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MESSAGE FROM MAVIS

Our next meeting is just around the corner (April 22-26). Houston is looking forward to receiving all of you for the combined AOS and SWROGA Meetings. We'll be joined by IPA, Odontoglossum Alliance and Slipper Alliance.

See our website for more details and who to contact- the registration forms were in the Winter 2008 print version of the SWROGA News and are also available on the website (<http://www.swroga.org>) Plans are well underway for your enjoyment.

The weather should be mild and pleasant, since our rain is behind time at the point of this writing so hopefully we should be getting a few showers soon.

Have a good trip,
Mavis

Come to the SWROGA Members
meeting
on Saturday morning April 25th
and win a really big plant! Or one in bloom! Or both!

The Affiliated Societies Committee would welcome donations of large and/or blooming plants for the raffle to take place at this meeting only! If you do have a suitable donation, please contact Doris McGraw at omie2133@aol.com or 318-640-4732.

If you don't have a plant to donate, come anyway, buy a raffle ticket, and win something!

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“We print all the news that fits”

Treasurer's Corner

February 1, 2009

DUES FOR 2008 ARE NOW DUE. The dues are still seventeen (\$0.17) cents a month per member for a total of \$2.00 each per year. **TREASURERS.** If you haven't sent your dues for last year yet, please do so as soon as possible. As of this date, there are five societies delinquent.

The Red River Orchid Society sent an endowment of \$2,500.00 for a trophy dedicated to MC and Catherine Parker. The operating fund was reimbursed \$2,500.00 for the trophy as previously approved. There are now 18 trophies endowed or pledged. ALL OTHER ESTABLISHED TROPHIES AND/OR ADDED TROPHIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ENDOWMENT.

Following are the financial activities since the Semi-Annual Treasurer's report dated September 30, 2008:

Operating Fund Receipts:

1. Interest earned	\$ 71.57
2. Newsletter Ads	\$ 105.00
3. 2008 Membership Dues	\$ 1,249.00
4. Show Tag Sales	\$ 160.00
5. Reimbursement to Gen. Fund for Funded Trophy	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>

Total Operating Fund Receipts: \$ 4,085.57

Operating Fund Expenses:

1. Postage for show tags	\$ 15.40
2. Newsletter Postage and Printing	<u>\$ 774.11</u>

Total Operating Fund Expenses \$ 789.51

Research Fund:

1. Interest earned:	<u>\$ 66.51</u>
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No Research Fund expenses were incurred.

Trophy Fund Receipts:

1. Interest earned:	<u>\$ 630.52</u>
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Trophy Fund Expenses

1. Trophy Assistance for Houston Orchid Society spring show	\$ 1,260.00
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SWROGA Funds on hand as of close of business February 1, 2009:

General	\$ 22,398.02
Research	\$ 9,598.92
Trophy	<u>\$ 76,095.93</u>

Total \$ 108,092.87

**Your SWROGA treasurer,
Carolyn McCabe**

SWROGA Show Hosts Needed!!!!!!

The Affiliated Societies Committee is asking for your help. Host Societies are needed for the Fall Show and Meeting of 2010 and the Spring and Fall shows for later years.

The process is easy:

Write to President Klehm asking to host the Fall show of your choice AFTER getting approval of your dates from the Chair of your AOS Judging Center. Get your letter in soon so that it can be acted upon at the Spring Meeting in Houston, Texas on April 22-26, 2009.

Include the following information in your letter:

- 1) a statement of the approximate time of the show and the city in which it is to be hosted.
- 2) A statement that your Society understands that it must abide by the rules, regulations, and schedule of the Show Committee currently and as may be may be amended.
- 3) A statement acknowledging that the Society has no authority to bind SWROGA in any manner pertaining to the show and the Society assumes full and complete responsibility for all expenses, debts, claims and liabilities in connection with the show.

Don't forget that SWROGA is your organization and it needs you to be successful!!

SWROGA News Deadlines

SWROGA News Ad Rate

Vol./Issue	Date	Deadline			1 Quarter	2 Quarters	3 Quarters	4 Quarters
41, # 2	Summer 2009 (after Spring SWROGA Show)	June 1, 2009		Full Page * (9-1/2"x7-1/4")	\$140	\$170	\$200	\$230
41, # 3	Fall, 2009 (before Fall SWROGA Show)	August 15, 2009		Half Page (9-1/2"x3-1/2") (6-3/4"x4-3/4")	\$80	\$100	\$120	\$140
41, # 4	Winter, 2009 (after Fall SWROGA Show)	November 15, 2009		Quarter Page 4-1/2"x4"	\$45	\$65	\$85	\$105
42, # 1	Spring, 2010 (Before Spring SWROGA Show)	To be announced		Eighth Page 3-1/2"x2-1/2"	\$25	\$45	\$65	\$85

Continuing List of Orchid Shows Within SWROGA

For more recent information, check the SWROGA website at <http://www.swroga.org>

2009 Dates	Host(s)	Event Location	Contact(s)
March 28-29	Tulsa Orchid Society Show	Tulsa Garden Center	Darrin Mullins 11714 N 192 nd East Ave Collinsville, OK 74021 918-371-5550 darrin.mullins@att.net
March 28-29	Alamo Orchid Society Show	San Antonio Garden Center 3310 New Braunfels San Antonio, TX 78209	Larry DeMartino 116 Armour Place San Antonio, TX 78212 210-735-9167
April 3-5	Oklahoma Orchid Society Show	Will Rogers Garden Center 3400 NW 36 th Oklahoma, OK	Lowell McCabe 16351 Banner Rd Lexington, OK 73051 405-899-4228 orchids@mbo.net
April 17-19	Fort Worth Orchid Society Show	Fort Worth Botanical Garden 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd Fort Worth, TX 76107	Mary Baker 817-341-1760
April 22-26	Houston Orchid Society & AOS Members Meeting (also SWROGA)	Hilton Houston North 12400 Greenspoint Dr. Houston, TX	Melba & Jim Butler 1907 Windy Ridge Katy, TX 77450 281-492-1437 melbajim@sbcglobal.net
May 1-3	Terrebonne Orchid Society Show	Southland Mall 5953 Main Ave Houma, LA	Ashley Matherne 118 Retreat Dr. Bourg, LA 70343 985-594-4050 abmatherne@hotmail.com
May 29-31	New Orleans Orchid Society Show	Lakeside Mall, Metairie, LA	Carol Stauder 504-888-6639 seestauder@hotmail.com
Oct. 2-4	Arkansas Orchid Society Show hosting SWROGA (Celebrating SWROGA's 50 th Anniversary!)	Wyndham Riverfront, North Little Rock, AR	Mike Saar 501-868-6666 msaar824@comcast.net



Houston, Texas...April 2009

While presenting their international show, "*Orchids, Texas Style*", The Houston Orchid Society will host the spring Trustees and Members meetings of the American Orchid Society, Southwest Regional Orchid Grower's Association, International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Orchid Digest Corporation, Slipper Orchid Alliance, Odontoglossum Alliance and Pleurothallid Alliance on April 23-26, 2009. The enthusiasm for orchids to see, buy and study endures in Houston and around the world and prompted the HOS to host these groups again, having welcomed the AOS and SWROGA as recently as the fall of 2002.

The Hilton Houston North (formerly the Wyndham Greenspoint), 12400 Greenspoint Drive, is the location for all events, including the ***Orchids, Texas Style* show and commercial sales for the public for three days, April 24-26, 2009**. Twenty-five plus vendors* will sell orchids.

The show will formally open when Houston's First Lady, Andrea White (Mrs. Bill White) cuts the ribbon leading into to the international exhibits and commercial orchid sales. A Preview Party will take place on Thursday evening, April 23, giving first advantage to those registering in advance to see the show and have first choice of orchids for sale.

In keeping with HOS's purpose, that is, "The discussion and study of orchids, the presentation of lectures, lessons and exhibits...", registrants will hear an exciting "cast of speakers" invited by HOS, highlighting keynote speaker Michael Tibbs from South Africa, speaking about African orchids. Other speakers include Robert Dressler, Roy Tokunaga, and Peter Furniss, currently World Orchid Conference president; and Houston orchid judge Nina Rach. Also, the Slipper Orchid Alliance will take a turn at the speaker's podium when Earl Bailey presents "Phragmipedium Hybridizing: The Search for the Compact Phragmipedium". The Pleurothallid Alliance will introduce speaker: Lynn O'Shaughnessy on Pleurothallidinae culture; and Joe Parker on the amazing Draculas (yes Draculas are orchids!).

Tours of some well known Houston landmarks and popular attractions will be offered, pending early sign-up.

The AOS Auction on Saturday evening will benefit the progressing AOS. Always a fun, lively event, patrons enjoy the festivities and stimulating competition for collectors' items, live orchid plants and/or articles for use in home or office. These festivities are expected to set the mood for more fun at the banquet with entertainment and food, 'Texas Style'.

Friendly and hospitable Texas HOS members look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones while enjoying the orchid show, meetings and events. HOS members invite all to experience the **Orchids, Texas Style** show and sales on April 24-26, 2009; or to sign up for the complete agenda of events running April 22 through 26 at the Hilton Houston North (formerly the Wyndham Greenspoint), 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, Texas 77060.

***Orchid shoppers will visit the international sales booths of Orquides del Valle, Colombia; Ecuagenera Cia Ltd., Ecuador; Miranda Orchids, Brazil; Wenzel Orchids, Brazil; Floralia, Brazil; Exotic Plant Company, South Africa; plus many other favorites from the US: Andy's Orchids, Encinitas, CA; Balogh International Inc., Champaign, IL; Carmela Orchids, Hakalau, Hawaii; CBI Inc. Pottery for Orchids, Cantonment, FL; Celebrate Orchids, Richmond, VA; Dawn Verteas Jewelry Designer, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Faith, Hope and Orchids, Collinsville, OK; Gold Country Orchids, Lincoln, CA; H&R Nurseries, Waimanalo, HI; Michel Orchid Nursery, Mooresville, IN; Millers Tropicals of Texas, Dripping Springs, TX; New Vision Orchids, Yorktown, IN; Normans Orchids, Montclair, CA; Oak Hill Gardens, Dundee, IL; ORCHIDbabies, LLC, Brierfield, AL; Paphanatics, Unlimited, Orange, CA; Waldor Orchids, Linwood, NJ; in addition to local Houston area commercial sellers: Clown Alley Orchids, Orchids and Tropicals; Orchid Life Nursery, Palmer Orchids, and Spring Orchids enticing orchid shoppers.**

<http://www.houstonorchidsociety.org/events/events.html>

Contact Melba or Jim Butler at melbajim@sbcglobal.net, Houston Orchid Society Members -- 281-492-1437

Just in case you wondered:

Over the past years,

- The normal high temperature in Houston during the days of April 22-26 has varied from 79 to 81 degrees while the normal low can vary from 57 to 61 degrees.
- However, it has been as high as 91 and as low as 56.
- The rainfall in April in Houston averages about 3.60 inches.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? By Glenda McIntosh

Galeottia burkei (Reich.f.) (Garay) Dressler & Christenson

Tribe: Maxillarieae

Subtribe: Zygopetalinae

Genus: *Galeottia*

Galeottia burkei (Reich.f.) (Garay) Dressler & Christenson

Pronunciation: gal-e-OT-ee-ah BURK-ee-eye

Meaning of name: The genus name honors Henri Galeotti, an Italian botanist who explored Mexico in the 19th century. The species name honors David Burke, the Englishman who collected orchids for Veitch & Sons throughout South America during the 19th century.

Synonyms: *Zygopetalum burkei*, *Zygo.praianum*, *Mendoncella burkei*.

Habitat: Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, Guyana, and Surinam growing as a terrestrial up to 2200 m. Other *Galeottia* species grow as epiphytes in moist forests from 300 m. upward in the same area, and also in Mexico.

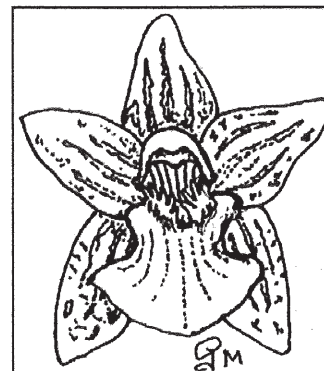
Taxonomy: The name of this genus was originally *Galeottia* when published by Achille Richard and Henri Galeotti in 1845. It was switched to *Mendonsella* by A. D. Hawkes in 1963, after he discovered that the name *Galeottia* had been used incorrectly because in 1844 Ruprecht named a genus of grasses by the same name. At that time, it was illegal to give a genus of plants a name that was already in use for another plant genus. The name *Galeottia* was back in favor when Alec Pridgeon published *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Orchids* in 1992. Obviously, the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature had made a change to the previous rule.

At the time that Hawkes renamed the *Galeottias*, he wanted to honor Dr. Luys de Mendonça e Silva who was the editor of *Orquidea*.

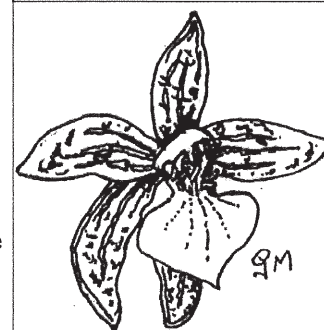
The International Code does not allow the use of “ç,” but allows authors to choose between “s” and “c.” Hawkes chose “s” intending to publish his new genus name *Mendonsella* for *Galeottia*. Senhor Mendoneça did not like the spelling of the name *Mendonsella*, and when it appeared in *Orquidea* in 1964, it was shown as *Mendoncella*. Although, Hawkes used the name *Mendonsella* in his *Encyclopaedia of Cultivated Orchids*, no where else has that spelling been used. Since the first publication was spelled with a “c” the official name became *Mendoncella*! In *Orquideologia* of April 1973, Dr. Leslie Garay revised the description of *Mendoncella* to include a number of species found in *Zygopetalum*, *Batemannia*, and *Stenia*. *Mendoncella* now includes 11 species that are wide spread in the American tropics.

The average orchid grower is so busy with his growing collection of orchids, that he does not have time to read the journal published by the ICBN every four years, nor prestigious foreign orchid journals dedicated to nomenclatural changes. The grower does not have time to be change nametags frequently. So it is only when the grower receives an American Orchid Society Award that these rules become important to him and a change is made to the original nametag!

Description: *Galeottia burkei* is a terrestrial species growing in boggy, acid soils. The pseudobulbs are narrow with 2-3 erect, tough, oblanceolate, acute to acuminate, petiolate leaves 30-45 cm long. The inflorescence is racemose, about 60 cm tall, with up to 6 fleshy flowers. Flowers are variable in color intensity, green with heavy brown marks on sepals and petals, very similar to *Galeottia jorisiana*. The lip is white and the basal crest is heavy, with many points, white with some red-purple marks. The anther cap is yellow with a red rostellum. Both sepals and petals are lanceolate, acuminate. Lip is 3-lobed at the base, pubescent on margins of the midlobe, acuminate, erose on the front margin, fimbriate; callus is several-ridged, fleshy, broad across the base of the midlobe.



Galeottia burkei
front view



Galeottia burkei
oblique view

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