



## South West Regional Orchid Growers Association



### AUTUMN 2012 NEWSLETTER

#### President's Message

Hello SWROGA members,

As I begin this next two years as your SWROGA President, I wonder about how we all get involved. It seems to me that SWROGA is at a cross road in terms of participation. I like to meet and talk to new orchid growers as well as those seasoned veteran growers that occasionally surprise us. Lately, I seem to be losing that ability for some reason. Is it the high cost of gasoline to travel to shows or cost of fuel for heating? Is it the new computer generation preferring to communicate online or text by phone rather than meet and discuss? I am not sure but I do know that when you meet new growers and actually talk with them about what they are doing, they are enthusiastic and they are more eager to get involved in something that helps them in their hobby/vocation.

I certainly do not have the answer, but I sincerely hope that everyone can feel wanted, needed and happy to share in our SWROGA meetings and shows. The SWROGA Committees and officers are the heart and soul of the SWROGA organization. Our officers and committee members are all great volunteers! If you or someone you know wants to volunteer their time to work on one of the many fun SWROGA Committees, please contact me or any of the officers listed in our Newsletter or website ([www.swroga.org](http://www.swroga.org)).

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#### President's message cont'd.

With genus name changes and new genus being found every year, the next two years will be challenging and rewarding not only to us individually but also to the hobby/vocation of orchid growing! With the advent of the internet and such software programs as AQ+ (the American Orchid Society [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) award program with Orchids Plus which is within the AOS website) and other fine software packages, seeing and understanding the culture needed by orchids has been brought right into our homes and greenhouses.

Lastly, take some time to visit our vendors when you are at orchid shows. Tell them thanks for supporting SWROGA and the orchid growing hobby. I cannot imagine what it would be like if they were not available to bring more and different beautiful orchids into our lives. See you at the next SWROGA Show sponsored by the Shreveport Orchid Society in Shreveport, Louisiana, October 26-28, 2012!

**SWROGA President  
Don Maples**

#### SWROGA Fall Meeting

October 26-28  
R.S. Barnwell Center  
601 Clyde Fant PKWY  
Shreveport, LA  
Host Hotel: Sam's TownHotel & Casino  
1-877-429-0711 by Oct. 1st





## South West Regional Orchid Growers Association

### Welcome new officers

President	Don Maples
President-Elect	John Stubbings
Vice President	Emily Quinn
Treasurer	Carolyn McCabe
Secretary	Linda Horton
Editor	Sheila Skov
Member-at-Large Of Continuing Operating Committee	Lena Parker

### SWROGA Newsletter Input

All newsletter input WELCOME!  
If you would like to contribute an article, photos, society events, culture tips, etc. Please contact the newsletter editor Sheila Skov 281-286-1471 or [orchids.tropicals@sbcglobal.net](mailto:orchids.tropicals@sbcglobal.net). All SWROGA members are encouraged to participate. This is a great opportunity for all of SWROGA to know what is going on with you and your society. The newsletter is published six weeks before the upcoming SWROGA meeting.



### SWROGA Achievement Award

I would like to use my space to explain an honor you may or may not be fully familiar with, the SWROGA Achievement Award. This award was created subsequent to the efforts of an ad hoc committee chaired by Lena Parker in 1992. The purpose of the award is to recognize extraordinary members and their efforts in behalf of SWROGA.

Past honorees are:  
1993 Fred Strothman  
1998 Ed Wright  
2000 Byron McGraw  
2003 Kathy Wright  
2004 Burrell Gambel  
2006 Carolyn McCabe  
2007 Doris McGraw  
2012 Don Maples

Conditions and procedures are as follows:  
Any member can nominate a potential recipient (living or dead). Nominations are made by letter to the SWROGA President, and should list the nominee's accomplishments. The letter must be received by the Continuing Operating Committee at least 60 days prior to the next meeting to be considered. The letter is then circulated to SWROGA officers for their recommendation. If recommended by the officers, the nomination is presented to the Board of Directors for approval, to be presented as soon as possible.  
This is the Cliff's Notes version. The details may be found in the SWROGA Procedures Manual (In the SWROGA directory).

**SWROGA Immediate Past President  
Lowell McCabe**





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### SWROGA Show Scheduling

SWROGA does not wish to dictate exact timing of the show to sponsoring societies, but rather desires collaboration with societies to make their show a success. The options attached are for discussion and planning only and NOT directive in nature.

There exist many issues that must be considered for a successful show. All issues must come together to provide the best possible experience for the grower, exhibitor, seller, the public and the host society. The host venue and the judges also play a role.

Please review the attached options and use the one that will work best for your society. These are by no means the only options that will work. AOS plant judging can be accomplished in a separate area while the public views the exhibits. The only important issue is to allow exhibit judging before the public has access. Plants may be pulled from exhibits for AOS plant judging if necessary.

As we go through this change process, it is important to remember that this is a change that we want to make work for everyone. We may have to make changes "on the fly" to ensure a smooth show. It is a host society show.

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### SWROGA Show Scheduling cont'd.

#### Option A

##### Friday

4/5 PM registration of plants/exhibits closes

7 PM to 8 PM SWROGA Committee Meeting (Open to the public).

8 PM to 9 PM SWROGA General Meeting (Open to the public).

##### Saturday

7 AM to 8 AM Affiliated Societies breakfast (Open to SWROGA members--- Registration for breakfast required)(Host society may conduct silent auction benefitting their society).

8 AM Ribbon judging begins, followed by AOS judging which may be in a different location.

9 AM Sales area open if different area from exhibits.

11 AM Exhibit area open.

#### Open scheduling

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### Treasurer's Report

See full report in the SWROGA directory or on the SWROGA website. [www.swroga.org](http://www.swroga.org)





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### **SWROGA Show Scheduling cont'd. Option B**

#### **Friday**

4/5 PM Registration of plants/exhibits closes.

7 PM to 8 PM SWROGA Committee Meeting (Open to the public).

#### **Saturday**

7 AM to 8 AM Affiliated Societies Breakfast (Open to SWROGA members--- Registration for breakfast required)(Host society may conduct silent auction benefitting their society).

8 AM to ? Ribbon judging followed by AOS judging (AOS judging may be in different area than exhibits).

9 AM to 5 PM Sales area open (if different from exhibit area).

11 AM to 5 PM Exhibit area open.

1 PM to 2 PM SWROGA Director's Meeting

#### **Open scheduling**

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1 PM to 2 PM SWROGA Committee Meeting (Open to the public).

2 PM to 3 PM SWROGA General Meeting (Open to the public).

#### **Open scheduling**





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### **Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association Minutes of the 101st Directors and Membership Meeting April 28, 2012**

The SWROGA Directors and Membership meeting was held in the Haytt Regency Hotel, Wichita, Kansas on Saturday April 28th, 2012. President Lowell McCabe called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM. Carolyn McCabe reported that a quorum was present.

In Memorial: Members who have passed away since the last meeting are Ervin Granier, Baton Rouge OS; Behlah Keynon, Ron Horton, Ruth Lazar passed away in late 2011 and Hank Horton who just passed away April 2012 all GNTOS members. Leon Rademacher Tulsa OS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and seconded.

#### Committee Reports

Affiliated Societies Committee: Lena Parker – No report.

Treasurers Report: Carolyn McCabe presented the semi-annual financial report for approval. Printed report provided to directors present. Linda Horton moved to search for a better interest rate for CD/bond investments. Seconded by Jake Massey

AOS Rep: Billie Beck Kramer – No report

Bylaws & Judiciary Committee: Lois Dauelsberg reported that the committee has done a major revision of the SWROGA Procedures Manual. We will incorporate changes suggested at this meeting and email the draft to all officers and directors. The committee will present the final draft to the Continuing Operating Committee for approval.

Recommendations - 1. Post manual and bylaws on SWROGA website

2. Minor changes to manual (grammatical, spelling, typographical errors) as well as inclusion of new actions approved by the directors, be approved by the Continuing Operating Committee. (funding request over \$1000.00).

3. In the event of an urgent funding request up to \$2500.00, the Continuing Operating Committee may approve an immediate expenditure.

Conservation Committee: Linda Horton – We have 3 new members: Ron Haselhuhn KOS, Mandel Brown, Mike Friday Okla OS. Ron is going to send Linda a rundown on what he is doing in Kansas with an established group of parviflorum & prairie orchids.

Programs and Education Committee: Chair has resigned. Lowell McCabe is the new chair. He will work with slides, need a new scanner \$350.00. Motion made by Michael Friday 2nded by Allison Galloway. Motion passed.

Continuing Operating Committee: Lowell McCabe –The purpose of this committee is to make decision between SWROGA meetings.

Publications: Sheila Skov – No report

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### Meeting minutes cont'd.

Research Committee: Richard Jameson –Don Maples reported on a letter received which expressed appreciation to SWROGA for providing “seed” money to reintroduce terrestrials back into Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana. Reintroducing Kentucky Lady’s Slipper into the Kisatchie met with mixed success. As a result of SWROGA’s generosity, more money was generated for this project.

Show Committee: - Karlene Sanborn and 2 members present. Recommends changing cattleya in schedule, but slowly and carefully. Wants number of each type of orchid so she can keep up with what is being shown. Before schedule is changed, the number of instances in each show is examined. This tells the committee whether this is a needed change across all shows or a single instance.

Show Tags: Karlene Sanborn – 8cents each, come in bundles of 500. Order on website. Don’t wait until the last minute to order.

#### Old Business

SWROGA fall show 2012 will be in Shreveport. Pamphlets available to take back to your societies.

CETOS (Tyler) hosting SWROGA show spring 2013 3/22-24. Holiday Inn, 8 vendors.

Don Maples presented time schedule for standalone SWROGA shows. Vote was taken on 3 choices with the Option of – Friday register, set up displays, Saturday breakfast, 8AM ribbon followed by AOS judging, committee meetings 2PM, followed by Directors meeting.

#### New Business

Continuing Operating Committee requests that Gruene Orchid Society in New Braunfels receive membership in SWROGA. Voted and Passed.

Anita Aldrich retiring Sundance Trophy. Passed. (Off schedule)

**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** Requests for the award must be sent to the Continuing Operating Committee for their approval and forwarded to the directors for their approval.

Lois Dauelsberg The Bylaws Committee has reviewed minutes back to 2005. 1. Recommended procedure manual be posted on the SWROGA website. Motion made by Allison Galloway, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane Butcher. Motion carried. 2. Recommend minor changes to SWROGA procedure manual (grammatical, spelling, typographical errors) as well as the inclusion of new actions, be approved by the Continuing Operating Committee to include re-funding request over \$1000.00. Motion made by Carolyn McCabe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Marak, OSO. Motion carried.

3. In the event of an urgent funding request up to \$2500.00 the Continuing Operating Committee may approve an immediate expenditure. Motion made by Carolyn McCabe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Emily Quinn. Motion carried.

Special Achievement Award presented to Don Maples.

Vote for new slate of officers. No other nominations from floor. Vote for slate passed.

New President, Don Maples was installed by Lowell McCabe.

No further new business. The Meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Horton**





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PHOTO GALLERY  
WICHITA KANSAS SWROGA SPRING SHOW



Max & Bryon's exhibit



Sudamerlycaste locusta Quinta  
"best show flower"





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### ORCHIDS THEIR SECRETS REVEALED (By Geoffery Frost)

An orchid is a magnificent image of beauty and elegance, and choosing to grow your own orchid plants is a richly rewarding experience. The impression that orchids are hard to grow and maintain couldn't be more wrong. Taking care of orchid plants is an art that doesn't take too long to master.

When you get the hang of it, you can reap many benefits:

- Indoors or outdoors, orchids add an elegant air.

Their vibrant colors and interesting shapes add natural beauty and a feminine touch to your home.

- Outdoors, butterflies and other delightful creatures will flock to your garden, maintaining the natural balance in the environment by pollinating and promoting the growth of other plants.

- Orchids are a relatively inexpensive way to decorate – no need for bulky, expensive sculpture and artwork.

- Orchids can be cultivated in even the smallest spaces virtually maintenance free, with no need to work with soil and manure – just plenty of sunlight, water, humidity, and air.

- Like all forms of horticulture, growing orchids is an alternative therapy that can relax you and improve your mind, body and spirit.

#### **Tea, vanilla, Brazil nuts.**

Orchids have been cultivated and used for medicinal value. Traditional Chinese medicine includes a number of uses for dried orchids in herbal teas – benefits include strengthening the immune system, improving eyesight, and increasing the recovery rate of bruises and wounds. Many orchids are edible.

Vanilla is the fruit of an orchid plant, in the form of a bean pod. Although there are over one hundred-ten varieties of vanilla orchids, only one, *Vanilla planifolia*, produces the fruit that gives us ninety-nine percent of commercial vanilla. *Vanilla tahitensis*, grown in Tahiti, produces fruit with more pronounced aroma – but, debatably, less flavor. And, if it were not for one particular species of orchid – the Brazil nut would not exist.

**Geoffrey Frost**  
**Heart'O'Texas Orchid Society**







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### **GROWING CATASETUMS ON THE GULF COAST**

**(By Stephen Moffitt)**

I have been growing orchids in the Houston area for about thirty seven years and I have had good success as well as many disappointments through the years. I have grown just about every type of orchid at one time or the other. Catasetums and their hybrids have become my favorite orchids. Ninety percent of my collection is devoted to these fascinating plants. Their ease of culture and huge diversity is a big factor in my decision to concentrate on this group of orchids. Catasetum, Clowesia, Cycnoches, & Mormodes are the primary Genus that compos these plants. They can be grown easily without the necessity of a greenhouse. They can grow in just about every kind of medium that you can imagine. I have seen them grown in rock, lava rock, rock wool, and all of the other orchid potting materials that are on the market. I use a mix of one part large sponge rock, one part medium charcoal, and one part peat moss. I grow all of my plants outside under a large shade house covered with 63% shade. I bring them into the greenhouse only when the weather turns cold in October. By this time most of the plants have begun to shed their leaves and begun their dormant period. At this time I do not water or feed them unless they are still in an active growing stage. Many of them will also be in spike and will be blooming for the second and third time. The plants should not be exposed to temperatures below 55 for an extended time. They can be kept on a window sill or somewhere in the house in the winter without any water or sun light. In the spring they will send up a new growth and start the growth cycle all over again. This is the time to repot the plants. Remove the plant from the pot and cut most of the old roots off. Leave enough of the old dead roots on to stabilize the plant. Repot the plant slightly below the top of last year's growth and position the new growth in the center of the pot. Move the plant to a warm growing area where it will get moderate light. DO NOT WATER AT THIS TIME! Wait until the new growth opens up with a leaf span of ½ to 1 inch across. Only then do you start to water and feed the plant. Any old back bulbs can be cut from the plant and repotted in a dry mix. They will send up a new growth in a month or so.

Catasetums are heavy feeders and like a lot of water during the spring and summer. However, they do not like to be kept wet for an extended period of time. Since I grow outside under shade cloth I pot all my Catasetums in clay pots. They dry out faster and I do not loose any plants to rot whenever we have those months of rain every day for weeks at a time. Another significant advantage to growing Catasetums is that scale does not seem to favor these orchids. I have some trouble occasionally with mealy bugs and spider mites. I use a product called Sorbishield that is a sugar based, nontoxic product for spider mites and mealy bugs and other soft bodied pests. So far this product has been very good.

You can view pictures of many of my plants on Facebook or my website-

Web Site: <http://www.catasetinae.com/index.html>

**Stephen Moffitt**  
**Rare Earth Orchids**



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### Geoffrey Frost

Geoff began growing orchids in 1998 and became a member of the Heart O' Texas Orchid Society and the American Orchid Society in 2000. He became very involved in the local orchid society and was president from 2005-2006. He has been show chair from 2007 to present and also the AOS, ODC & SWROGA Representative for HOTOS. Geoff joined the Alamo Judging Center in 2008, but had to quit due to financial reasons, but hopes to pick it back up sometime in the future. He grows his orchids in a 10' x 18' Redwood Greenhouse that house about 300 or so orchids, and received his first AM/AOS in 2004 and has 4 AM/AOS to present date. Geoff admits that cattleyas are his weakness, but he also has 25 or so different genera of orchids. He hopes to become more involved in SWROGA and the AOS in the near future. Geoff loves growing orchids and strives to become a great grower and help preserve this natural wonder.

See below one of his awarded plants:  
*Cattleya aclandiae* 'Stephen' AM/AOS



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Open by appointment only.

See below one of his awarded plants:  
*Catasetum* Louise Clark 'Angel Verde' AM/AOS





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**The Greater North Texas Orchid  
Society is having a  
big two day table top event.  
Lots of orchids for sale.  
Orchid societies are welcome to  
enter an exhibit. Sign up now.**

More information at [gntos.org](http://gntos.org)

October 13th, 9am-6pm  
& 14th, 10am-4pm  
North Haven Gardens  
7700 Northaven Road  
Dallas, TX





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Shreveport Orchid Society  
Hosting the Fall 2012  
SWROGA MEETINGS & ORCHID SHOW

## "The All-Hallowed Orchid"

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## ACADIAN ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS:

THE ANNUAL SHORT COURSE  
DECEMBER 1, 2012

Homewood Suites  
201 Kaliste Saloom Rd.  
Lafayette, LA 70508

### Speakers:

Tom Kuligowski  
"Unusual & Natural Mountings" and  
"Angrecums"

Peter Lin from Diamond Orchids California  
"Wild, Weird & Wonderful Orchids" and  
"Family Portrait of The Genus Dendrobium"

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