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A NEWSLETTER OF  
THE GREATER NORTH  
TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

MEETING AT  
NORTH HAVEN GARDENS  
7700 NORTHAVEN RD,  
DALLAS, TX 75230.  
SEPT 3RD, 2:30

# AOS Greenhouse Chat

This month  
we will have an  
AOS Greenhouse Chat.

If a plant is sad  
do other plants  
photosympathize  
with it?

It is an  
awful crime  
to steal flowers.  
It's de-flora-ble.

You can't  
grow orchids  
...if you haven't  
botany.



# PRESIDENTS LETTER

Karl Varian

Alert: The 'Dog Days of summer' will eventually end. Where does the term 'Dog Days of Summer' come from? After looking this term up in Wikipedia I found the following:

"The dog days of summer are the hot, sultry days of summer. They were historically the period (about 40 days) following the heliacal rising of the star system Sirius (around July 3, known colloquially as the "Dog Star"), which Hellenistic astrology connected with heat, drought, sudden thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs, and bad luck." They are now taken to be the hottest, most uncomfortable part of summer in the Northern Hemisphere.

History says cooler days are on the horizon and I for one in the cold of January next year will be wishing for heat, but NOT NOW. Hope all is well and that you, your friends, pets, and ORCHIDS can put up with a few more days of heat.

Looking forward to seeing all on Sunday September 3 (hopefully cooler), Karl



Nancy  
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GNTOS Aug. 6, 2023, Plant Table Judging Results

Judges: David Gould & Charles Hess

## **CATTLEYA ALLIANCE** (8 entries)

Blue - Lc. Paisley Laura Grace - Jim Williams

Red - unknown - Jay Lim

White - C. Bacteria 'Grape Wax' - Jim Williams

## **DENDROBIUMS & OTHERS** (3 entries)

Blue - Den. Aeidang Blue - Karl Varian

Red - Den. Enobi 'Splash' - Linda Horton

White - Cym. finleysonianum - Jim Williams

## **ONCIDIUMS** (4 entries)

Blue - Miltoniopsis Breathless 'Beauty' - Kathy Dodson

Red - Onc. unknown - Jay Lim

White - Miltoniopsis unknown - Kathy Dodson

## **PAPHS & PHRAGS** (6 entries)

Blue - Paph Song of Love - Karl Varian

Red - Paph. Petula's Wood - Kathy Dodson

White - Phrag. Inca Embers - George Bogard

## **VANDAS & PHALS** (3 entries)

Blue - Papillonanda Motes Purple Majesty - Mike Beber

Red - V. Sweet Pea 'Ruby' - Shane Stewart

White - Rhy. coelestes - Sarah Hardesty

## **SPECIES OF THE MONTH**

Cym. finleysonianum - Jim Williams

Paph. niveum - Linda Horton

Rhy. coelestes - Sarah Hardesty

## **PEOPLES CHOICE**

C. Bactia 'Grape Wax' - Jim Williams

## PLANT TABLE JUDGING RESULTS

# Greenhouse Tour?

It has been a few years since we had a greenhouse tour. Lets see if we can get one set up for this fall. Sunday, October, 22nd seems like a good day. Say 1 to 4:00.

The first thing we need are four or five greenhouses to visit, so if you have a greenhouse or even better a growing area that you grow your orchids in and wish to share, like your backyard or a breezeway or sunroom, contact me and I'll see if we can get enough interest to pull this thing off.

So again, if you have a greenhouse or growing area you wish to put on tour please let me know, and if we get enough interest we can have a fun afternoon of looking at orchids. And asking questions. And sometimes there is wine involved.

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# AOS DALLAS JUDGING CENTER

Nancy Cropp

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AOS Dallas Judging Center  
Aug. 12, 2023

Nine plants entered for consideration,  
two awards given:

**Phal. Mituo Speciosa 'Blue Starfish'**

(LD Bear King x speciosa)

HCC 77 points

Exhibitor Big Leaf Orchids, Southlake

**Phal. Samera 'Pink Diamond'**

(bellina x violacea)

HCC 79 points

Exhibitor Big Leaf Orchids, 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 September, 9th at the Carver Center located at 222 Carver St., Garland, TX 75040.

Visitors are always welcome.