Dendrobium in which he specializes (phalaenopsis-type).

He has been a member of the American Orchid Society since 1997 and the Greater North Texas Orchid Society since 2000. Manuel Aybar is an Accredited Judge of the American Orchid Society Judging program. His current research includes the orchids of the Dominican Republic, for which he has gone on numerous orchid collecting trips back to his home country. He has been extensively involved in the judging of many



shows around the US, including the Miami International Orchid Show, Redlands Show, Pacific Orchid Exhibition, and most of the southwest region (SWROGA) shows. He has also served as an international judge for Orchid Shows in Taiwan, Peru, Costa Rica, Colombia, as well as the World Orchid Conference (WOC) in Singapore, WOC South Africa.

He is affiliated with the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association (SWROGA), and within this association he serves on the Publications Committee and as the Webmaster for the organization's web site. He has given several orchid seminars throughout the area. He is a regular lecturer for the local orchid societies and visiting speaker for societies around the country.

# PRESIDENTS LETTER

Karl Varian

I am proud of the GNTOS membership for stepping up and pulling off a VERY successful show. 582 attendees were counted over the two days. There were nine vendors with four from outside of Texas. Although the numbers are NOT final, everything points to the show being both a membership drive and financial success. Many relayed to me compliments on how nice the show as well as how well GNTOS membership ran and organized the show. I'm sure we all have memories of the show that will be cherished.

The VERY successful show would not have been possible without the help of ALL that contributed.

I would like to thank everybody that contributed, it could NOT have been done without you.

Looking forward to seeing all on Sunday May 7,  
Karl



## PLANT TABLE JUDGING RESULTS

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GNTOS March 5, 2023, Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: Charles Hess & Karl Varian

### **CATTLEYA ALLIANCE (4 entries)**

Blue - Blc. Fritz Nichols - Kathy Halverson  
Red - C. Regina 'Blue Night' x Lc. Indigo Mist Magic - Mike Beber  
White - Lc. Fire Dancer 'Patricia' - David Gould

### **DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS (4 entries)**

Blue - Den. Australian Robbie - Sarah Hardesty  
Red - Bulbo. tinkabarina - Kathy Halverson  
White - Den. unknown - Kathy Dodson

### **ONCIDIUMS (none)**

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

Blue - Paph Hengduan Sweetheart - George Bogard  
Red - Phrag. Les Varines - George Bogard  
White - Phrag. Court Jester - George Bogard

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

Blue - Phal. Lioullin Preppy Lip - Kathy Halverson  
Red - Phal. Mituo Sun Qin - Lorna Kissling  
White - Phal. unknown - Kathy Dodson

### **SPECIES OF THE MONTH**

Bulbo. tinkabarina - Kathy Halverson

### **PEOPLES CHOICE**

Bulbo. tinkabarina - Kathy Halverson

# AOS DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

*Nancy Cropp*

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AOS Dallas Judging Center  
April 8, 2023

Twenty plants were entered for consideration, and one award was given:

**Phal. Mituo Purple Dragon 'Blue Whale'**  
(LD Purple35 x Mituo Princess 'Blue')  
AM 81 points  
Exhibitor: Peter Lin, Southlake

## JOIN US

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

The next meeting is on May, 13th at the Carver Center located at 222 Carver St., Garland, TX 75040.

Visitors are always welcome.

