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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

Note from the SWROGA Affiliated Societies Committee.

Sure hope you have made your reservations to attend the 2001 Fall SWROGA Meeting, October 31 - November 4, 2001. It is in Corpus Christi, TX at the Omni Bayfront Hotel. (hotel # 361-887-1600). For show registration, contact persons are Herman & Nina Johnson, 933 Airline, Corpus Christi, TX 78412. Phone 361-992-4914 office or 361-001-4261. Email address is HYPERSLINKmailto:hjnj@aol.com.

As a reminder, the AOS Affiliated Societies will be handling the Breakfast arrangements on Saturday. All SWROGA members are encouraged to attend. SWROGA Committee Meetings will be on Friday, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM instead of our usual time on Saturday. On Saturday, AOS Annual Meeting will be 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM and the General SWROGA Membership Meeting will immediately follow (10:45AM to 12:00 Noon). You are encouraged to attend both these meetings. See you there!

Mavis Klehm

CENTRAL EAST TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY

By Kathy Wright

The Central East Texas Orchid Society was organized October 4, 1959 at the home of Mrs. Boyd Carter, in Palestine, TX. There were six members present. The first president was Mr. L. A. Wallace of Tyler; vice president, Mr. Clyde Foster of Marshall; treasurer, Mr. B. P. Cook of Tyler; secretary, Mrs. L. R. Driggers of Tyler; and program chairman, Mrs. Boyd Carter. In all, there were 12 people present, eight of whom were members of AOS. Other early members were Mr. Loggins, Pat Ferguson, James Rozell, Mrs. Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Muntz. Mr. Joe Meador of Whitewright and Mrs. Carter contributed to the early meetings, sharing their knowledge of orchids with the society. In 1960, the society affiliated with AOS and SWROGA. Upon their first anniversary, the society membership had grown to 24. The group currently meets the third Sunday afternoon at the Tyler Chamber of Commerce. The 36 current members reside in Tyler, Smith and adjoining counties.

Central East Texas is a beautiful area with Queen Anne-style Victorian, Greek revival and Colonial Revival architectural treasures. Tyler, TX was chartered in 1847, named for U. S. President John Tyler. The diversified area economy is based upon oil, manufacturing and agriculture. However, a most famous product is the Tyler rose – both as a flower and as a rosebush. The municipal 14-acre Rose Garden is the nation's largest rose showcase, featuring 38,000 rose bushes representing nearly 500 varieties. Roses are at their floral peak May through November. Although Tyler holds "flower power" with roses, the late Maurice Shamburger, Smith County's first landscape architect, introduced garden-quality azaleas to the area in 1929. Dazzling azaleas of many colors can be seen on a self-guided 7.5-mile trail that meanders past more than 150 residential gardens. These gardens are located in the designated azalea district, a historic section known for its red-brick streets and green thumb residents. Believe me, it is worth the trip – a delightful orchid society meeting and gorgeous surroundings.

Historian's note: A most sincere thanks to Joan Blackstone for her gracious assistance with this article.

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President's Message

Hello SWROGA Friends,

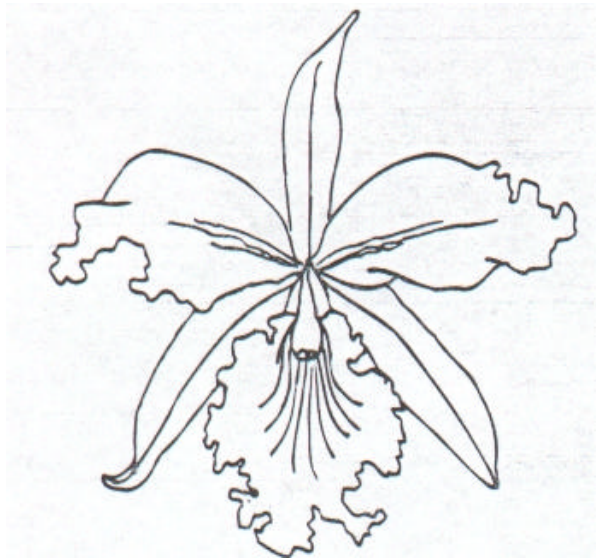
If you missed the spring SWROGA show in Monroe, you missed a great show, superb hospitality, and an outstanding party and SWROGA auction. Thank you, Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society for doing your usual great job!

I've recently talked to Nina Johnson, a co-chair of the fall AOS meetings and SWROGA show. She tells me that plans are in place for a fun event in Corpus Christi October 31 – November 4. All of the details about the show will be in the next SWROGA NEWS; however, there is one thing I would like to mention now: the SWROGA committee meetings will take place on **Friday afternoon**, not on Saturday morning after breakfast as usual. I believe the time is schedule for 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.

Speaking of **SWROGA committees**, would YOU like to serve on one? We certainly need more people to get involved. If you would like to help make SWROGA a stronger organization, more representative of its membership, just contact me and let's talk.

Meantime, have a great summer!

Lena Parker,
President



**Winter Issue Deadline
December 3rd, 2001**

SPECIAL ALERT FOR GULF AREAS

Super hot weather in the southern part of SWROGA land has alternated with heavy rains. This combination encourages development of mosquitoes as well as just plain bugs. Cleanliness in the greenhouse will go a long way toward controlling pests and diseases. This year, however, we need to be especially careful to eliminate nesting areas insects can use. It is easy to dump standing water but in a greenhouse, we frequently have water close under gravel and other floor covering material. Make sure there is a way for floor water to drain outside the greenhouse into an area where it can be absorbed. Then make certain that all drains are free and clear. If mosquitoes are a problem in and around the greenhouse, spray walls, floors, plants and benches with a good general purpose insecticide such as Diazinon or Malathion. Repeat in accordance with instructions as needed to gain control. We don't mean to be alarmist about this but we're hearing talk of afflictions like West Nile disease, encephalitis and dengue fever in the Gulf area. Mean customers all, we certainly don't want any SWROGA folk falling victim to them.

Ed Wright

Orchid Odyssey

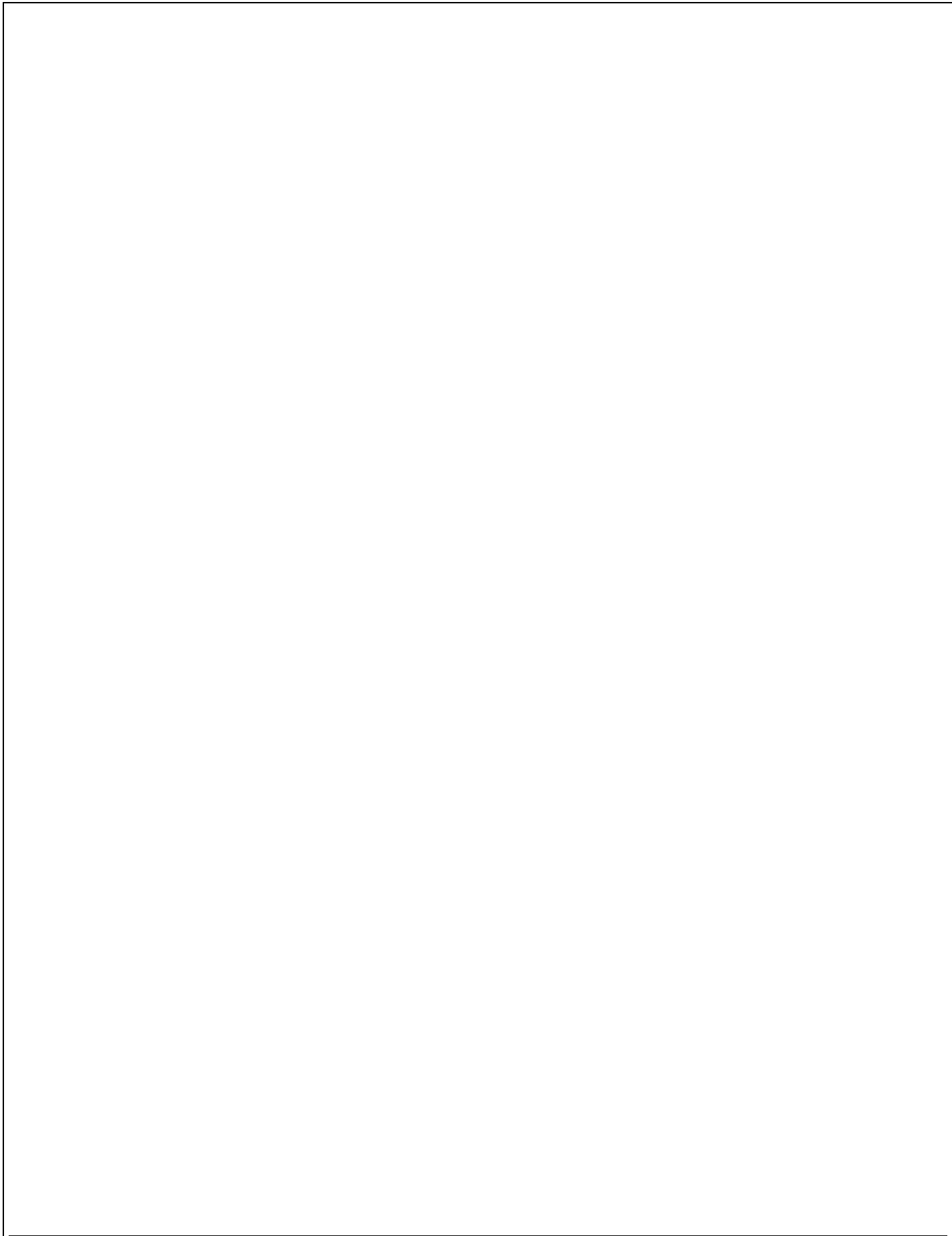
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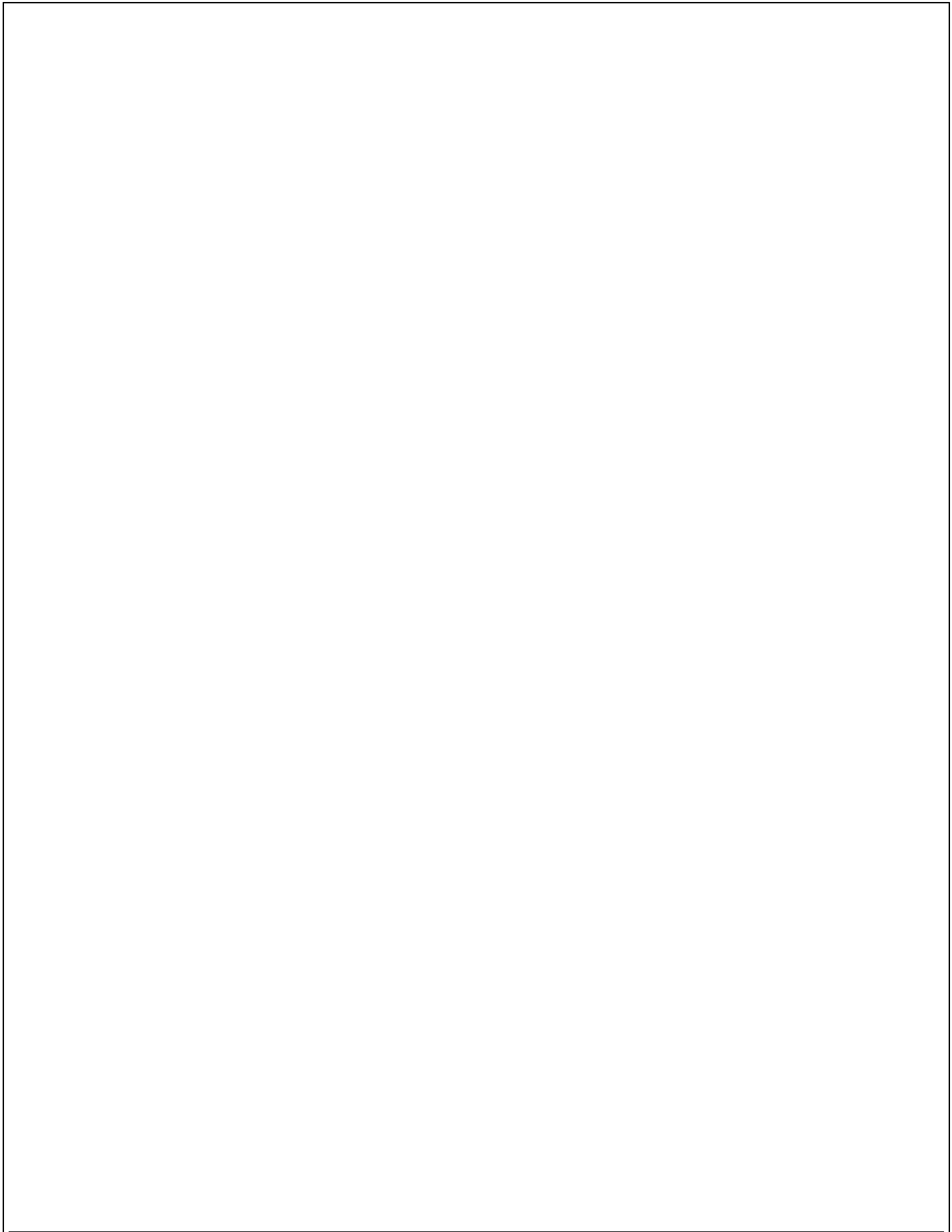
A lengthy journey
To the southwest coast.
Let's raise our glasses
And propose a toast!

To that which binds us
In so many ways,
While we come together
For just a few days.

Some to teach,
Many to learn,
All to share
Our mutual concern.

But think a moment
And tell me true –
What inspires more
Than just a few
To give so unselfishly
Of their time and hearts, too.





WRIGHT THINKING

By Ed Wright

SZZZZZZZZZZLE a welcome goodbye to summer! Fall is whispering on the wind and the great Corpus Christi show is almost upon us. Good time to push back and think about our plants. The first order of business should be a good bath for the whole greenhouse, plants and all. The largest things can be moved outside as the weather moderates, leaving us room to probe dark corners for areas in need of an extra scrub or two. A little repair work now can save a lot of repair work later, so lets splice that bench top or replace frayed wires and leaky plumbing.

A 10% Clorox solution is effective for algae removal and kind to the plants when a splash or two wets a leaf. A drop or two of liquid soap in a gallon of bleach water improves ease of use and effectiveness for us. We like to spray this solution copiously on both frame and glazing so all the dirt and a bug or two will be washed down to floor level. Many insects lack sufficient energy to crawl back up and reestablish so washing down is a good preventive treatment.

When the structure is clean, we like to clean the plants. A teaspoon of dishwashing detergent in a gallon of water will provide a cleansing shower. It is important to clean the underside of each leaf in this cleanup. Sure, the top side is more cosmetic and will make your plant look better. The stomata, however, are on the bottom side of the leaf and that is where most of the gas exchange occurs to provide the plant with Carbon – an essential for good growth.

As plants are cleaned, inspect them for general condition and set them aside to be tended. All things being equal, we prefer to repot in the spring when new growth is bringing vigor to the whole plant. Still, if the mix is breaking down or insects are seen in unusual numbers, we go ahead and pot in the fall. A plant that really needs to be repotted will be so much better off in new medium we might as well go ahead and do the whole job.

We see a new potting medium every third Thursday, and hasten to warn all who will listen that the biggest risk to trials of new media seems to come from continually agitating the plants – not what they are grown in. We're in bark (again) and glad to be. For small stuff we'll add a bit of peat, maybe some sphagnum. Right out of the flask, we like straight sphagnum but you can't leave the little guys in sphagnum very long. By nature, sphagnum traps nutrient salts and nutrient salts behave ---well, nutriently. As water is used or evaporates, the salts left behind become more and more concentrated. Sphagnum hold this ever-saltier residue until it begins to burn roots and tender growth. Flushing the pots will help but the buildup in sphagnum is never fully leached. Bottom line: seedlings enjoy sphagnum as a transitional medium from flask to other media but long term residence in sphagnum does not produce the best growth.

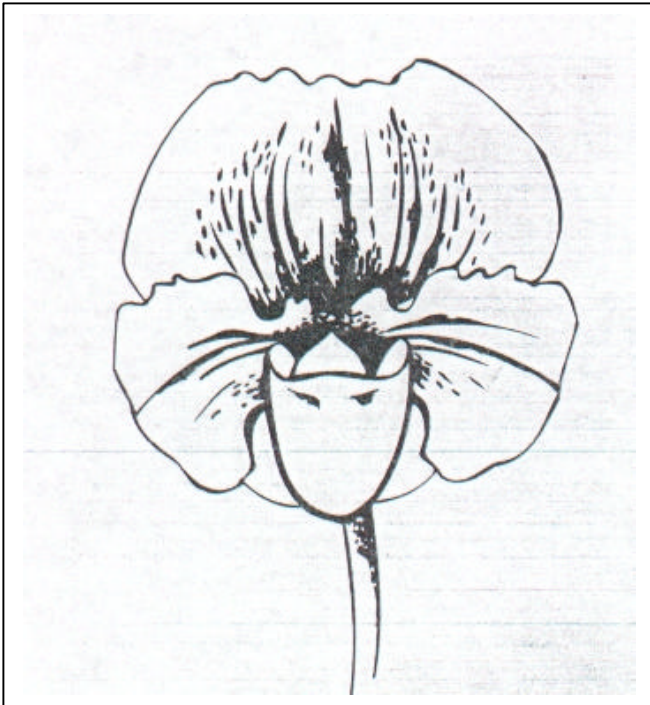
Whatever we decide about repotting, everything should be super clean: the plant, the pot, the medium and the crock in the bottom of the pot. Even tags and hangers should be washed in bleach water before use. We're going to seal the greenhouse pretty tightly for winter and we want to seal in nothing but the good stuff. Insects and disease pathogens must be washed away to insure a nice home for the winter rest. Work at the great fall cleanup as the days become crisp. When the job is done, both greenhouse and plants will look and be at their best. Then you can come help me do the same with mine.

Check out the SWROGA website at www.SWROGA.org

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means an ad on our website. You get two
for the price of one.
Societies get a FREE ¼ page ad for
upcoming shows.**



Questions That Make You Wonder?

Why is it considered necessary to nail down the lid of a coffin?

Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?

Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?

Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?

Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?

Why is it that rain drops but snow falls?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the third hand on a watch called second hand?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why is the work dictionary in the dictionary?

Why isn't there a special name for the tops of your feet?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance the little indestructible black box is made of?

Why is a boxing ring square?



*Oklahoma
Orchid Society*
invites
all orchid lovers to our
Show and Sale
October 6-7, 2001
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Will Rogers Garden Center
3400 N.W. 36th
Oklahoma City

THE SWROGA LEXICON

BY

GLENDIA McINTOSH

NAME: *Scaphyglottis prolifera*

PRONUNCIATION: scaf-ee-GLOT-is pro-LEEF-e-rah

SYNONYMS: *Epidendrum proliferum*, *Isochilus prolifera*, *Ponera prolifera*, and *Scaphyglottis cuneata*.

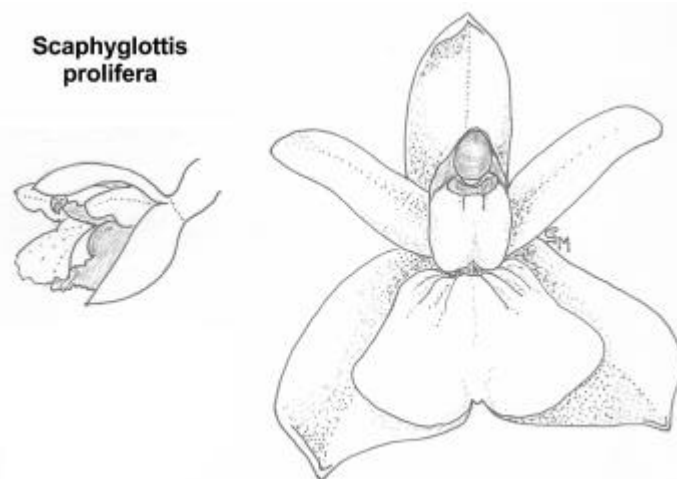
DERIVATION OF NAME: The generic name describes the lip of the flower when viewed from the side using the Greek words *scaphe* (bowl) and *glottis* (lip). The species name comes from the Latin adjective *prolifer* which means bearing progeny as off shoots and probably refers to the multiple secondary stems.

DESCRIPTION: *Scaphyglottis prolifera* is a medium sized epiphyte growing to 20 cm tall. The stems are numerous, cylindrical to narrowly fusiform, short stalked, partly enclosed in sheaths when young, 9 cm long, 4 mm in diameter. Secondary stems produced 1-4 together at the apex of the stem below, often developing aerial roots at the base; sheaths papery, the upper 1 or 2 bearing small leaflets. Two leaves at the apex of the secondary stems, more or less spreading, oblong, broadly rounded tips, up to 5.5 cm long, 9 mm wide. Inflorescence short, 1-several branched; branches 1-2 flowered, each with several obtuse bracts. Flowers open all together. Sepals and petals white; sepals to 5.5 mm long, 2 mm wide; dorsal sepal erect, somewhat concave; lateral sepals spreading above the middle; petals spreading, up to 5 mm long, 0.7 mm wide. Lip joined to column foot, white sometimes marked with purple, narrow and channeled below the middle, more or less fan shaped and deflexed above, with a green bi-lobed callus at the point of deflection, slightly notched at the apex, up to 6 mm long, 3.8 mm wide near the apex. Column pale green tipped with purple, up to 5 mm long.

DISTRIBUTION: Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, West Indies, Belize, and Trinidad.

HABITAT: Grows on trees in moist forests and citrus plantations.

FLOWERING SEASON: December to March. Flowers last for 10 days.



A BIT OF SWROGA HISTORY AND LORE

By Kathy Wright

Time flies when you're having fun. It's hard to believe that it has been 10 years since we have updated SWROGA happenings, so here goes:

SWROGA SHOWS

NR	DATE	SHOW SITE	LOCATION
#70	Mar 8 -10, 1996	Texas Pacific Railroad Station	Fort Worth, TX
#71	Oct 31 - Nov 3, 1996	North Little Rock Community Center	Little Rock, AR
#72	Mar 21 - 23, 1997	Botanica	Wichita, KS
#73	Oct 3 - 5, 1997	Sandy Shores Beach Hotel	Corpus Christi, TX
#74	Apr 3 - 5, 1998	Tulsa Garden Center	Tulsa, OK
#75	Nov 13 - 15, 1998	Richardson Civic Center	Dallas, TX
#76	Mar 5 - 7, 1999	Holiday Inn North	Fort Worth, TX
#77	Oct 20 - 24, 1999	Shreveport Convention Hall	Shreveport, LA
#78	Mar 3 - 5, 2000	Best Western Hotel Acadiana	Lafayette, LA
#79	Oct 6 - 8, 2000	Hotel & Convention Center	Oklahoma City, OK
#80	Apr 6 - 8, 2001	West Monroe Convention Center	Monroe, LA
#81	Oct 31 - Nov 4, 2001	Omni Bayfront Hotel	Corpus Christi, TX

SWROGA PRESIDENTS

For this period include:

1996 - 1997	Joe Fields, Texas City, TX
1998 - 1999	Julius Klehm, Houston, TX
2000 -	Lena Parker, Shreveport, LA

Other officers included: Treasurer, Patsy Webster and Carolyn McCabe; Editor, Lois Greer and Patsy Boersma

*Don't miss the fun and orchids by the Gulf in
Corpus Christi!*

Treasurer's Corner

All of our Trophy funds are now in CDs and savings accounts at Bank One. I have made the appropriate adjustments of earned interest between general funds and trophy funds. All of our General Funds are in a CD, a savings, and a checking account at ARVEST Bank.

Our biggest expense out of general funds this quarter was the SWROGA newsletter with a cost of \$1,323.28. That cost was defrayed by two paid ads totaling \$275.00 for a net cost of \$1,048.28. We have a reserve at the Bossier Post Office of over \$500 now, so effectively our next mail out is paid for leaving us only with the expense of the printing for this newsletter.

Our only trophy fund expense was \$730 for the South Texas Orchid Society SWROGA Show trophies.

A complete semi-annual report will be available at the Fall SWROGA Directors meeting in Corpus Christi. I will also have a prototype of the proposed new Annual SWROGA Membership Directory available for your review and comment.

Account Balances as of August 12, 2001:

General Funds	\$22,041.60
Trophy Funds	<u>37,105.04</u>
Total	\$59,146.64

Your Treasurer,
Carolyn McCabe

Things That Work

Flies or bees bothering you? Spray them with hairspray, and they will take a quick dive.

Sealed envelope – Put in the freezer for a few hours, then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed. (hmmmmmm.....)

Permanent marker on appliances/counter tops (like store receipt BLUE!) Use rubbing alcohol on a paper towel.

Use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for inside. This way you can tell which side has the streaks. Straight vinegar will get outside windows really clean. Don't wash windows on a sunny day. They will dry too quickly and will probably streak.

Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator, and it will keep for weeks.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Greaux Orchids

Sept. 21 – 23, 2001
Shreveport Orchid Society
Barnwell Art and Garden Center
Shreveport, Louisiana
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A Bountiful Orchid Harvest

Sept. 21 – 23, 2001
Acadian Orchid Society
Holiday Inn Holidome
2032 NE Evangeline Thruway
Lafayette, LA 70509
Harvey Firestone
337-981-1978

Show and Sale

Oct. 6 – 7, 2001
Oklahoma Orchid Society
Will Rogers Garden Center
3400 N.W. 36th
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Orchids by the Bushel

Oct. 12 –14, 2001
Greater North Texas Orchid Society
Richardson Civic Center
411 W. Araapaho Road
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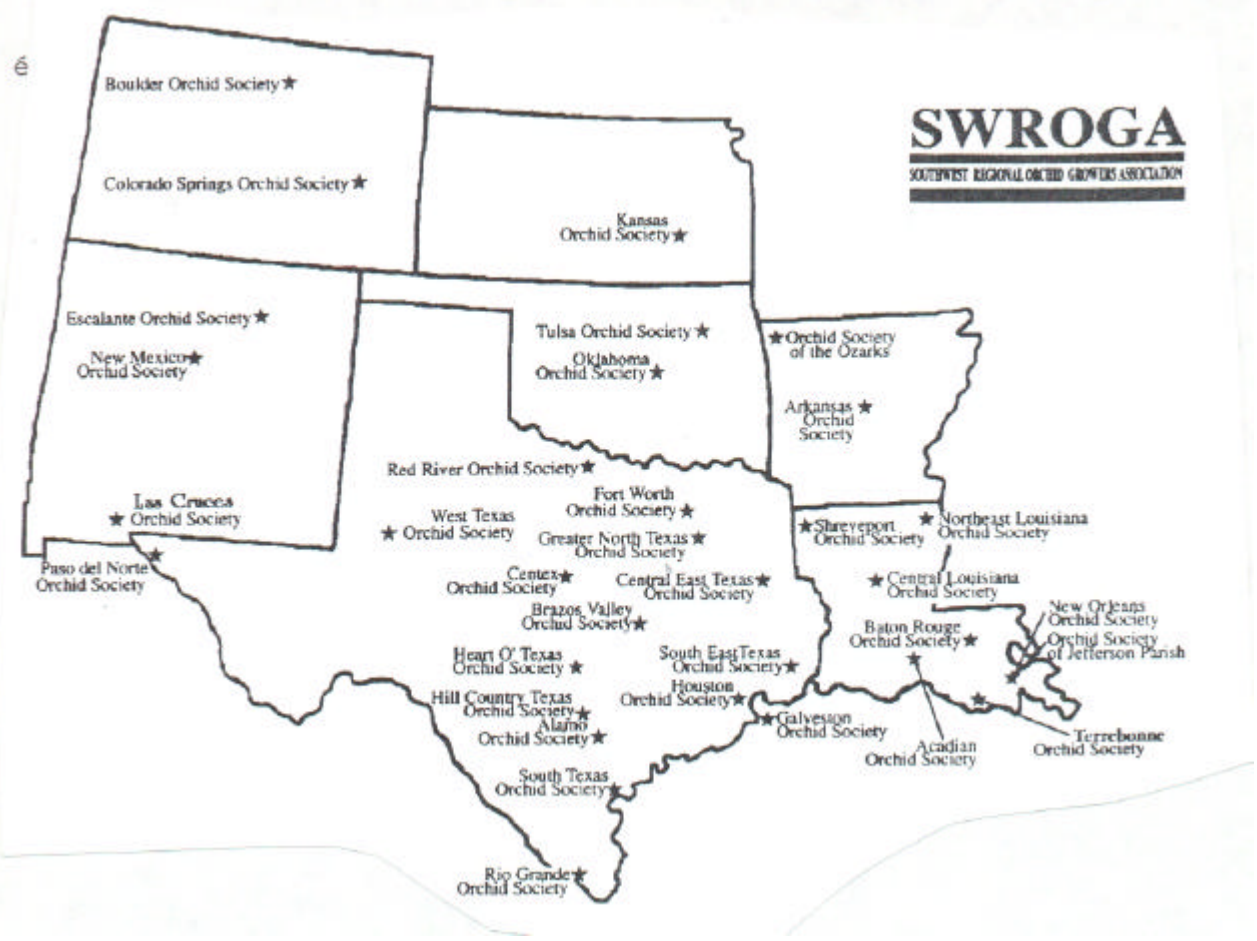
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SWROGA Meeting and Show

March 1 –3, 2002
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