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Great Show, Lafayette

Spring, 2000 SWROGA Show

By Harvey J. Firestone, Show Chairman

Well, the show is over, and it certainly was worth the work that went into it!

ORCHIDS FOR THE MILLENNIUM, the Spring, 2000 SWROGA Orchid Show and Plant Sale, was held at the Best Western Hotel Acadiana, Lafayette, Louisiana, March 3-5, 2000. The Acadian Orchid Society hosted this show. The wonderful facilities and the staff of the hotel helped to make this show a success, but the most credit for this success is given to the members of Acadian Orchid Society who pitched in to plan and execute this show, especially in providing the delicious food for the hospitality room.

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Byron McGraw Honored

By Julius Klehm

At the last SWROGA Meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana on March 4, 2000, Byron McGraw received the "SWROGA Achievement Award" for his many years of dedicated service to not only SWROGA but also to his local Society, the Judging System, the American Orchid Society and his fellow man.

Byron is a charter member of the Central Louisiana Orchid Society (CLOS), which was organized in 1980, and he has served that society 14 years as an officer that included 8 years as President. He was instrumental in Alexandria, Louisiana hosting a SWROGA Show in 1990 and he served as Show Chairman of that Show. He has been Newsletter Editor for the CLOS since the society's organization.

Byron has served SWROGA as President and has been a member of the By-laws and Judiciary Committee for 13 years. During that time, that committee made outstanding strides for SWROGA including revising the By-laws to insure to IRS that SWROGA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the task of educating people about orchids. Later this Committee assembled information to publish a "SWROGA Procedure Manual" which included all procedures that were currently approved by the SWROGA Directors. This manual clarifies the duties for each SWROGA Committee.

Byron has served the Orchid Community as an Accredited AOS Judge since 1990 and is an example of what a Judge should be in his personal life and in the judging community. He has been an active member of AOS and has attended many AOS Trustees Meetings where he has participated on several AOS Committees. Byron serves his community well, as he is a frequent speaker at garden clubs, orchid societies and community activities. He has worked with the AARP's "55 Alive" driving course and the Army and Air Force Exchange Retired Employees Association.

Byron and his wife Doris are long time residents of Alexandria and are active members of "First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ" church. In fact, they were married in that church. Doris has been his soul mate and dedicated/supportive force behind his orchid adventures. Hats off to Byron and Doris for receiving this award, as they are true friends of SWROGA and the orchid community. 

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"We print all the news that fits"

President's Message

Hello SWROGA Members! I would like to be saying this to you in person, but SWROGA NEWS is the next best thing. I WAS able to visit with several of you at the recent SWROGA show in Lafayette and I appreciate all of the support (and suggestions) I have already received.

Speaking of suggestions: I would like to get MANY MORE. If you think something needs changing, we can at least talk about it. If you think something needs adding, we can at least talk about it. If you don't like something being done a certain way, we can at least talk about it. If you would like to serve SWROGA in any capacity, let me know. The only way to effect constructive change is to GET INVOLVED. My e-mail address is lparker@shreve.net. TALK TO ME!

Now for some Thank You's: Thank you, Julius Klehm, for two years of great leadership and for making the transition very smooth. Thank you, Acadian Orchid Society, for a great spring show and meeting. Thank you, Affiliated Societies Committee (and helpers) for a successful auction. Thank you, Malcolm Huval, for being a great auctioneer. And thank you, SWROGA Members, for providing all of the fun and funds to make the auction a success.

Over the next two years I hope to visit many of your societies and talk to you about SWROGA. I never thought I would hear myself saying this, but call me for a program, if you wish, and I'll throw in my explanation of SWROGA benefits for free!

Let's work together to make SWROGA the greatest regional organization in existence.

Lena

Houma

Minutes of the Semiannual SWROGA
General Membership Meeting
Saturday, March 4, 2000
Lafayette, Louisiana

The 78th Semi-annual Meeting of Directors, Officers and Membership of SWROGA was held at 10:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Acadiana in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Julius Klehm, SWROGA president, announced a nomination for Byron McGraw for the SWROGA Achievement Award. He stated the nomination was in accordance with the by-laws and had been approved by the officers via e-mail. The motion was so moved, seconded, and carried. A plaque was presented to Byron in appreciation for his outstanding service. Byron's wife, Doris, was commended for her support of Byron over the years.

President Julius Klehm called the meeting to order and announced the presence of a quorum.

I. Minutes:

The minutes of the 77th Semiannual Meeting, held in Shreveport, Louisiana, on October 23, 1999, were approved as published in the Winter 1999 SWROGA News.

II. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Patsy Webster, Treasurer, Julius read the Treasurer's Report denoting our financial status as of March 3, 2000 as follows:

General Funds, Checking	\$ 8,216.65
General Funds, Savings	11,609.19
Regular Trophy Fund	25,295.80
Strothmann Trophy Fund	<u>4,240.18</u>
	TOTAL \$49,361.82

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasure's report as presented by Julius. Motion carried.

III. Committee Reports

A. Affiliated Societies Committee: 1) Jim Butler announced that there are 19 trophies currently unfunded and that the committee recommended funding all trophies. Jim made the motion that each society contribute \$25 per SWROGA show until all the trophies can be funded, with Memorial trophies still available for funding by individuals. Discussion: A motion was made to table Jim's motion until the next meeting. Included in the motion to table was a request for a written show schedule with the funded and unfunded show trophies listed so the members can discuss it with their societies before voting. Motion to table the main motion was seconded and carried. 2) Julius noted that a list of the funded and unfunded trophies are in the back of the SWROGA show schedule. He stated there are 17 funded trophies and 19 unfunded trophies. Each funded trophy requires an initial \$1,500 deposit with the interest used to purchase the trophy. 3) Comment was made from the floor that many small societies cannot afford to buy trophies, therefore, a financial burden is put on the societies. Since SWROGA encourages all societies to host SWROGA shows, SWROGA needs to assist small societies in funding the trophies. 4) Jim requested that all the members think about items they may have to raffle at the future affiliated societies breakfasts to assist in raising funds for trophies. 5) He reminded the group that the directors previously approved the proceeds of four auctions to be contributed to the AOS building fund. Those auctions will be concluded after the next two SWROGA shows. The Fort Worth SWROGA show was the first auction and raised \$2,500 for AOS. This show's auction will be the second of the four auctions. After the four auctions, the proceeds will be used once again to fund trophies 4) Julius commented that hosts for the 2003 range SWROGA shows are still open.

B. Bylaws Committee: 1) Byron McGraw announced all members were present. The committee welcomes suggestions from any of the SWROGA members on anything that might be in question. The committee will take all suggestions into consideration. 2) The committee discussed the importance of defining in the bylaws, the identity between the Registered Agent and the Registrar and their duties. The Registered Agent has to have an address in Texas as required by the Secretary of State for Texas because SWROGA is a Texas organization. Marvin Gerber is our current Registered Agent.

C. Conservation Committee: 1) Ervin Granier announced that the committee has completed their task of obtaining all of the names of the native grown orchids from all seven states. Thanks was voiced to Larry Magrath for his assistance. The list includes common names as well as what the orchids grown in each state are called. There are handouts and a CD has been generated. Societies are welcome to the information and if they will provide an e-mail

address, Ervine will forward the information electronically. 2) Julius also thanked Carol for typing all the information.

D. Programs and Education: 1) Ninette Maples announced that the programs and education committee is on a roll and hopes to make great progress by the next SWROGA meeting. The committee will be reviewing all slide programs immediately. They will be archiving outdated slides, updating old programs, and establishing new ones. Ninette announced that in the meantime a Greenhouse Video with a repotting demonstration is available and is suitable for Greengrowers meetings. 2) She also reminded the members that the speakers list is available and is being brought up to date.

E. Show Committee: Alice Barrios announced that a check in the amount of \$3,000 has been endowed to fund two trophies. The first is for the Jerry Brandenburg trophy, donated by Jerry and Ronnie Brandenburg, Dallas, Texas, for Class 718, Best Grown Plant in Classes 702 to 716, Miscellaneous Genera. The second is for the Ronnie Brandenburg trophy, also donated by Jerry and Ronnie Brandenburg, for Class 720, Best Flower in Classes 702 to 716, large flower form, Miscellaneous Genera. It was moved and seconded to accept the endowment. The motion carried.

F. Publications Committee: 1) Patsy Boersma gave the report in the absence of Lois Greer who is very ill. She announced that four members were present. 2) She stated that future advertisements will be on the Web page as well as in the SWROGA newsletter, therefore, advertisers will get double exposure of their ads. 3) The committee discussed changing the software used by the Registrar to a more widely used version such as Excel. 2) Patsy reminded the group that the only way the Registrar gets the addresses of new members during the year is through the newsletters sent to her by some societies. She encouraged the societies secretaries to send the Registrar a copy of their newsletters or notification of new members as they join. 3) The committee encouraged all societies to establish a web site. 4) The SWROGA representatives were asked to encourage their society membership to submit articles to be published in the SWROGA news. 5) The committee discussed developing a SWROGA directory with information about members, such as if they like to speak, etc. 6) Steve Eagle was commended by Julius for developing the SWROGA web site which is now up and running. Steve reported that the web page is divided up into several different sections. The complete newsletter, a complete list of all the shows, the officers, committees, continuing functions, a list of all 34 SWROGA affiliated societies, AOS Judging Centers, AOS Trustees Meetings, and Vendor Advertising are now available. Under construction in the web page is the plant registration schedules for Spring and Fall. 7) Steve asked that all the judging centers establish an up to date web site, as well, with a list of all the judges, their addresses, etc. 8) Julius suggested all the societies who have a web page let Steve know what the address is. Steve will then link the page to the SWROGA page. [The SWROGA web page address is:
<http://members.tripod.com/tjmulholland/SWROGA/> (*Be aware that it is case sensitive.*)]

IV. Continuing Functions.

A. Historian: 1) Kathy Wright reported that the society history stories are coming to an end. Central East Texas, Escalante, and Shreveport society histories are all that are remaining to be completed. 2) There are still 35 show schedules missing in the history files. Kathy made a plea for help from the membership in recovering those lost schedules.

B. Show Tags: Ed Wright reported that there have been 17,500 tags sold in the last twelve months, with 2,500 tags sold this year to date. Tags are still furnished at a nickel each and no substantial increase is expected in the near future. Ed thanked the societies for ordering well in advance and sending payment with orders.

C. Registrar: Patsy Boersma gave the registrar report during the Publication committee report.

V. Old Business: Julius reported that a total amount of \$2,500 has been sent to Dr. Wang along with a \$500 matching gift. Dr. Wang is using the money for a variety of orchid research and has submitted a report. Julius read excerpts from the report to the membership.

VI. New Business:

A. Burrel Gamble gave a report on the Fall 2000 SWROGA show to be held in Oklahoma City, October 6, 7, & 8. (*Secretary's note: the OOS web site address is <http://home.swbell.net/disharp/OOS.html>. You can read all about the Fall show there*)

B. A report was given by Boots Farrar on the Spring 2001 show to be held in Monroe, LA, April 6-8 at the West Monroe Convention Center.

C. Julius announced the formation of an adhoc committee, chaired by himself, to completely revamp the "How to Host a SWROGA Show" publication.

D. Election of Records Custodian (Historian). Julius entertained a motion to retain Kathy Wright as historian. The motion was seconded and carried.

E. Election of Auditor. Julius entertained a motion that Wally Boersma be elected Auditor. The motion was seconded and carried.

F. Report from Nominating Committee: Joe Fields read the slate: 1) John Kramer, President Elect; 2) Lois Greer, Vice-president; 3) Carolyn McCabe, Treasurer; 3) Karen Armstrong, Secretary, 4) Doug Harris, Editor. Julius called for nominations from the floor: Ed Wright moved that Patsy Boersma be nominated as Editor. The motion was seconded. A motion was entertained by Julius that the slate of President-Elect, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary be elected by acclamation. It was so moved, seconded and carried. An individual vote was taken on election of Editor. Patsy Boersma was elected by majority vote as Editor.

G. Julius turned the meeting over to incoming president, Lena Parker.

Lena asked for involvement by ALL SWROGA members and called on the membership for volunteers. She announced the chairs of the committees: 1) Affiliated Societies: Boots Farrar, 2) ByLaws: Byron McGraw, 3) Conservation: Ervin Granier 4) Education: Ninette Maples 5) Publications: Patsy Boersma 6) Show Chair: Lloyd Burns. She reminded the group that the Bylaws committee members are appointed. Lois Dauelsberg was asked to accept a 6-year commitment to the bylaws committee. Ed Wright is the third member of the bylaws committee and is in his fifth year of service.

Lena requested the SWROGA directors take five minutes to explain to their society membership the benefits the \$2.00 annual SWROGA dues buys for them.

Carolyn and Ervin Granier donated \$1500 to fund a trophy. Motion was made to accept the donation. The motion was seconded and carried. The specific trophy to be funded will be announced at a later date.

VII. Adjournment

Carolyn McCabe, Secretary
Julius Klehm, President
March 14, 2000



SWROGA WEBSITE

By Steve Eagle

They say that all good things come to those that wait...After a lengthy wait, the SWROGA website is up and running! The site made its debut at the SWROGA business meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana, in February 2000. Since then, it has already found a new home <http://www.swroga.org>.

What started out as a very simplistic idea soon mushroomed into an enormous undertaking. Without the help of Tom Mulholland, I am afraid that I would not be finished yet! Thanks, Tom.

Thus far, the site is divided into eleven sections; an electronic version of the SWROGA News, a list of all shows occurring in SWROGA, Officers, Committees, Continuing functions, Affiliated societies, a listing of biannual meetings, the fall and spring plant registration, a listing of AOS judging centers, AOS Trustees Meetings, and a section listing the banners of those vendors that advertise in the SWROGA News. A new section, a listing of all the native orchids occurring in the SWROGA states, is under construction, and will be added soon. In addition, links to orchid societies, judging centers, officers and committee members are included if that information was available. All links are underlined.

This is the first website that SWROGA has attempted, and as far as I know, the first website for any of the regional orchid groups. Perhaps the other groups will follow suite, and we could build our own orchid web!

Friday was devoted to setting up exhibits and vendor sales areas. Malcolm Huval, one of our members, had laid out both the show area and the sales area using his computer and a CAD-CAM program. This allowed setup with a minimum of confusion - everyone knew immediately where their space was. Also, the judging flowed rather smoothly, there being many judges attending. Eight AOS awards were given.

Saturday began with the member breakfast, followed by committee meetings, after which the business meeting was held. That afternoon Meir Moses spoke on new directions in breeding novelty Phalaenopsis orchids. Following that, Steve Eagle spoke on Oncidium intergenerics, pointing out hybrids that will grow in our warm climate. Later on that afternoon orchid plants and collectibles were auctioned to raise money for the new AOS headquarters. The auctioneer was our own Malcolm Huval. Saturday night we enjoyed a banquet, dining on Stuffed Chicken Breast 'Acadienne' or Seafood Stuffed Snapper. The food was delicious. We were entertained by a quartet from the local chapter of the Sweet Adelines. A good time was had by all.

Sunday was somewhat quieter, and by 4:00 PM everyone was ready to go home. As usual, tear down progressed somewhat faster than set up. Everyone went home tired, but pleased with the experience. ☺

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August 4

Workshop and Plant Sale: Saturday, August 5
Crowne Plaza: Galleria Area

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"There is a very fine line between hobby and mental illness."

Dave Barry

NATIVE ORCHIDS, SURPRISE!

By Byron McGraw

How often have we passed our native orchids and never really observed them? Do you have any idea how many native orchids may be growing near your home? Several years ago, I had a friend pay a visit to my home. He was not a regular visitor. One of his first words was, "I really enjoyed your native orchids on the way here." This was a complete surprise to me, as I had not seen any orchids blooming. I immediately asked, "Where?" He replied, "Growing along the roadway as I turned from the highway." I could hardly wait to go see these native orchids. I wasn't disappointed. Alongside the highway were about twelve or more beautiful little *Spiranthes* (Ladies Tresses). Their spikes held well above the little plants and the grass, which was growing rather tall. My wife and I stood for several minutes looking closely at these little white flowers arranged in a spiral pattern on the inflorescence. They were not the showy orchids that most people expect when you mention that we do have growing native orchids in our state. They are just as interesting when we take the time to enjoy them. I've looked for them every year since but still have not seen them bloom again. Perhaps the mowers cut them down before they bloom, but I think that there are others reasons. I believe this because after observing these I took a look around my yard and found some blooming in the front yard. I also found approximately six plants in bloom near the back of the yard. In order not to disturb these I placed a fence around this group, so that I wouldn't mow them. They haven't bloomed again either, but I look each year and still protect this area.

The *Spiranthes* is the only native I have, but I have observed some *Calopogon* (Grass-Pink) growing in a rather damp area in a friend's yard. Their little heads of delicate pink flowers nodding gently in the breeze. I have also seen the *Platanthera* (Yellow-Fringed orchid) growing in the bogs here in central Louisiana. They are the most spectacular of the native orchids I have seen.

The SWROGA Conservation Committee has been working on compiling a list of native orchids for all of the Southwest Region. Your society should have a copy. Ask for it and try to locate as many of the species as you can. Remember, however, we need to conserve these plants, so please do not disturb them by digging and attempting to grow them in your yard or greenhouse. Most will not survive. They love their freedom. Seeing them growing in their natural habitat is truly a thrill and often a SURPRISE!

WRIGHT THINKING

By Ed Wright

The mailbag has been full of questions about water these last few weeks. All of a sudden, we all seem concerned about quality, quantity and source. I'm not sure we have many answers, but here is a brief discussion of water basics.

Square one: orchids are plants. Somehow, we think orchids are highly selective about food and water. A few are – disas, some phrags, masdealias, for example. For the most part, however, orchids are just hungry, thirsty plants – nothing more. That brings up a point: when plants in the yard miss a rain or two, we unroll the old hose and douse them with what we drink every day. They thank us by growing and blooming. In contrast, when an orchid gets thirsty, we drag out tons of gadgets to conjure up some rare brew or tea. Strange. Even stranger, we spend mega bucks for Reverse Osmosis units to take all the “impurities” out of water, add fertilizer to put most of them back, and think we have done a great stroke for ornamental horticulture. Hmmmmmmm.

Every supplier of drinking water (potable water) must prepare an analysis of his product. Some are worthless overview reports, but most are detailed analyses of water content. Water is rated in three general areas: hardness, pH and TDS. Hardness, for the most part, refers to the amount of Calcium carbonate in the water. Calcium carbonate is simply dissolved limestone the water picks up during runoff. Hardness leaves film on dishes, makes laundry gray and spots plant foliage. It is pesky but not deadly.

pH is a measure of alkalinity and acidity. The range is from 0 through 14, where 0 is highly acid and 14 is highly alkaline. Neutral is 7, and orchids prefer a slightly acid range of 5.6 to 6.2, about the range of tropical rainwater. Nutrients are more readily available when pH values are around 6.0. Stores that sell tropical fish usually stock fairly reliable paper strips for testing pH. Our preference is a small pH meter with pricing from \$50. to \$100. Our favorite is the Hannah Gro-Chek, about \$80, because it uses line voltage rather than pesky batteries. Point is, for the price of 3 or 4 nice plants, you don't have to guess. pH can be lowered with most any acid, even Muriatic or swimming pool acid, but a meter is essential for pH adjustment. Raising pH is rarely a problem but a little baking soda will do the job economically. Always adjust pH of the ready-to-apply solution, after fertilizer has been added.

That leaves TDS, a shorthand term for Total Dissolved Solids. Not much one can do to remove or reduce these, but it is good to know the total level for any water. Where the figure exceeds 200 parts per million, the water analysis should be reviewed by someone who can explain the effect these solids have.

Finally, we're down to rainwater and it is where it should be: as a last resource. Effective collection of rainwater involves catching runoff from structures. In areas where rain is less than an inch per week, collection surfaces build up high levels of impurities. These include exhaust emission products, jet fuel, your neighbor's herbicide, assorted insecticides, bird droppings and insect residue. Put all that in a barrel warmed by the sun and you have a mess. Put it on orchids at your risk and theirs. If you absolutely must use rainwater, add 2 ounces of Clorox per gallon a half-hour before use. At least that will take care of some of the molds and other pathogens in the barrel. As for the chemical residue, you'll just have to hope for the best and the best is none too good. Bottom line for rainwater: it beats nothing by a small margin. Municipal water is far superior to collected rainwater. Rain, as it falls from the sky, is highly beneficial, of course, but the mechanics of opening and closing a greenhouse roof are complex, at best.

Study your water supply until you understand it. Help the quality where you may do so in a reasonable way. Adopt good watering practice: when you put water on an orchid for any reason, drench the plant to flush away residue from previous waterings. Feed lightly but frequently, and flush with plain water after every third feeding. That's water management, an essential part of good growing.

2001 ORCHID ODYSSEY

The huge gala event in Corpus Christi, Texas is getting closer and closer. Have you marked your calendar to be there October 31 – November 4, 2001? The South Texas Orchid Society has a grand party planned, and will be hosting the combined AOS Trustees, SWROGA, ODC and IPA fall meetings with a world-class show featuring all these organizations. The show, meetings, accommodations, etc. will all take place at the fabulous, by then completely renovated, Omni Bayfront Hotel. From the hotel there is an unbelievable view of the bay, yet the hotel is located in the heart of downtown. There will be plenty of space for orchid displays and sales. All that is needed is YOU – to come and enjoy the show and meetings, exhibit your finest plants and maybe buy a few new ones as a special treat.

Contacts are co-chairpersons Herman and Nina Johnson, 6025 Lost Creek, Corpus Christi, TX 78413. Telephone: 361-992-4914 (office) or 361-991-4261 (home). Plan now to participate and contribute. Come early – stay late and enjoy all the good things of an orchid show of a lifetime. See you there.

So you don't know what is the SWROGA thing?

So, you don't even know what that is? Okay, I'll tell you. **SWROGA** stands for the first letter in the following words: **S**outh **W**est **R**egional **O**rchid **G**rowers **A**sociation. So now you say, what is that? It is an organization that was organized in November 1959 (a long time ago for some). It started with 14 affiliated societies and 450 members in three states. Today, we number 34 affiliated societies and serve some 2300 plus membership over seven states. Those states are Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

SWROGA has three main purposes and goals which are: **1)** to promote scientific and education programs related to the study of orchids, their propagation, culture, and development. **2)** To coordinate the interest of members and Orchid Societies in this region in growing and exhibition of orchids. **3)** To identify and conserve native orchids including the preservation of their native habitats.

SWROGA meetings are held twice annually (fall and spring) to afford opportunities to learn from each other and to conduct the business proceedings of the organization, not to mention the social gathering among the friendships that we form from all over.

An Orchid Show is held in conjunction with SWROGA meetings giving plant owners the opportunity to have their prize blooming plant available to be judged in hopes of receiving an AOS award and/or receive a ribbon or trophy in the show.

SWROGA has standing committees that work through out the year on special projects they are assigned or seek to do. Then come together for group discussion and voting. Anyone can attend any of the committee meetings if you would like to learn about them. Some committees are small in number others are not so small.

WHAT DO YOU GET? A portion of your Society dues goes to SWROGA. This helps provide for the continuation of the organization and the publication of the SWROGA News (a newsletter published quarterly and mailed to each and every member. If a member of your society is not receiving the SWROGA News, please contact our new editor, Patsy Boersma, 376 Henderson Schoolhouse Rd. Marshall, TX 75670 at 903 938-9519 home phone or email pboersma@shreve.net and she will see that your name is added to the mailing list. Or you may contact your own

society membership secretary and ask that your name be included to receive the SWROGA News and that your name be sent to the new SWROGA Registrar. You will find in each issue many good articles to increase your knowledge. Currently, Kathy Wright has been writing some society history which has made for very interesting reading. We have some very talented writers in our region that also grow orchids.

Serving you, Mavis Klehm 

"The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above-average drivers."

Dave Barry

SWROGA Historian Report

By Kathy Wright

Our society history stories are coming to an end. In this issue, we have included the Oklahoma Orchid Society history. Coming articles will cover the Orchid Societies of Jefferson Parish, Escalante and Greater North Texas. The remaining two societies will then be Central East Texas and Shreveport. All of our trophy talk articles have been published except for the Doug Chadbourne Memorial and the two Strothmann Trophies. Hopefully, information on the two remaining society histories and the three trophy articles will be forthcoming. Information for our articles must come from the societies and members involved as SWROGA history files simply do not have such detailed material. When information is received, we will be happy to include the articles in SWROGA NEWS.

Forty-three of the seventy-eight SWROGA show schedules are in the history files. These shows, hosted by individual societies began in October 1960 and, except for the early years, SWROGA shows have been held semi-annually. Please help us to complete the file of SWROGA show schedules. We will gladly take originals or duplicates. If desired, we will duplicate the material for the history files and return the original material to the sender. Send material to either Dolores Fields, 516 23rd Avenue North, Texas City, TX 77590 or Kathy Wright, 223 Larkwood Drive, San Antonio, TX 78209-2909.

HOW CAN WE THANK YOU ENOUGH?

The SWROGA Affiliated Societies Committee wishes to extend to each and everyone a most sincere thank you for your participation in the "Orchids For The Millennium" SWROGA Show in Lafayette, Louisiana in March 2000. We had a lovely show and marvelous time visiting with friends from all over the region.

At the breakfast, Mr. Ed Wright of San Antonio presented a very informative talk on the history of how affiliated societies came into being. Now aren't those of you who weren't there sorry you missed it? Ticket sales for door prizes brought in \$196.00.

Roberts MFG donated a solid gold pendent for a door prize at the banquet. Tickets were sold for this drawing, and it raised \$115.00 making a total of \$311.00 to go toward funding of another trophy.

For the Auction on Saturday we had a total of 45 donated items to auction. Donations came from: vendors - J & S Tropical, Orchid Plus, J & M Orchids, It's a Jungle, Orchids by Apperson, Palmer Orchids, Orchids & Moore, Flowering Fingers, Siam Orchids, Roberts MFG, Jewelry by Becky Wilson; individuals - Lena Parker, Boots & Nell Farrar, Julius & Mavis Klehm, Byron & Doris McGraw, Joe & Delores Fields, Joe Firestone, Max Mipro, David Bishop, & Walter H. Barfield; societies - Tulsa Orchid Society, Oklahoma Orchid Society, Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society, Arkansas Orchid Society.

The Auction proceeds grossed \$1,944.00. A donation to the AOS Headquarters and Development Fund from this amount will be sent by our treasurer as per the decision of the Directors in a vote taken in a previous meeting. The exact amount was unavailable at this printing.

Again, I wish to thank each of these and others in their part to help make this SWROGA Show a wonderful success. Our special thanks go to Joe Firestone, Pat Huval and the Acadian Orchid Society in being the host for the show. A most hearty THANK YOU to Malcom Huval who was our auctioneer. He truly did a fabulous job. ☺

"Teasers"

INSTRUCTIONS: Each question below contains the initial of words that will make it correct. Find the missing words.

Example: 16=O in a P Answer: Ounces in a Pound

1. 26=L of the A
2. 7=W of the A W
3. 1001=A N
4. 12=S of the Z
5. 54=C in a D (with the J)
6. 9=P in the S S
7. 88=P K
8. 13=S on the A F
9. 32=D F at which W F
10. 18=H on a G C
11. 90=D in a R A
12. 200=D for P G in M
13. 8=S on a S S
14. 3=B M (S H T R)
15. 4=Q in a G
16. 24=H in a D
17. 1=W on a U
18. 5=D in a Z C
19. 57=H V
20. 11=P on a F T
21. 1000=W that a P is W
22. 29=D in F in a L Y

(answers on page 12)

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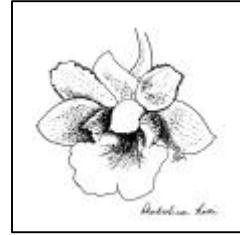
NAME: Dendrobium hosei

PRONUNCIATION: den-DROE-bee-um HO-see-eye

DERIVATION OF NAME: The genus name is derived from the Greek *dendros* (tree) and *bios* (life) and refers to the epiphytic growth habit. The species name honors the Reverend George Frederic Hose, a former bishop of Singapore, Labuan and Sarawak from 1881 to 1908. His collection of Malayan plants including orchids is in Singapore with duplicates housed in Calcutta and Kew.

PLANT DESCRIPTION: Dendrobium hosei has canes up to 60 cm long with internodes 1.2-2.0 cm apart. The plants are usually rather bushy with the slender stems growing close together. The narrow leaves taper evenly and slightly and measure 9 cm long, 1 cm wide. There are one or two flowers measuring about 1.5 cm across. They are greenish when they first open, but become pale yellow with the lip a deeper yellow with 9 or 10 prominent, raised, orange-yellow veins on the midlobe of the lip and brownish veins on the side lobes. The short mentum is about 5 mm long. Dorsal sepal 5 x 3 mm. Petals 2 mm wide. Lip 1.0 overall length, side lobes triangular, acutely pointed, midlobe abruptly widened from 3.5 to 7 mm, the apex broad with a short point. Some self-pollinating plants have a small additional anther on either side of the normal anther. In variety *pelor* there is an abnormally shaped lip, no mentum and a flap in front of the stigma. It is also self-pollinating.

ORIGIN: Borneo and is a fairly common epiphyte in Pahang.



Answers to teasers -

1. Letters of the Alphabet
2. Wonders of the ancient world
3. Arabian Nights
4. Signs of the Zodiac
5. Cards in a deck (with the joker)
6. Planets in the solar system
7. Piano keys
8. Stripes on the American flag
9. Degrees Fahrenheit at which water freezes
10. Holes on a golf course
11. Degrees in a right angle
12. Dollars for pass go in Monopoly
13. Sides on a stop sign
14. Blind mice (see how they run)
15. Quarts in a gallon
16. Hours in a day
17. Wheel on a unicycle
18. Digits in a zip code
19. Heinz Variety
20. Players on a football team
21. Words that a picture is worth
22. Days in February in a Leap Year

BROS

SWROGA FALL 2000
By Burrel Gabel

The Oklahoma Orchid Society is looking forward to the October 6-8 SWROGA Show, sales, and General Meetings in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Orchid Society is celebrating 50 years of society activity and has chosen the theme, 'Golden Anniversary of Orchids'.

All show events will be located at the Hotel and Convention Center located north of the State Capitol Building at 4345 N. Lincoln Boulevard.

Plan to see some of the sights central Oklahoma has to offer, including the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, Botanical Tube (a huge glass tube bridging a lake), Murrah Bombing Memorial, Bricktown and canal boat rides, horse racing, Omniplex, baseball and a great zoo.

For further information contact Burrel Gabel, Show Chairman, at 2305 Lakewood Dr., Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018.
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73018

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Oct. 6

8:00 - 5:00	Check-in, Show & Sales Setup Hotel registration, Hospitality Room
1:00 - 5:00	Plant registration
5:30 - 7:00	Judges dinner
7:00 - ?	Judging

Saturday, Oct. 7

7:30	Affiliated Societies Breakfast & Raffle
9:00	SWROGA Committee Meetings
9:00 - 5:00	Hospitality room open
10:00 - 5:00	Show & sales open to public
10:30 - 12:00	SWROGA Directors & Membership meeting
1:00 - 2:00	Speaker
2:00 - 3:00	Speaker
3:00 - 3:30	Speaker
4:00 - 5:00	Auction Preview
5:00 - 6:00	Auction
6:30 - 10:00	Banquet

Sunday, Oct. 8

9:00 - 4:00	Show & sales open to public
9:00 - 4:00	Hospitality room open
4:00 - 5:00	Dismantle

Contact Burrel Gabel, Show Chairman
2305 Lakewood Dr.
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ANAGRAMS

An anagram, as you all know, is a word or phrases made by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase. The following are exceptionally clever. Someone out there either has way too much time on their hands or is deadly at Scrabble!!!

<u>Word/Phrase</u>	<u>Rearranged</u>
Dormitory	Dirty Room
Desperation	A Rope Ends It
The Morse Code	Here Come Dots
Slot Machines	Cash Lost in 'em
Mother-in-law	Woman Hitler
Snooze Alarms	Alas! No More Z's
A Decimal Point	I'm a Dot in Place
The Earthquakes	That Queer Shake
Eleven Plus Two	Twelve Plus One
Contradiction	Accord Not In It
Astronomer	Moon Starer

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Calendar of Events

Upcoming Shows

May 13 – 14

GNTO Show
Richardson Civic Center
411 W. Arapaho Road
Richardson, Texas
John Gilmer, 972-271-9494

May 5 – 7

Terrebonne OS Show
Southland Mall
3038 W. Park Avenue
Houma, Louisiana
Ashley Matherne, 504- 594-4050

June 2 – 4

New Orleans OS Show
Lakeside Shopping Center
3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd.
Metairie, Louisiana
Max Mipro, 504-895-1115

SWROGA Meetings

Fall, 2000 (Oct. 6 – 8)

Oklahoma OS
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Clarion Hotel & Conference Center
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Lowell McCabe, 405-899-4228

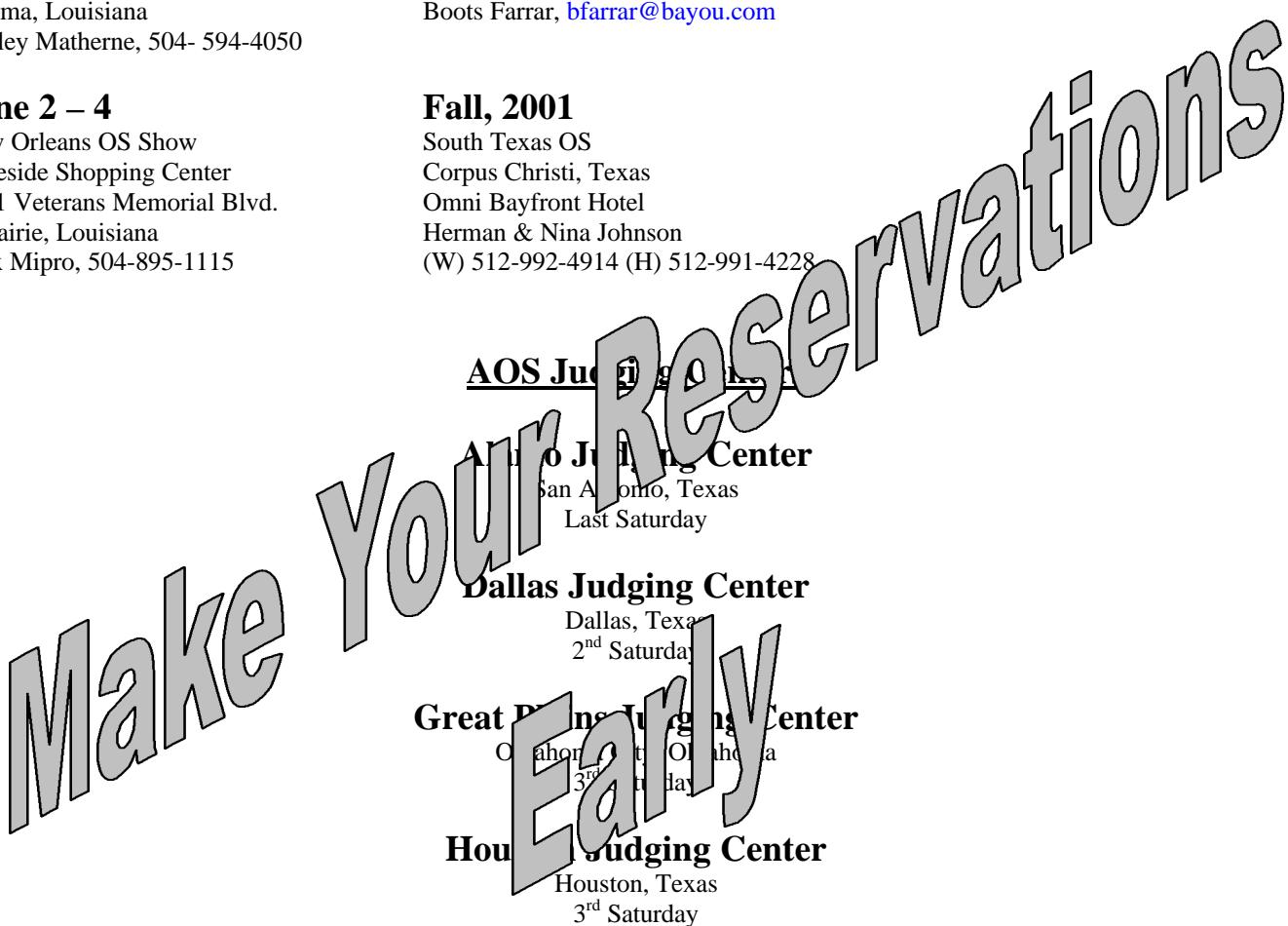
Spring, 2001

Northeast Louisiana OS
Monroe, Louisiana
West Monroe Convention Center
Boots Farrar, bfarrar@bayou.com

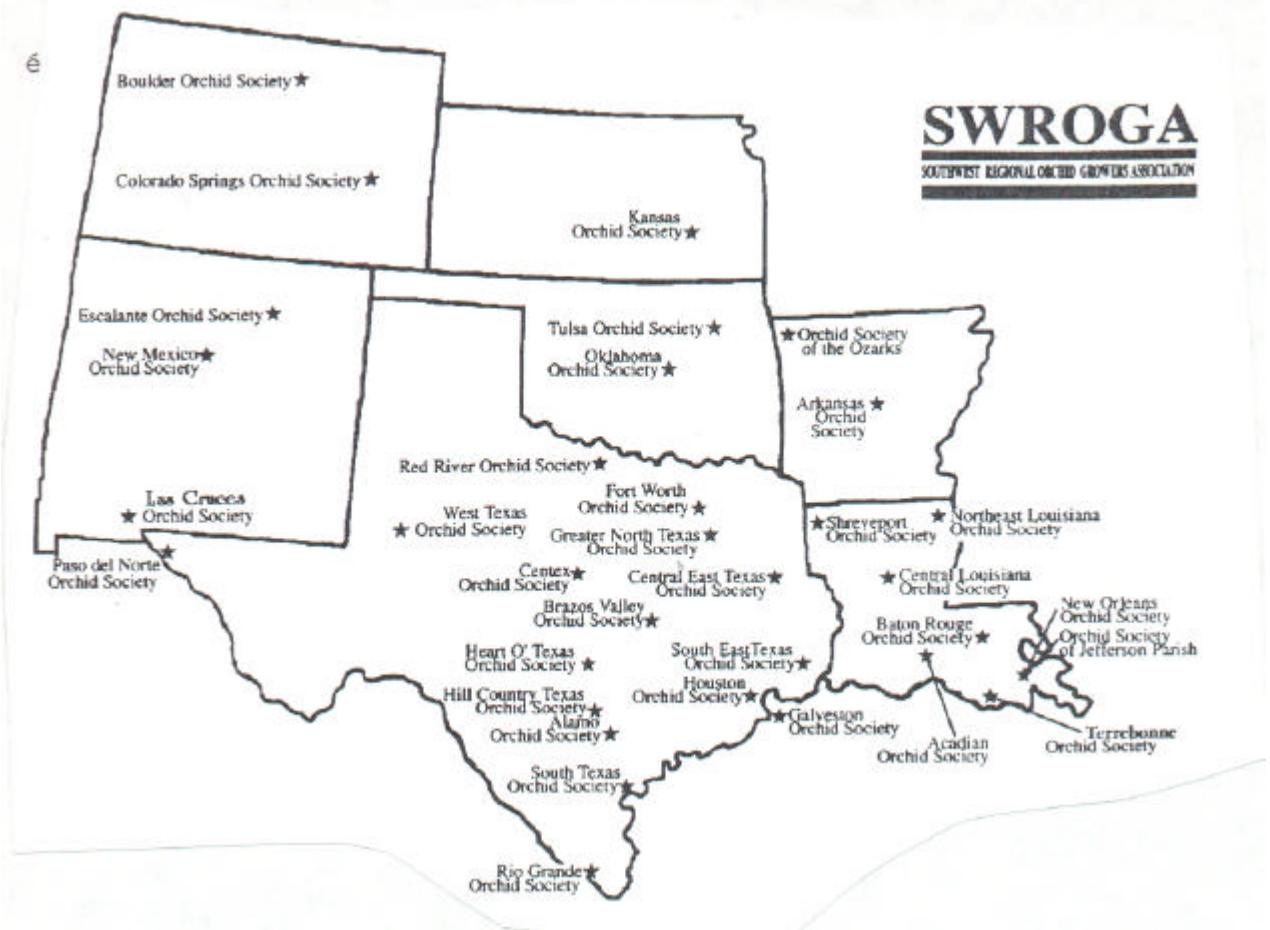
AOS Meetings

Fall, 2001 (Oct. 31–Nov. 4)

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Corpus Christi, Texas
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