



SWROGA News

A semi-annual publication of the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association

28 Affiliated Societies

Fall 2010

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President's Message

Hello SWROGA members,

This is my first letter to the membership so I felt that perhaps it would benefit us to look at what the founders put down as the purpose of our organization. This is what is written in our Directory.

The purpose of the SWROGA shall be to:

- A. Promote scientific and educational programs related to the study of orchids, their propagation, culture, and development.
- B. Coordinate the interests of members and Orchid Societies in this region in growing and exhibition of orchids.
- C. Identify and conserve native orchids including the preservation of their native habitats.

The goal expressed in B., to me, is the reason we have our membership meetings and shows twice a year. The orchid community is changing and growing daily. Old orchid organizations face the need to change and grow in this new era. We in SWROGA are changing also, some of our members will embrace the changes, and some will want things to stay the way they were. I believe we have to change or slowly become unnecessary. I hope that in the coming years, with the help of all our talented and dedicated volunteers, we can continue to provide our members with the orchid information that they need. We should be, as our name implies, Orchid Growers and not just orchid buyers.

I would ask, as I end my first letter as your president, that you continue to support SWROGA and give time and understanding to the changes we are going through. If you see a change that needs to be made, volunteer to draft and present the change to our members.

May your blooms be many and your pests be few.

Lowell McCabe

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We print all the news that fits

Minutes of the SWROGA Directors meeting on: May 1, 2010

Hosted by: Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association Directors and Membership Meeting Minutes

The SWROGA Directors and Membership meeting was held in the Clarion Hotel Convention Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Saturday May 1, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President Mavis Klehm at 1:13pm. Carolyn McCabe reported that there were 8 societies present out of 27 member societies. *A quorum was declared.*

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one change as follows:

4. The raffles and auctions from the Arkansas show brought in \$2,303.00 during this 6 month period. (an amount of \$910.00 collected for the silverplate set raffle was included on the annual report for FY-2009) Payment in the amount of \$1,601.50 was provided as Show Assistance to Arkansas. The amount should have been \$1,606.50. A check in the amount of \$5.00 will be sent to Arkansas to correct the oversight.

The motion to approve was made by Julius Klehm and seconded by Dick Jamison.

Committee Reports

Research Committee: Chair Dick Jamison reported that the research committee met by email. They reviewed a progress report on the previously funded research grant. The committee also received a research proposal to extend the scope of the previously funded project entitled: Seed Germination, Production, and Outplanting of the Rare Kentucky Lady Slipper Orchid on the Kisatchie National Forest. The proposal requests that \$1,350 to partially fund a one week training session for Mr. Kevin Allen in the laboratory of Dr. Larry Zettler, Professor of Biology, Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois be granted. Complete funding would require an additional \$123 for lodging/expenses, making the total amount \$1,473.

Dick Jamison moved to approve \$1,473 for funding of this research extension. Jake Massey seconded. The motion carried.

Continuing Operations Committee: Chair Mavis Klehm reported that Amanda Saar resigned as Newsletter Director and that Mark Sanborn would stand as Interim Director. *Mavis then recommended a motion for SWROGA give Amanda Saar a Certificate of Thanks for a job well done. Julius Klehm seconded the motion. The motion was passed.*

Affiliated Societies Committee: Doris McGraw announced current designated future show locations. There are 6 available show dates un-located: Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall and Spring 2013 and Fall and Spring 2014. Tyler Society announced they would tentatively will host the Fall 2011 SWROGA show.

James Barnett was announced as the Speaker for the Fall 2010 SWROGA Show.

There was a request to approve the designation of the Trophy for Class 944, already endowed, to be in honor of Doris McGraw. The designation was approved.

AOS Rep: No report.

Bylaws & Judiciary Committee: Byron McGraw requested thoughts on how to meet current Bylaw requirements to have two yearly meetings (normally conducted in the fall and spring) when getting fall hosts is so very difficult. He suggested that perhaps a change of Bylaw may be necessary.

Byron further requested that he be allowed to retire his position on the committee and allow someone else to take his seat.

Conservation Committee: Chair Jim Williams reported that the conservation committee discussed the need to catalog natural assets on Public fishing lakes and land within the states of Kansas and Nebraska.

Jim moved to establish a new Trophy, the Best Conservation Exhibit, for funding and/or endowment with approval of Show Committee. Jake Massey seconded the motion. The need for the Trophy was discussed. The motion carried.

Jim summarized discussion concerning Equadorian lands in the amount of 2000 hectares, which have been set aside to protect natural assets. These lands require onsite protection in the form of guards. Three guards are needed, but currently funding is only available for one guard in the amount of \$4,000 per year. Jim recommended that SWROGA endorse this funding project by introducing it to the member societies as a way of contributing to conservation. They would be recognized as being part of the 1% for Conservation initiative.

Julius Klehm moved that Jim write an article for inclusion into a SWROGA Newsletter to felicitate introduction to the societies. Brian White seconded.

Programs and Education Committee: Mavis Klehm reported for Patsy Boersma that since no one had come forward to organize the slides from older programs into a newer format that the committee would deal with issue.

Publications: Mark Sanborn summarized discussion over newsletter cost issues with two recommendations. That (1) the SWROGA Newsletter be decreased to semi-annually and be delivered electronically and (2) that the affiliated societies' SWROGA representative print hard copies as needed for their members who do not have e-mail access.

Byron McGraw further moved that the newsletter be published electronically six weeks prior to the next SWROGA meeting as well as posting it on the website. Jim Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Julius Klehm moved that the SWROGA dues be reduced to \$1 per member per year, beginning with the dues payable as of December 2010. Lowell McCabe seconded. After discussion the motion carried.

Show Committee: Chair Karlene Sanborn reported that there were 3 members present and one guest. The committee discussed the need to continue to review and maintain the Show Schedule and the List of Species and Hybrid Orchids. Question was brought to the floor concerning the SWROGA schedule for slipper orchids. Karlene stated that the Slipper Orchid Association's schedule was being reviewed with an eye to updating the SWROGA schedule.

Show Tags: Lowell McCabe had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn McCabe presented the Annual Financial Report for approval. Julius Klehm questioned General Operating Fund, Section 4-suggesting a correction needed to be made to make numbers balance for the GOF. Carolyn agreed to look into it.

The Member Directory has been updated to include members/society and an alpha-numeric listing.

Motion to accept the Financial Report with Corrections. Burrel moved, Don seconded.

New Business

Nominating Committee: Chair Don Maples presented the slate of new officers-

- President – Olie Garrison
- Vice-President – Don Maples
- Secretary – Emily Quinn
- Treasurer – Carolyn McCabe
- Member-at-Large – Karen Gambel
- Editor – Mark Sanborn

Julius Klehm moved that we add Mark Sanborn to the slate, Burrel seconded. Burrel moved nominations cease, Jim Williams seconded. The membership voted; the slate was approved.

Mavis reported on deceased members to include:

- Gail Freeman
- John Kramer
- James Roberts
- Emil Szafir

A moment of silence was held in their honor.

No further new business. *The Meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully Submitted, Emily Quinn

Treasurer's Corner

August 1, 2010

Following are the financial activities since the Semi-Annual Treasurer's report dated March 31, 2010:

Operating Fund Receipts:

1. Earned Interest	\$ 47.56
2. Membership Dues	\$ 284.00
3. Raffle and Silent Auction at OOS spring Show	\$ 568.00
4. Show Tag Sales	\$ 240.00
5. Newsletter Ads	\$ 230.00
6. Slide Rental	\$ 15.00
7. SWROGA Trophy Sales	\$ 50.00

Total Operating Fund Receipts \$ 1,434.56

Operating Fund Expenses:

1. Postage for show tags	\$ 17.85
2. Postage for Show Trophies (Affiliated Societies)	\$ 8.60
3. Postage for Slides	\$ 9.80
3. Plaque for Amanda Saar (Continuing Operations)	\$ 42.10
4. Show Assistance to OOS (1/2 raffle & silent auction)	\$ 284.00
5. Show Assistance owed to Arkansas for fall show	\$ 5.00

Total Operating Fund Expenses \$ 367.35

Research Fund:

No Research Fund Receipts

Research Fund Expenses

Donation for Kisatchie Project	\$ 1,473.00
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Trophy Fund Receipts

1. Earned Interest	\$ 1,052.09
2. Endowed Trophy (Dr. Lawrence Magrath Memorium)	\$ 2,500.00

Total Trophy Fund Receipts \$ 3,552.09

Trophy Fund Expenses

1. For fall show trophies (CLOS)	\$ 1,295.00
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SWROGA Funds on hand as of close of business August 1, 2010:

General	\$ 28,523.66
Research	\$ 8,293.52
Trophy	\$ 79,720.44
Total	\$ 116,537.62

**Your SWROGA Treasurer,
Carolyn McCabe**

October 1, 2009 Through March 31, 2010

	<u>9/30/2009</u>	<u>3/31/2010</u>	<u>Net Difference</u>
<u>General Funds</u>	\$ 22,597.62	\$ 27,456.45	+ \$ 4,858.83
<u>Research</u>	\$ 9,766.52	\$ 9,766.52	0
<u>Trophy</u>	<u>\$ 77,062.61</u>	<u>\$ 77,363.35</u>	<u>+ \$ 400.74</u>
TOTALS	\$109,426.75	\$114,686.32	+ \$ 5,259.57



Highlights

1. The General (Operating) Fund is split into three accounts at ARVEST Bank: Checking, CD, and Money Market. The Research fund is combined with the General (Operating) Fund Money Market and CD for interest purposes and tracked separately.
2. CY-2009 Membership dues brought in \$2,778.50. One society remains outstanding (West Texas).
3. The SWROGA News printing and mailing cost for the winter 2009 issue was \$512.09. No spring 2010 issue was printed.
4. The raffles and auctions from the Arkansas show brought in \$2,303.00 during this 6 month period. (an amount of \$910.00 collected for the silverplate set raffle was included on the annual report for FY-2009) Payment in the amount of \$1,601.50 was provided as Show Assistance to Arkansas. The amount should have been \$1,606.50. A check in the amount of \$5.00 will be sent to Arkansas to correct the oversight.
5. A total of 12 SWROGA Show Trophies were purchased in the amount of \$557.00.
6. There was a purchase of 20,000 show tags in the amount of \$783.00
7. There was a memorium for Gail Freeman in the amount of \$100.00

Itemized General (Operating) Fund Cash Flow:

Inflows:

Show Tags (Sales)	\$ 400.00
Earned Interest	\$ 88.97
Membership Dues	\$ 2,778.50
Raffles and Auctions (Arkansas)	\$ 2,303.00
SWROGA Trophy Sales	\$ 200.00
Reimbursement for trophy (Class 944)	\$ 2,500.00
Gail Freeman Memorium	\$ 100.00

Total General (Operating) Fund Inflows: \$ 8,370.47

Outflows:

Show Tags (Postage)	\$ 30.85
Show Tag Printing	\$ 783.00
SWROGA News Expense	\$ 512.09
SWROGA Show Trophy Purchase	\$ 557.00
SWROGA Show Trophy Postage	\$ 27.20
Society Show Assistance (Arkansas)	\$ 1,601.50

Total General (Operating) Fund Outflows \$ 3,511.61

Net Difference between Inflows and Outflows = + \$ 4,858.86



Research Fund

Highlights

1. The Research Fund is combined with the General (Operating) Fund in a money market account at ARVEST Bank but tracked separately.

There was no research fund activity.



Trophy Fund

Highlights

1. An amount of \$1,660.74 in interest was collected on the trophy accounts since the last semi-annual report.
2. The trophy expense consisted of 34 trophies at \$35.00 and 1 trophy at \$70.00 for a total of \$1,260.00 was sent to the Oklahoma Orchid Society for their spring 2010 show.
3. A trophy was endowed for Doris McGraw for Class 944, Best Orchid Collectable Exhibit.
4. Endowed trophies are now at 17. Pledged trophies remain at two. Eighteen (17) TROPHIES REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR ENDOWMENT AT \$2,500.00 EACH.

The Trophy Fund Accounts are as follows:

1)	\$ 26,121.00 @ 4.57% maturing 10/04/2012
2)	\$ 5,000.00 @ 4.40% maturing 01/10/2011
3)	\$ 7,300.00 @ 5.16% maturing 08/23/2012
4)	\$ 5,000.00 @ 4.16% maturing 04/09/2011
5)	\$ 11,000.00 @ 4.59% maturing 10/06/2013
7)	<u>\$ 17,860.00 @ 4.65% maturing 09/17/2012</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 72,181.00
8)	\$ 3.955.98 Money Market ARVEST Bank
9)	<u>\$ 1,226.37 Savings Account Chase Bank</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 77,363.35</u>

Itemized Trophy Fund Cash Flow:

Inflows:

Earned Interest	\$ 1,660.74
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Outflows:

Trophy Expense (Oklahoma)	\$ 1.260.00
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Net Difference between Inflows and Outflows = +\$ 400.74



List of Orchid Shows within SWROGA

Also check the SWROGA website www.swroga.org, and the
American Orchid Society Show Calendar www.aos.org.

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Hosts</i>	<i>Event Location</i>	<i>Contacts</i>
2010			
October			
1-3	Central Louisiana Orchid Society SWROGA Show	Best Western Inn & Suites 2720 North MacArthur Dr. Alexandria, LA	Al Taylor PO Box 545 Leesville, LA 71496 (337) 424-9689 alant@krok.com
23-24	Fort Worth Orchid Society	Laura Beggs Garden Center Fort Worth Botanic Gardens 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. Fort Worth, TX	Bob Hawkins 6313 Greenbriar Ln. Fort Worth, TX 76132 (817) 423-0568 bob.madelyn.hawkins@gmail.com
29-31	Alamo Orchid Society	San Antonio Garden Center 3310 N. New Braunfels San Antonio, TX.	Tom Davis 570 Blaze Ave. San Antonio, TX 78218 (210) 650-9720 ted1016@aol.com
November			
6-7	Kansas Orchid Society	Botanica, The Wichita Gardens 701 N. Amidon Wichita, KS.	Sarah J. Pratt 10003 S. Hertzler Sedwick, KS 67135 (316) 772-5194 svcsjp@pixius.net
13	Houston Orchid Society Judging	Home of: Denny & Renee Haase 22332 Gosling Rd. Spring, TX	John Stubbings 3701 Coral Reef Dr. Seabrook, TX 77586 (281) 326-1314 JDstubbings@comcast.net
2011			
April			
2-3	Baton Rouge Orchid Society SWROGA Show	Holiday Inn Airline Highway	James Jeansonne 225-275-810 jamesmj@cox.net
15-17	Houston Orchid Society	Museum of Natural Science 5555 Hermann Park Dr. Houston, TX	John Stubbings 3701 Coral Reef Dr. Seabrook, TX 77586 jdstubbings@comcast.com
27-May 1	Shreveport Orchid Society Show & AOS Members Meeting	Shreveport Convention Center, Shreveport, LA.	Lena Parker 8602 W. Wilderness Way Shreveport, LA 71106 (318) 868-4568.

In Memoriam

In honor of our deceased members, please observe a moment of silence in respect for their passing.

Gail Freeman

John Kramer

James Roberts

Emil Szafir

Items of Interest

SWROGA Trophy Winner

Baton Rouge Show 2010
Blc. Prada Green Deluxe
Grower is Janet Gianelloni
Acadian Orchid Society
Lafayette, LA

Orchid News from Recent BBC Broadcasts:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/8391540.stm>
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/7508066.stm

Submitted by: Ed Wright

WRIGHT THINKING

BY Ed Wright

May 2010

We received a couple of very similar emails around the first of this month. In each case, the writer was new to orchids and - believe it or not - found some conflict in advice received in response to their questions. These two were from quite different areas of our vast region, so one might consider this plight a widespread one despite just a couple of examples.

I thought back to my own early years of association with plants, and decided to share with these two - and with you - several things that I consider foundation principles for good growing. That's a tall order in ten inches of article space, but here goes.

Principle I must be: HEAT RISES. No matter what you grow or where you grow it, the natural flow of tempered air must be considered. Regardless of the outside temperature, we need only concern ourselves with a few critical degrees at the top and bottom of our growing scale. In an overly general view, orchid plants exist in a temperature range of 45 deg F through 85 deg F. True, their "metabolism rate" (if you will permit a less than precise term) doubles about every 20 degrees from 40 to 80 deg F, but the good or better growing range is the magic 40 deg F described. Frankly, I always liked a low temperature of about 52 deg F and a high of about 85 deg F but - a little secret - it was more comfortable for ME!

Back to 'Heat Rises', hot air is going to be against the highest point of the roof on the inside of a greenhouse regardless of the time of year. In winter, we can use a fan or two to bring it down to temper the air at bench level. In summer, we can let the trapped heat out so we don't have to fool with it or pay big bucks to condition it inside.

Principle II concerns pots. A pot is the biggest adjustment an orchid from the wild must make. We add some weight at the base and restrict the roots for our convenience, then redo the whole thing every year or so to keep everything neat and tidy. On their own, orchid plants tend to wrap around something solid and hang on. Roots last a lifetime and leaves can move enough to adjust themselves to the collection of sunlight and water. Even if you doubt my reasoning, think how nice it will be to tell folks you are considering the plant when you defer repotting until the plant falls over on its own.

Principle III has to do with where you grow. 'Farm the top of the bench' is good advice. Keep that underneath area clean and clear so diseases, bugs and beasties can't find a place to colonize and proliferate. I prefer washed sand for a greenhouse floor because it is easy on the feet. Pea gravel slips around too much and cement grows molds and algae yet to be identified.

The next set of principles must defer to the inflexible rules dealing with space available. This is really YOUR space, so if you want some more thoughts along this line, let me know. If something else needs a comment or two, we're glad to consider that, as well.

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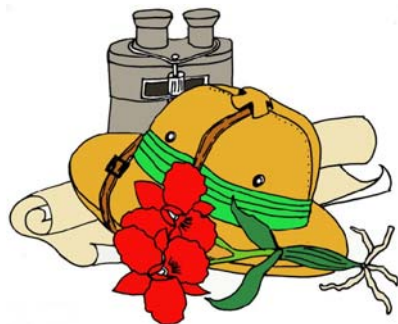
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October 1st. 2nd. & 3rd. 2010



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Setup (9a.m.) Judging (6:30 p.m. til)

Saturday:

Free Public Show & Sales (9a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Saturday Speakers:

Peter Lin - Mini Cattleyas

Earl Bailey - Phragmipediums

Sunday:

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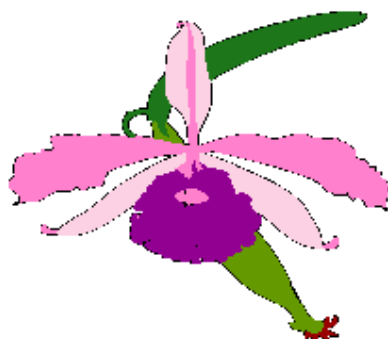




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SATURDAY—12/4/2010

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Acadian Orchid Society Short Course



An AOS-Judged and sanctioned tabletop orchid show (for registered attendees only) will be held in conjunction with the Short Course.

Featured Speakers are Erich Michel of Michel's Orchids, Mooresville, Indiana and Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids, Lincoln, California. Plants will be available for purchase.

WHERE: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA

WHEN: Saturday, December 4, 2010

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BE SENT AT A LATER DATE!**

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