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## MESSAGE FROM MAVIS

Summer is still around as I write this. Our area is still not getting a lot of rain, just here and there. Hope you have things ready for the approach of fall weather. I know we are ready to get some cooler days (and nights).

Potting up some new plants and repotting some others. We have a few things brave enough to bloom in the heat. Bought some new 'ground orchids' as Home Depot calls them. They are really different from what we already had.

Do you have you reservations and plans made for our next SWROGA Meeting & Show? Look at the SWROGA Web site([www.swroga.org](http://www.swroga.org)) for more details. I am sure there is an ad in this publication. Hope to see you there.

Your President,  
Mavis

## SUPPORTING SWROGA'S FUND RAISERS

The SWROGA Affiliated Societies Committee would like to remind all SWROGA societies and members that our Affiliated Societies Breakfast Raffle and our Saturday Night Auction are fund raisers that benefit SWROGA and the hosting society. These events are always a lot of fun, so please try to attend.

However, they are not successful as a fund-raiser without contributions.

Please contact Doris McGraw, a member of the SWROGA Affiliated Societies Committee and chief-coordinator of the raffle and auction, at [Omie3122@aol.com](mailto:Omie3122@aol.com) for information about getting your generous gifts to her as soon as possible, or at least let her know what they are.

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## Treasurer's Corner

August 15, 2009

Following are the financial activities since the Semi-Annual Treasurer's report dated June 1, 2009:

### Operating Fund Receipts:

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Interest earned                                | \$ 53.73         |
| 2. Arkansas raffle ticket presales for silver set | \$ <u>210.00</u> |

Total Operating Fund Receipts	\$ <u>263.73</u>
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### Operating Fund Expenses:

- |                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Newsletter Postage and Printing | \$ 591.42       |
| 2. Web Page & Domain               | \$ <u>52.05</u> |

**Total Operating Fund Expenses \$ 643.47**

### Research Fund:

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Interest earned: | \$ <u>36.75</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|

No Research Fund expenses were incurred.

### Trophy Fund Receipts:

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. Interest earned: | \$ <u>821.43</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|

### Trophy Fund Expenses

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. Trophy assistance to the Arkansas Orchid Society | \$ <u>1,335.00</u> |
|---|--------------------|

### **SWROGA Funds on hand as of close of business August 15, 2009:**

General	\$ 22,509.92
Research	\$ 9,766.52
Trophy	\$ <u>76,616.61</u>
Total	\$108,893.05

**Your SWROGA treasurer,  
Carolyn McCabe**

## Continuing List of Orchid Shows Within SWROGA

For more recent information, check the SWROGA website at <http://www.swroga.org> or  
the American Orchid Society Show Calendar at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

<b>2009 Dates</b>	<b>Host(s)</b>	<b>Event Location</b>	<b>Contact(s)</b>
Sept. 25-2	Shreveport Orchid Society Show	Barnwell Garden Center 501 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, LA	Roy Hofmeister <a href="mailto:Roter37@aol.com">Roter37@aol.com</a> 318-752-1857
Oct. 1	Houston Orchid Society Judging Seminar	Houston Garden Center 1500 Herman Dr Houston, TX	John Stubbings <a href="mailto:jdstubbings@comcast.net">jdstubbings@comcast.net</a> 281-326-1314
Oct. 2-4	Arkansas Orchid Society Show hosting SWROGA (Celebrating SWROGA's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary!)	Wyndham Riverfront, North Little Rock, AR	Eddie Ison, Show Chair <a href="mailto:reison@sbcglobal.net">reison@sbcglobal.net</a> 501-835-7164
October 9-11	Greater North Texas Orchid Society	North Haven Gardens Dallas, Texas	Manuel Aybar 214-934-9104 <a href="mailto:manuel.aybar@verizon.net">manuel.aybar@verizon.net</a>
October 30- Nov. 1	Orchid Society of Jefferson Orchid Show and Sale	Clearview Mall Metairie, Louisiana	Marian Prigmore 504-568-0281 504-834-4300 <a href="mailto:woodenbox@bellsouth.net">woodenbox@bellsouth.net</a>
November 6-8	Galveston Orchid Society Show	Nessler Community Center 2012 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N. Texas City, TX	Harriet Davis 409-986-9419 <a href="mailto:harri@wt.net">harri@wt.net</a>
November 20-22	American Orchid Society Show	AOS Botanical Garden Delray Beach, FL	Jackie Wood <a href="mailto:bocaorchidlady@aol.com">bocaorchidlady@aol.com</a> 561-703-0278
<b>2010 Dates</b>	<b>Host(s)</b>	<b>Event Location</b>	<b>Contact(s)</b>
April 15-18	Houston Orchid Society Show	Houston Museum of Natural Science	Holly Miller 281-597-8792 <a href="mailto:hollymil@earthlink.net">hollymil@earthlink.net</a>
April 30- May 2	Terrebonne Orchid Society Show	Southland Mall Houma, LA	Sandy Trahan 985-637-4479 <a href="mailto:sbtpepe@yahoo.com">sbtpepe@yahoo.com</a>
June 4-6	New Orleans Orchid Society Show	Lakeside Mall Metairie, LA	Molly Prokop 504-738-5835 <a href="mailto:mhprokop@cox.net">mhprokop@cox.net</a>

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME? By Glenda McIntosh

Tribe: Epidendreae

Subtribe: Laeliinae

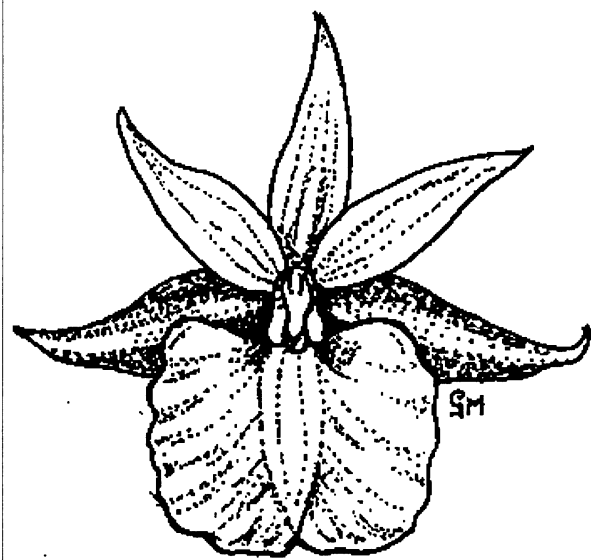
Genus: Pollardia

**Pollardia ghiesbreghtiana** (A. Richard & Galeotti)  
Withner & Harding, comb.

**Pronunciation:** pol-LARD-ee-ah geeze-breg-ti-AH-nah.

**Basionym:** *Epidendrum ghiesbreghtianum* A. Richard & Galeotti, 1845.

**Synonyms:** *Encyclia ghiesbreghtiana* (A. Richard & Galeotti) Dressler., *Hormidium ghiesbreghtianum* (A. Richard & Galeotti) Brieger., *Prosthechea ghiesbreghtiana* (A. Richard & Galeotti) W. E. Higgins.



**Derivation of Name:** The genus name honors Glenn E. Pollard who has done extensive work with Mexican orchids and whose book *The Genus Encyclia in Mexico* (1974) co-authored with Robert Dressler provided so much information for Carl L. Withner and Patricia Harding in their revision of *Encyclia/Epidendrum*. The species name honors Auguste Boniface Ghiesbreght, a famous 19<sup>th</sup> century collector of Mexican plants.

**Taxonomy:** The genus *Pollardia* is characterized by (1) a lip partially attached to the column, (2) resupinate flowers that come from a sheath, and (3) column teeth equal or subequal in length and generally the same size. The resupinate flowers separate this genus from *Anacheilium* and the equal length column teeth separate it from *Prosthechea*. This species is similar to *Pollardia hastata* but *P. hastata* is smaller and has pseudobulbs with only one leaf. This species, like *hastata*, sometimes has lateral lobes of the lip developed as projecting angles at the base of the lip.

**Description:** Plant almost a miniature, but produces flowers large for its size. **Pseudobulbs** clustered, ovoid or ellipsoid, 2-6.5 cm long, 0.5-2.4 cm wide. **Leaves** 2-3, ligulate-elliptic, acute or obtuse, 6-20 cm long, 0.7-1.3 cm wide. **Inflorescence** from within bases of leaves, a short stem rises often with a basal sheath 4-12 cm long, with 1-3 blooms. **Sepals and petals** pale green, densely spotted, or streaked with brown (or maroon), reverse side olivaceous). **Lip** white, with a few short purple veins near base, **Column** green with brown spots. **Sepals** lanceolate, acute, 15-24 mm long, 3-8.5 mm wide. **Petals** elliptic, acute, 14-22 mm long, 3-6 mm wide. **Lip** basally adnate to the column unlobed to 3-lobed (if lateral lobes present, they are very small), blade subquadrate-orbicular, the base cuneate to truncate, retuse, 16-27 mm long, 16-30 mm wide, callus oblong, running into three fleshy veins which run to near the margin. **Column** stout, 5-6.5 mm long, the teeth obtuse, subequal.

**Habitat and Distribution:** Mexico. Found at 2000-2700 m. elevation, in pine-oak forests, seasonally rather wet.

**Flowering time:** February to May.

**Culture:** This species prefers intermediate to warm temperatures with a pronounced seasonal (winter) dry period.

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409-986-9419 or [harri@wt.net](mailto:harri@wt.net)

*"Fall into Orchids"*

## "Orchid Gold"

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OCTOBER 2-4, 2009  
WYNDHAM HOTEL RIVERFRONT  
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

[http://web.me.com/jerrynalice/Site/SWROGA\\_SHOW\\_%26\\_SALE.html](http://web.me.com/jerrynalice/Site/SWROGA_SHOW_%26_SALE.html)



## WRIGHT THINKING

By Ed Wright

We had some recent update information about the SWROGA official orchid, *Hexalectris warnockii*. Early references in our files came from the monumental Ames-Correll cataloging of Southwestern orchids. Check this reference if your interest extends that far:

[http://www.itis.gov/servlet/SingleRpt/SingleRpt?search\\_topic=TSN&search\\_value=502982](http://www.itis.gov/servlet/SingleRpt/SingleRpt?search_topic=TSN&search_value=502982)

Not so long after this reference was published, orchid enthusiasts in the El Paso area ventured into nearby mountains and obtained information about a small community of the orchid there. Unfortunately, the site was not precisely located, and what little is known of the expedition has been shrouded in secrecy to preserve the stand from 'collectors' of any persuasion.

Quite recently, several responsible orchid people have reported sightings of *warnockii* and even pictures of them *in situ*. The fine work of the Liggios has set a very high standard for this type of documentation. One can only hope that additional current data will be published in a vehicle that can catalog and preserve it.

My arthritic old bones do not favorably entertain thoughts of going personally into sites for *Survival* reality shows, but I would like to share with the more agile and intrepid a few thoughts about where is where and what is what.

Through the miracle of pocket-size GPS units, hikers and other explorers can locate themselves very precisely. In my day, we didn't need a doodad to tell us we were lost, but I can see the value of one that will tell us HOW lost we really are. This same information, however, can also pinpoint the locale of our *in situ* observations. Not only can we secure conjunctions of longitude and latitude, we can transfer these to a variety of maps.

One really neat source for an enormous variety of maps – many free for the downloading – is the United States Geological Survey site. A good place to start is: <http://www.usgs.gov/pubprod/maps.html> where one may find a map for just about any place the imagination can conjure. Many of these references include topographical maps and even inter-active maps that can interpret those funny GPS numbers with great precision. A brief satellite interrogation and a careful noting of the response will pinpoint an observation site within a few feet.

Some digital cameras accept an adapter that will enter GPS location data on the shot history that accompanies digital picture downloads. This provides a precise double check of location, and adds date, time and photographic settings data in surprising detail. In short, when you observe, also record. This will assist in authentication of the sighting and will permit other observers to confirm your findings.



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Where – Wyndham Hotel Riverfront  
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*We look forward to seeing everyone there!  
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