

SWROGA

South West Regional Orchid Growers Association



SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

President's Welcome

As we begin 2013, I hope one of your new resolutions will be to become more involved in a group that does more than just talk about orchid conservation. I am talking about the Southwest Region Orchid Growers Association! SWROGA has a proven track record of supporting orchid conservation and will continue to do so. I hope that everyone can join me at the Central East Texas Orchid Society Show in Tyler March 22-24. CETOS always has a wonderful show as well as many vendors with great orchids for sale. If you are lucky enough to drive through the Tyler area, you will see many greenhouse nurseries. Most of these are not orchid related growers but it points to the fact that this environment is wonderful for growing! Take some time and enjoy the show as well as the many benefits of the Tyler area. We are still looking for show sponsors for next fall (2013), spring and fall of 2014. For societies considering a SWROGA Show, remember that awards are sponsored by SWROGA and auctions conducted benefit the host society. This is a great way for host societies to boost their membership through advertising. I invite anyone interested in orchids to attend our committee and director's meeting during the show. The meetings are open to everyone. SWROGA only meets twice a year and it is a chance to get together and talk orchids with fellow growers. If you would like to be involved in SWROGA, please attend one or both meetings and we will introduce you to other growers.

Wishing you a good growing year!

Don Maples
SWROGA President

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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New Orchid Vocabulary

(Yoshis-travels.com)

Barkeia - (noun) a dog that lets you know when a suspicious person is looking over your orchid collection.

Cataseeum - (noun) a watch-cat for your orchids.

Cattastrophic - (adjective) used to describe an event where one knocks a pot off the bench, breaking the flower spike on a cattleya that was ready to bloom for the first time.

Cattatonic - (noun) high-nitrogen fertilizer for lackluster cattelyas.

Cattsleya - (noun) cattleya killer.

Difoliate - (verb) what one utters when (s)he loses patience with a non-bloomer.

Dundrobium - (noun) when one finally realizes that (s)he cannot bloom a dendrobium.

Dorkal - (noun) deformed dorsal sepal.

Flagrance - (noun) disagreeable fragrance from a bulbophyllum.

Incyelia - (verb) blooms once a month like clock-work.

Insectiside - (noun) some insecticide that you prefer to keep on the side, away from you, because you are afraid that it may harm you, too.

Insesticide - (noun) unnecessary tool because the little buggers end up too inbred to procreate after five generations.

Knewbie - (noun, slang) annoying newcomer on an orchid bulletin board who clearly thinks he already knows the answers to the questions he posts.

Masdefallia - (noun) inability to grow masdevallias.

Porchid - (noun) big ol' fat plant

Pseudoblob - (noun) pseudobulb that has succumbed to black rot.

Pseudobulk - (noun) phenomenal growths achieved by illicit use of steroids. See *Bulbophyllum* Barry Bonds 'Balco' FCC/MLB

Sinicatt - (noun) minicattleya that you purchased by saying "just one more" but shouldn't have.

Spetal - (noun) splashed petal.

Stan'shopea- Stan's wish that flowers would last longer than a day. (L.C. Skov)

Vandal - (noun) someone who stole your vandas while your *cataseeum* and *barkeia* were sleeping.

Vandaxism - (noun) willful or malicious destruction of vandas with an axe or a similar tool.

Whater - (verb) to try to guess what kind of hybrid the orchid is while watering it.

Treasurer's Report

See full report in the SWROGA directory or on the SWROGA website.

www.swroga.org



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Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association Minutes of the 103rd Directors and Membership Meeting Fall 2012

The SWROGA Directors and Membership meeting was held the Barnwell Center, Shreveport, Louisiana on Friday October 26th, 2012. President Don Maples called the meeting to order at 7:58PM. Carolyn McCabe reported a quorum present.

In Memorial: Members who have passed away since the last meeting are: The Galveston OS lost one member, Al Withrow in August. Phyllis Knox, Orchid Society of the Ozarks passed away in August also. Doris Catrett of the Southeast Texas OS has also passed away. Velma McDaniel, Kansas OS passed away recently. Ruth Lazar, Frances Fowler and Henry 'Hank' Horton from GNTOS passed away since our last meeting. In addition May Throckmorton has also passed away.

The minutes of the previous meeting were posted on the website and there were no corrections or additions. Lowell McCabe moved to accept minutes as printed. Seconded by Lena Parker. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Don Maples reminded members if you are not on a committee there are numerous vacancies to be filled. Please volunteer.

Affiliated Societies Committee: Lena Parker – Acting Chair, reminded everyone to bring items for the SWROGA auction and help is needed with the auction tomorrow night.

Treasurers Report: Audit report by Julius Klehm indicated well-maintained records and meets all recommendations. Copy of the report available. Carolyn McCabe presented the semi-annual financial report for approval. Printed report provided to directors present. The association is investing in bonds since the interest is so low on CDs. Budget was provided for 2013. Lena Parker moved to accept, 2nd by Mark Sanborn. Passed.

AOS Rep: Billie Beck Kramer – No report absent

Bylaws & Judiciary Committee: Lois Dauelsberg absent. Operations Committee can make urgent loans of \$ 2,500.00 for SWROGA Show preparations. Minutes for the last seven years have been reviewed and items that were passed have been placed in the procedure manual. Motion to approve updates was made and passed. Copy of updated manual provided.

Conservation Committee: Linda Horton – No report.

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Meeting minutes cont'd.

Programs and Education Committee: Lowell McCabe- We are going through old slide programs and converting to power point. Carolyn McCabe demonstrated revised program. A listing will be placed on the website when they have been completed.

Continuing Operating Committee: Lowell McCabe- No report

Publications: Sheila Skov – No report absent. Carolyn needs email addresses for all SWROGA members and suggests society members make several copies of the SWROGA minutes to pass out to members without email access.

Research Committee: Lena Parker for Richard Jameson – Two individuals have made inquiries regarding funding but we have received no proposals. Registration form is on the website.

Show Committee: - Karlene Sanborn – 4 members present. We are working through the cattleya schedule and will cross reference with name changes for the species and hybrid listings. Emily Quinn noted that odontoglossums are now moved into other genera.

Old Business

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

Don Maples requests feedback by SOS on how the new schedule of events went for this show.

New Business

Carolyn McCabe motioned from this day forward any auction/raffle(except silver service) that all proceeds go to the host society. 2nd by Karlene Sanborn. Passed.

Lena Parker announced IPA Regional meeting will be held in Shreveport February 2013. There will be AOS judging with tabletop exhibits.

No further new business. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:54PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Horton**

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ORCHID ATTRACTORS AND POLLINATORS – L.C. Skov

I've attended several very interesting lectures on orchid insect pollinators. Tom Mirenda entrances his audience with the evidence of orchids mimicking insects, varying fragrance and color to attract them, replicating specific insect sexual desire with pheromones to confuse them, evolving flower structure to insure that cross-pollination can't happen...

Much has also been written on orchids as insect attractors, but as the clipart suggest, I will approach the subject from a different perspective. My narrative is based on in-situ field observations of the orchids' attraction to humans, the non- insect species, who for better or worse are now the greatest pollinators of orchids.

Psychic Appeal One of my early observations on human orchid appeal came when I was in middle school – long, long ago. My interest in art, and some good parents, afforded me the opportunity to attend once/week evening art classes. It was a mixed, diverse group. I usually completed a single drawing or painting in two three hour classes, but one of the adult students would take several months to get halfway through a single drawing. It seemed really odd to me that the man spent so much time meticulously covering just the smallest section of each piece.



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One day I had to go to a dental clinic for wisdom tooth removal - not a happy memory. Anyway, I remember the offices adorned with blooming plants (now identifiable to me as orchids). In the office was the meticulous art-class man, my dental surgeon. Only much later in life did I realize that the orchid world is heavily populated with doctors and dentists. Why? I've conclude that orchids attract such humans by their diversity. Diversity sometimes coupled with varied, often meticulous care needs. The diversity of orchids affords an almost endless opportunity for study, research, and learning challenge. Many professions demand people with psyches stimulated by learning challenges and 'turned on' by research and attention to detail. The orchid world, with more than twenty thousand species spread across the world, certainly affords opportunity for such stimulation.

Many orchids require a regiment of care that also appeals to meticulous humanoids, also representative of my dentist. Another confirming field observation: I experienced an orchid talk given by PHD's that gave witness to this meticulous attraction. Their plant's individual care requirements are maintained on detailed computer logs: temperature range, fertilizing regiments - a computer record on each plant's needs and history subsequently extending to color coding and a variety of shaped labels reflecting each plant's needs.



Beauty, Fragrance, Rareness, Uniqueness In the 40's & 50's it was every girl's wish to be presented with a cattleya corsage. Surely the attraction was the flower's beauty, fragrance, and uniqueness – Something special, for someone special! These characteristics must certainly be the orchid's most dominating attractors to humans. Witness the awe that our orchid shows provide the public. Witness the lure that drives some people to travel the most remote/exotic corners of the world simply to experience a plant in its natural environment.

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First Love, wife Sheila; Second Love, my stanhopea

My personal favorite orchids are in the stanhopea tribe. We have over 100 stanhopea in our collection, including about half of the different species. Their flowers are some of the most unusual in the orchid world, rarely even seen by orchid nuts, with blooms open for only a few days; flower spikes coming through the bottom of the plant; unique pleasing and powerful fragrance. As a chemist I am drawn to the science behind the work of Whitten & Williams. Through such research, chromatographic isolation and identification of specific fragrances that stanhopea flowers possess, we can now distinguish differences between species whose flower structure and color are nearly identical and identify the reasons only certain bees go to different plants in this group. The perfume industry studies the stanhopea's fragrance and chemically synthesizes their allure.

Reward It is basic human nature to want reward and recognition. Orchids allow us to feel good about ourselves as we simply demonstrate that we can keep something so unusual alive, yet alone get it to bloom, receive a ribbon, trophy, or even an AOS certificate. Others are driven to create a new hybrid that they can name for perpetuity.

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Judging Many of the strongest enthusiasts and supporters of the orchid world are attracted to the AOS judging program. These dedicated individuals are willing to take years of qualification training and even travel at their own expense to judge shows across the country. AOS Judges certainly are afflicted with advance stages of orchid attraction.

Control There seems to be a natural instinct in mankind to control his surroundings. As attractive as orchids are in their natural state, mankind is driven to make improvements. For better or worse, the judging system has developed a stylized approach to assess the form and substance of the 'perfect' orchid. This has driven the hybridizer to pollinate/hybridize/cross pollinate the orchid like no other flower. Hundreds of new crosses are often created each month; all registered of course. That man-made hybrids outnumber nature's own creations by over tenfold, is evidence sufficient to conclude that the orchid's greatest pollinator is not the insect, but man.

Love of plants, Social interaction My wife Sheila and I belong to many garden clubs, several specialized plant societies, and two orchid societies. We know many folks as common members to these groups. In its simplest manifestation our love of plants attract like-people for social interaction, but also affords an opportunity to learn more about our common interest, and maybe just a chance to win a raffle plant. At its finest, the love of plants and flowers is expressed through common interest in conservation and preservation. At its worst, it can become a disease manifest by hoarding, a need to possess every unusual plant.



I am definitely attracted to orchids, perhaps even addicted. There is no judgment in my reflections, only field observations and reflections on what may drive us to the orchid. Perhaps orchids have recognized the need to attract humans to perpetuate their existence. Evolution at the highest level? Bottom line, whatever attracts and `turns you on' to the world of orchids, ENJOY THEM!



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GALVESTON ORCHID SOCIETY

"ORCHID SAFARI"

SHOW & SALE

Saturday March 2 9am-6pm

Sunday March 3 12 noon-4:30pm

Location:

Nessler Center "Wings of Heritage Room"

21st Street & 5th Avenue North

Texas City, TX, 77590

www.galvestonorchidsociety.org

SWROGA Spring Meeting "Orchid Wonderland"

March 23-24, 2013

[Holiday Inn South -](#)

[5701 S Broadway Ave \(Hwy 69\), Tyler, TX 75703](#)

Houston Orchid Society

"Orchids on the Bayou"

April 20-21, 2013

The Houston Orchid Society is having their annual Spring Show and Sale on Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Sunday, April 21th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. in the lobby of the Houston Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Dr., Houston, TX 77030. Admittance to the show and sale is free.

Orchid shoppers are invited to visit the sales booths selling orchids to the public. There will be ten vendors, some local and others from as far as California and Hawaii.

HOS members and HMNS invite all to come and see Orchids on the Bayou!

More information is available at

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

Contact Holly Miller at hollymil@earthlink.net, or 281 597-8792

Houston Orchid Society Show Chair.

Acadian Orchid Society

Show & Sale

June 21-23

Saturday June 22 10am-5pm

Sun June 23 10am-4pm

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

2206 Johnston St, Lafayette, LA 70503



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Heart O' Texas Orchid Society's 42nd Annual Show & Sale, "Orchid Fever" April 27th & 28th, 2013

Zilker Botanical Gardens Center
2220 Barton Springs Road,
Austin, TX 78746
(512) 477-8672

Show & Plant Sale: 10:00am - 5:00pm Saturday
& 10:00am - 4:00pm Sunday.

Come Catch the "Fever" Orchid Fever, That Is!
This year we are very proud to present the 42nd Annual Orchid Show here in Austin, TX. While this affliction is not life threatening, it can be contagious! Join us at this year's 42nd Annual Orchid Show and Sale - "Orchid Fever!" - here at Zilker Botanical Gardens in Austin. There will also be hundreds of blooming orchids for sale, as well as helpful information for growing these beautiful plants from the 7 vendors and society members. Visit and shop with our knowledgeable vendors from around the state, and pick the brains of our experienced society members. We know which orchids grow best here in Central Texas! There will also be hourly raffles for plants and/or merchandise and the public is encouraged to attend. Admission to the Show and Sale is free, but Zilker charges a \$2 admission fee to enter the Botanical Gardens. Optional donations at the door to support the Heart O' Texas Orchid Society are always appreciated as this is one of our annual fundraisers. For a complete schedule of events, or for more information, please contact: Geoffrey Frost, 1011 Strickland Drive. Austin, TX 78748-4847 (Telephone (512) 413-3199; e-mail geoffreyfrost@yahoo.com), or visit our web-site: <http://www.hotos.org/>

Last Weekend in April Brings an Exotic Orchid Show and Sale to Austin, TX.

Exotic orchids are a prime example of Mother Nature at her best! An exciting gardening event will be taking place the weekend of April 27th & 28th here in Austin, TX. The Heart O' Texas Orchid Society, founded in 1961, is proud to present the 42nd Annual Orchid Show and Sale at the Zilker Botanical Gardens/Austin Area Garden Center. If orchids have always intrigued you, or you simply need somewhere fun and different to take the family on that spring weekend, make plans to attend. Who wouldn't adore a calming whiff of the tropics, and perhaps some enchanting blooms to place in the kitchen window back at home?

For those of you who have received an orchid as a gift, but have no idea how to urge it to re-bloom, this is a great opportunity to not only learn how, but also visit with numerous vendors from around the state who will be selling their wares. A private event occurs on Friday evening with trophies and ribbons being awarded by a bevy of accredited judges representing the American Orchid Society. On Saturday and Sunday, visitors can peruse the winning selections, and judge for yourselves the extraordinary beauty of these desirable plants from around the world. The major varieties of species and hybrid orchids that grow well in Texas will be for sale, as well as free cultural information sheets to help you keep the items you purchase thriving. Surprisingly, orchids easily grow well here in Austin.

Admission to the event is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Zilker Gardens admission is \$2.00 per person. Donations to support these educational efforts of the Heart O' Texas Orchid Society are appreciated. For a complete schedule of events, or for more information, contact: Geoffrey Frost at (512) 413-3199 or e-mail geoffreyfrost@yahoo.com. Or get a preview of coming attractions online at <http://www.hotos.org>. We meet monthly at Zilker Gardens Center on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, so no need to wait until April!

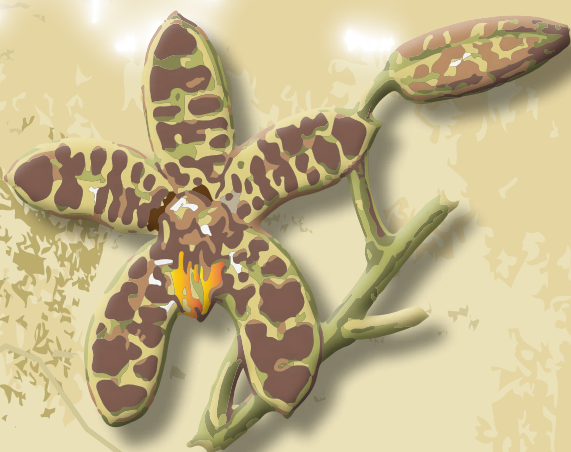


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Galveston Orchid Society *presents*



Orchid Safari

Show & Sale

Saturday, March 2

9 am to 6 pm

Sunday, March 3

12 noon to 4:30 pm

Ansellia africana



Location:

NESSLER COMMUNITY CENTER
"Wings of Heritage Room"

21st Street & 5th Avenue North
Texas City, Texas 77590
www.galvestonorchidsociety.org

FREE Parking

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Alamo Orchid Society 2013 Show & Sale

Orchid Reflections

San Antonio Garden Center
3310 North New Braunfels Avenue



- Friday, March 8
12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 9
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 10
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

VENDORS

- Ecuagenera
- E.D. Huntington Orchids
- Miller's Tropicals of Texas
- Orchids & Tropicals
- Orchids Plus

FREE ADMISSION
(Donations accepted)

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The Houston Orchid Society

April 20 - 21

Saturday 9AM - 5PM

Sunday 9AM - 4PM

2013 Show and Sale

Houston Museum of Natural Science, Main Lobby

5555 Hermann Park Drive

Houston, Texas 77030



Details at:

www.HoustonOrchidSociety.org



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Information:

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