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## MESSAGE FROM MAVIS

Thanks to all involved in the wonderful show in Little Rock (Arkansas Orchid Society). A good time and a good feed was enjoyed by all. The hospitality group provided wonderful refreshments for the weary and conversation to those attending. Thanks to all again.

The SWROGA TROPHY was won by the Terrebonne Orchid Society. Congratulations to Terrebonne. This was the first time this new award was presented. It is now available free to societies sponsoring SWROGA Shows. It can also be purchased by other AOS affiliated societies that want to add it to their schedule. Contact Emily Quinn for details.

Tom Harper won the White Orchid Silver set which was awarded during the auction. Results from the auction can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Just in case you were not at the members meeting, here is a list of the prospective new officers who will be voted on at the next SWROGA meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted before the vote is taken. President Elect Lowell McCabe will take over toward the end of the next meeting which will be held at the SWROGA spring meeting in Oklahoma City, April 28 through May 2, 2010.

The new slate to be presented:

New President Elect - Olie Garrison  
Vice President – Don Maples  
Secretary – Emily Quinn  
Treasurer – Carolyn McCabe  
Editor – Amanda Saar  
Member at Large – Karen Gamble

Your President,  
Mavis Klehm

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Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association  
Directors and Membership Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2009

The SWROGA Directors and Membership meeting was held in the Wyndham Hotel in North Little Rock, Arkansas on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by President Mavis Klehm at 10:35 a.m. Carolyn McCabe reported that there were 11 societies out of 22 represented. A quorum was declared.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published. The motion to approve was made by Lowell McCabe and seconded by Byron McGraw.

Committee Reports

Affiliated Societies: Chair Karen Armstrong reported that 4 out of 8 members were present. The Kansas OS has offered to host the SWROGA Show in the spring of 2012 along with the AOS Trustees Meeting. Lena Parker moved that their request be accepted, Lowell McCabe seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The schedule for SWROGA Shows to date is:

- Spring 2010 – Oklahoma Orchid Society
- Fall 2010 – available
- Spring 2011 – Baton Rouge Orchid Society
- Fall 2011 – available
- Spring 2012 – Kansas Orchid Society
- Fall 2012 – available

Societies were encouraged to consider hosting a show on one of the available dates.

The committee made a motion at the request of C. McCabe to include a one time ¼ page ad for SWROGA societies free of charge in the *SWROGA News*. Julius Klehm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A request was made to move up the auction preview 30 minutes in the future so that there would be additional time for the auction – 1 ½ hours instead of 1 hour.

L. McCabe gave an update on the SWROGA website. It has a new look and some good changes. C. McCabe reminded everyone that changes on the website need to go through committee, not directly to the web master, Manny Aybar.

There was a discussion on how information about scheduled shows is given to the editor. Lena Parker moved that Center Chairs be asked to provide the editor a list of their approved shows quarterly. Karen Armstrong seconded her motion. The motion carried 7 to 5. Mike Saar moved that the effected committee have a study of the continuing list of shows toward revising the list of procedures. Steven Marak seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 9 to 6.

AOS Rep. No report

Bylaws & Judiciary Byron McGraw reported that three members were present. There were no bylaw or judiciary issues to discuss. They are concerned about not having any fall shows scheduled and are considering what to do if one is not scheduled.

Conservation. No Report

Programs and Education. Patsy Boersma reported that 2 members were present. Committee member, Olie Garrison, wants us to make sure that the two new societies that will be becoming a part of SWROGA soon are aware of the list of programs and speakers that are available for them to use. The committee would like to see some new programs included in the list as well as new speakers. It would be nice to have a symbol beside the listing in the directory

indicating that new programs and speakers are indeed new – something like – :



Continuing Operating Mavis Klehm reported that there was no report.

Publications Committee did not meet, but Amanda Saar did report that the deadline for the next issue is November 16, 2009. She would prefer your submission be in "word". She apologized for the last two issues being late.

Research Committee Dick Jamison said that his committee had meet by email. He said that his committee had received a progress report from J. Barnette on the one project that had been funded. The report includes proposed continuation funds. This will be considered in the next funding cycle. Lois Dauelsberg asked to have a summary of the report in the *SWROGA News*. Houston is involved in growing seedlings to do some repopulation, and J. Klehm will do a report about their activity. Byron McGraw thanked SWROGA for providing the seed money.

Show Karlene Sanborn said that the edited list of hybrids and species will continue, and M. Aybar will be asked to make some changes to the numbers on the website. They have been asked to look at the description for classes 326 and 327 to see if clarification is needed.

Show Tags Lowell McCabe reported that there were no changes in the tags. However, there is some change in the website about the tags.

Treasurers Report Carolyn McCabe passed out the Annual Financial Report. Her report included a summary of accounts from 2001 – 2009. The Budget for the upcoming year was given to all members present. Katherine Porter moved to accept the budget; John Stubbings seconded the motion; the motion to approve the budget passed.

### New Business

Audit Report J. Klehm reported that the books had been audited and found to be in order. He complimented Carolyn on doing an excellent job. He reminded societies to check to see if they are designated as a 501-c-3. If so, a form 990 must be filled.

Nominating Committee Don Maples gave the slate of officers for the next year. They are President Elect – Olie Garrison, VP – Don Maples, Sec. – Emily Quinn, Treasurer – Carolyn McCabe, Member @ Large – Karen Gamble, and Editor – Amanda Saar.

Carolyn McCabe encouraged everyone to come to the Oklahoma OS SWROGA Show in the spring.

Emily Quinn reported on her research into a SWROGA trophy. She had 2 examples for members to see. The majority liked her glass sample. She will check on the price and see how many she can buy staying within the \$500 budgeted. Katherine Porter moved to allow Emily to make the purchases, and the motion was seconded by Geoffrey Frost. The motion carried.

There was no other business.  
The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Patsy Boersma for Gail Freeman

The SWROGA Affiliated Societies  
Committee would like to express thanks to

*The Arkansas Orchid Society*

For hosting the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
celebration** of the Southwest Regional  
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everyone!

We appreciate your society and the  
successful efforts of your membership!

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## Treasurer's Corner

November 20, 2009

### **2009 YEAR END DUES ARE DUE**

A big THANK YOU to the society treasurers who have already sent in their 2009 dues!!

Following are the financial activities since the Annual Treasurer's report dated September 30, 2009:

#### Operating Fund Receipts:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| 1. Earned Interest                                       | \$ 14.76    |
| 2. Membership Dues                                       | \$ 1,229.00 |
| 3. Show Tag Sales  | \$ 120.00   |
| 4. Raffle at Arkansas Show                               | \$ 755.00   |
| 5. Auction at Arkansas Show                              | \$ 1,548.00 |
| 6. Reimbursement for Trophy (Endowment for Doris McGraw) | \$ 2,500.00 |

**Total Operating Fund Receipts \$ 6,166.76**

#### Operating Fund Expenses:

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 1. Postage for show tags  | \$ 10.95    |
| 2. Assistance to Arkansas for show (1/2 raffle & auction sales) | \$ 1,601.50 |
| 3. Affiliated Societies Expense (SWROGA Trophy)                 | \$ 557.00   |

**Total Operating Fund Expenses \$ 2,169.45**

#### Research Fund:

No Research Fund receipts or expenses

#### Trophy Fund Receipts

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Earned Interest | \$ 387.89 |
|--------------------|-----------|

No Trophy Fund expenses were incurred

### **SWROGA Funds on hand as of close of business November 20, 2009:**

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| General  | \$ 26,594.93        |
| Research | \$ 9,766.52         |
| Trophy   | <u>\$ 77,450.50</u> |

**Total \$ 113,811.95**

**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>2010<br/>Dates</b> | <b>Host(s)</b>                          | <b>Event Location</b>   | <b>Contact(s)</b>   |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| March 6-7             | Denver Orchid Society Show              | Tagawa Garden Center<br>7711 South Parker Road,<br>Centennial, CO             | Shirlee McDaniels<br>303-905-7014<br><a href="mailto:shirlee.mcdaniel@comcast.net">shirlee.mcdaniel@comcast.net</a> |
| March 12-14           | Northeast Louisiana Orchid Society Show | Pecanland Mall 4700<br>Milhaven Road<br>Monroe, LA                            | Jack Battaglia<br>318-801-3828<br><a href="mailto:battj@bellsouth.net">battj@bellsouth.net</a>                      |
| March 26-28           | Central East Texas Orchid Society Show  | Discovery Science Place<br>Annex<br>302 N. Broadway<br>Tyler, TX              | Denise Tayntor<br>903-795-3808<br><a href="mailto:denise@shmily.us">denise@shmily.us</a>                            |
| April 16-18           | Houston Orchid Society Show             | Houston Museum of<br>Natural Science<br>One Hermann Circle Dr.<br>Houston, TX | Holly Miller<br>281-597-8792<br><a href="mailto:hollymil@earthlink.net">hollymil@earthlink.net</a>                  |
| April 16-18           | Tulsa Orchid Society Show               | Tulsa Garden Center<br>Tulsa, OK  | Darrin Mullins<br><a href="mailto:darrin.mullins@att.ent">darrin.mullins@att.ent</a>                                |
| April 23-25           | Terrebonne Orchid Society Show          | Southland Mall<br>5953 West Park Ave<br>Houma, LA                             | Sandy Trahan<br>985-637-4479<br><a href="mailto:sbtpepe@yahoo.com">sbtpepe@yahoo.com</a>                            |
| April 28-<br>May 2    | Oklahoma Orchid Society Show            | Clarion Meridian Hotel &<br>Convention Center<br>Oklahoma City, OK            | Johnita Turner<br>405-650-1908<br><a href="mailto:jturner@coxnet.net">jturner@coxnet.net</a>                        |
| June 4-6              | New Orleans Orchid Society Show         | Lakeside Mall<br>Metairie, LA   | Molly Prokop<br>504-738-5835<br><a href="mailto:mhprokop@cox.net">mhprokop@cox.net</a>                              |
| June 25-27            | Acadian Orchid Society Show             |   | Pat Huval<br><a href="mailto:Cty28172@centurytel.net">Cty28172@centurytel.net</a>                                   |

## WRIGHT THINKING

### WHY BELONG?

Every Fall, the leaves drop and the question arises: why belong to SWROGA? I usually answer the questions as they arrive, but for once I'd like to preach to the choir. We belong to SWROGA because we NEED to belong to SWROGA.

One of our most esteemed members once opined that “,,,,,Ed Wright never lets the facts get in the way of a good story!” and I have to admit that's true. So - - let me spin you a few. All true, I assure you, but not all the facts, necessarily.

The phone rings. One's only daughter, 400 miles away for her first time at college, has been injured in a sports accident. In a hospital, no direct air transport to the town and no great detail about the injuries except “head”. Thanks to SWROGA contacts, one can dial a couple of numbers in that area and have friends at the hospital to check and report in a matter of minutes. Rare event? Not with our kids, perhaps not with yours. An unusual response? Not at all because it could be anywhere in the sprawling Southwest and we'd have someone we know, someone we met through SWROGA activities, to call on. As in one very recent case, they'd even thank us for calling on them.

Such things happen to many of us. In my experience, at least, there is always someone right at hand who can help and is glad to do so. Need a lot of help? That gets done, too. I remember SWROGA friends from out of state who lost a car engine en route to an orchid function. They got to the function, got home, got the car repaired and then got the fixed wheels conveyed to a convenient pick up point. Try that one on your AAA membership. Routine stuff for SWROGA.

Greenhouse fire, flood, hurricane? Replacement plants donated and ready when the new greenhouse hits “GO”. Want to trade whatever it is? Make your deal and just say, “Let's swap the stuff at the XXX show.” We've repaired greenhouse gear in more parking lots than you can name and helped with car repairs in more rain than Noah saw. I got out of a hospital once with just minutes to spare to get on a plane to make a talk commitment in Denver. Worried? Not me. A phone call to a friend in Dallas got me a seat companion for most of the trip and a roomie while there. Best nurse I ever had, though not, sadly, the cutest!

Now I don't say you should join an orchid organization just for the welfare benefits. Still, I can assure one and all that the friends you make on the SWROGA circuit are friends beyond price. SWROGA discounts the whole crowd to two bucks a head, but don't get the idea that such a tiny cost is an indication of value. Many of my SWROGA friends have been just that for 30 – 40 – well, a lot of years. I've gotten full value many times over for my membership and work in SWROGA. I hope you have, too, because it is a value that just keeps on growing – even without a bailout plan!

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

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Subtribe: Laeliinae

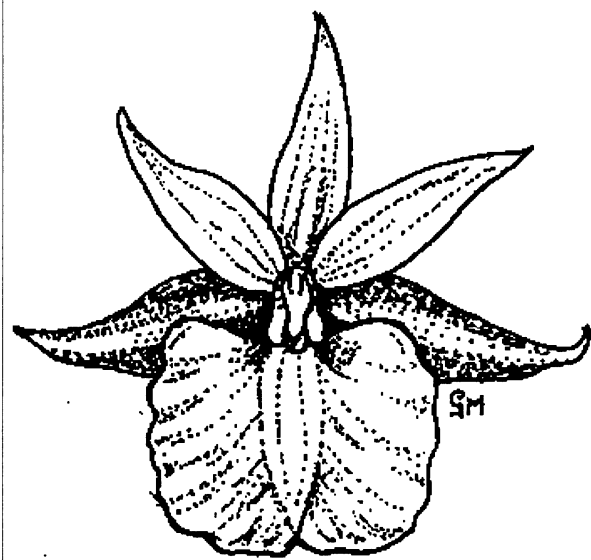
Genus: Pollardia

**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.

## In Memorium

**John Kramer, MD.** Died January 27, 2010 at the age of 83. A well known orchid grower and judge, he will be missed. A memorial service was held Tuesday, February 2, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. More information on his life and activities can be found at [http://www.tulsaworld.com/ourlives/article.aspx?subjectid=58&articleid=20100202\\_11\\_A11\\_John\\_Kr381961](http://www.tulsaworld.com/ourlives/article.aspx?subjectid=58&articleid=20100202_11_A11_John_Kr381961)

**James Roberts** . Died January 31, 2010 at the age of 78. The funeral service was Tuesday, February 2, in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Well known at orchid shows for the way he and his wife Linda shared their love and knowledge of jewelry with those who attended, he will be missed. His obituary is at [http://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/fh/print.cfm?type=obituary&id=505671&fh\\_id=10503&sid=DA520EF504E44D82CD022258DDEC2055](http://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/fh/print.cfm?type=obituary&id=505671&fh_id=10503&sid=DA520EF504E44D82CD022258DDEC2055)

**Emil Szafir.** Died February 12, 2010. Recently accorded Senior Judge status at the Alamo Judging Center, he was 92 years old. Arrangements were incomplete .

October 24, 2009

Dear Anonymous Donor, and Members of SWROGA,

Thank you so much for the wonderful honor you bestowed on me when you endowed the SWROGA Trophy for Class 944: Best Orchid Collectible Exhibit, my favorite category in orchid shows.

There are many in SWROGA more deserving than me, for this honor. I accept, humbly, for doing something I love for an organization that means so much to me and the orchid world in the southwestern part of our country.

Doris McGraw

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## SWROGA Trophy Now Available

SWROGA now has an official trophy that affiliated societies may purchase and award at their local shows. The purchase price of the trophy is \$50.00, postage included.

**However, the trophy shall be provided free of charge to societies hosting SWROGA. (See next page for photograph)**

Instructions for awarding the trophy are as follows:

This trophy shall be awarded to the plant or cut flower judged the "Best in Show". The plant or cut flower shall be selected from the Best Flower classes in the SWROGA Schedule. The trophy shall be awarded by a team of five accredited AOS judges, who do not have a personal conflict. If five such judges are not available the trophy shall be awarded by the qualifying judges present.

If your society would like to award the SWROGA trophy at your next show, send the request along with a check in the amount of \$50.00 to the SWROGA Treasurer, Carolyn McCabe, 16351 Banner Road, Lexington, OK 73051



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