



Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association AUTUMN 2015 NEWSLETTER

SWROGA NEWS Presidents Post Summer 2015 John Stubbings

Welcome all to SWROGA! Do you know how widespread an area this Association covers? We include orchid societies from Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas with 27 societies represented. Each person is also a member of SWROGA if their society belongs to SWROGA, which at last count we're about 800 individuals. And, SWROGA provides meeting resources for member societies. We have an extensive library of over 30 PowerPoint programs covering a wide range of orchid subjects. These can be obtained from Carolyn McCabe. We also maintain a list of potential speakers. This list is available on our website WWW.SWROGA.org.

Thanks to the Central East Texas Orchid Society for hosting our Spring 2015 SWROGA meeting. Keri Branch, Jean Brewton, Jake Massey, Naomi Marksbury and their many helpers did a great job. Their theme 'Carnival of Orchids' resulted in many creative interpretations in the displays. The event ran smoothly and we hope they can see the light and host us again in the near future. The azaleas were not in full bloom due to the cold winter and spring. Also we had no rose flowers at the Tyler Rose Center, the show location, again due to the cold weather.

Now we move on to Fort Worth for the Fall 2015 SWROGA meeting. Their event will be October 23-25, 2015 at the Ft. Worth Botanic Garden. The board has also approved Oklahoma City for spring 2016, on May 6-8, which is Mother's Day Weekend. During our meeting we discussed Shreveport hosting for our fall 2016, and Baton Rouge hosting for our spring 2017 meetings. We plan to approve those two shows in Ft. Worth.

A nominating committee was formed at the Tyler meeting as required in the by-laws. They are to report a slate of officers consisting of President Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and Member-at-large for the continuing operating committee. Jake Massey

(masseyjake@yahoo.com) Sandy Stubbings (sstubbings@comcast.net) and Charles Hess ([Charles M Hess@ymail.com](mailto:Charles_M_Hess@ymail.com)) are the members of the committee. Charles is acting as chair of the committee. They would love to have suggestions or volunteers for these positions.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the lectures at Tyler, but I heard great reviews about the Orchids of El Salvador presented by Laurie and Sheila Skov, and also great reviews of the Mary Mancini talk on 'Neofinetia Culture'.

ORCHID SHOW RANDOM THOUGHTS JOHN STUBBINGS, SWROGA PRESIDENT

Goodness! We have been attending orchid shows since 1979! Our first venture into orchids was to a Mid-America Orchid Congress (the northern version of SWROGA) near Cleveland, Ohio. What has impressed me throughout these years is the dedication of everyone involved with these shows. That includes the host society organizers, the exhibitors, the speakers, and the vendors. At first, I was unaware of the judging part of shows, or the training for judges. People from all walks of life and backgrounds come together for a few days away from home just to be with orchids and friends. Many spend the whole weekend or more at the show and the surrounding area. No sports events are included on those weekends. (Well, no sporting event except for the mad dash races by customers to an international vendor when they start unpacking their goodies!)

We have gone to more regional shows like SWROGA and Mid-America than I can remember. Each region has its own rules, organization, entry schedule, and expectations. Each region has its own meetings and lecture schedules also. Many AOS judges participate in the show and ribbon judging in these two regions. In other parts of the country, much of the ribbon and trophy judging is not done by the AOS judges, but rather by the local society experts.

Every show has some wonderful memories attached to it.

We have also gone to many National Shows. These are in conjunction with AOS members and Directors meetings. These last longer starting on a Wednesday and running through Sunday. These usually include banquets, preview parties, international vendors, international lecturers, and auctions. Live auctions at these AOS functions raise thousands of dollars, sometimes thousands for the same man's tie more than once in the evening! There are also fantastic plants at these auctions. We frequently donate items for the AOS, SWROGA and Mid-America auctions. We have bid successfully on a few items but none of the outrageous ones (outrageous prices).

So why do we go to so many shows – about 10 per year? Because they are fun! Sandy and I have met lots of wonderful people through participating in these shows. We also have traveled much of the country and added some great sightseeing to our orchid trips. This is

true in the United States and out of the country. So we recommend highly active participation in your local show. You will learn a lot and develop many new friends.

ALL NEWSLETTER INPUT WELCOME!

If you would like to contribute an article, photos, society events, culture tips, etc., please contact the newsletter editor, Rex Ulmer at rexorchids@gmail.com

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. Please let us hear from you!

SWROGA PROGRAMS FOR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

As mentioned in the opening remarks, if your society needs a presentation, please contact Lowell McCabe. He is working on converting the old slide presentations to PowerPoint. So far he has completed 37 and he has several more to work on. The titles of the finished presentations will be in the 2015 SWROGA directory. If you have a presentation you would be willing to share with SWROGA, please send it to him. Lowell may be reached at 405-899-4228 or orchids@mbo.net. This is a labor of love! We would like to thank Lowell for his continued service and dedication.

SWROGA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This is 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; 2013 Julius Khlem; and 2014 Lowell McCabe.

Conditions and procedures are that any member can nominate a potential recipient (living or deceased). 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.

SWROGA AFFILIATED ORCHID SOCIETIES WHO HAVE WEB SITES, AND SOCIAL MEDIA CONTACTS

If your society has its own web site for a public face to the public, please update your information on the SWROGA web site. Many of you have broken links, and incorrect contact information for your society.

If your society has decided to use Face Book, Twitter, or any other social media instead of a web site, please provide this information also. We want you to put your best foot forward, and that includes the most up-to-date information we can provide them with. Thank you.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ORCHID GROWERS ASSOCIATION 108TH DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2015

The SWROGA Directors and Membership meeting was held at the Tyler Rose Garden Center, Tyler, Texas on Friday, March 27, 2015. President John Stubbings called the meeting to order at 8:13 p.m. Carolyn McCabe reported a quorum present with 12 societies represented.

President John Stubbings introduced the other officers: Vice-president, Jake Massey; Secretary, Ray Nell Massey; Treasurer, Carolyn McCabe; President-elect, Mary Mancini; Editor, Rex Ulmer (not present); and Member-at-large, Patsy Boersma.

The minutes of the previous meeting were posted in the newsletter and on the website; there were no additions or corrections. A motion by Earl Gambell, and second by Don Maples to approve the minutes as published, was made. The motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Carolyn McCabe passed out the report to all present. She reviewed the Annual Financial Report. The Inflows and outflows for the three accounts—General Funds, Research, and Trophies—were itemized. The total as of March 27, 2015 for all three was \$126,572.64. A motion by Earl Gambell, and seconded by Jake Massey that the Annual Financial Report be approved, was made. The motion carried.

There was a discussion about the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015 (which is from October 1 through September 30, 2016). It was agreed to postpone the discussion until the end of all committee reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation Committee

Charles Hess reported that the goals of the Conservation committee were continuing unchanged with the primary focus of supporting the efforts of the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC) through the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.

At the last membership meeting, we voted to give \$1,000 to support the American Orchid Conservation Center. The motion to again fund this effort with a new \$1,000 donation, however, did not carry. The main concern was two-fold: 1) Specific programs this funding would support could not be easily identified, and 2) It was suggested that the individual societies get more involved with the funding effort.

A motion was made that the motion to donate \$1,000 be tabled until next meeting to have time to get more financial information. This motion carried.

Prior funding donations from SWROGA helped complete the GO ORCHIDS website of the NAOCC as the balance of information on the remaining orchid species in Texas came online this spring.

Fundraising from conservation ticket raffles held at various orchid shows have proven to still be able to fund conservation efforts of the Rainforest Trust, the Orchid Conservation Alliance, and the NAOCC. The NAOCC programs are the only ones aligned with the Conservation Committee, but the Rainforest Trust and the Conservation Alliance have the strongest appeal to the general public and the urgency is more visible. The efforts of the orchid show host society to bring in visitors have been key to this success.

Charles also reported that the goal to get a conservation newsletter to each society had not gotten off the ground.

Though not reported at the general meeting, the Conservation Committee that met earlier addressed the need to reach out to a wider community beyond just the orchid societies to identify conservation efforts. Very helpful was Jim Williams's recount of his efforts and experiences as Chair of the Committee with suggestions as to who we could consider contacting.

To recap Section III, Article V, Section 7: The Conservation Committee shall work toward location, identification, and preservation of local orchids, and work with other organizations toward conservation of native orchids.

Affiliated Societies Committee

Lena Parker had 6 committee members present. The future shows were discussed. The hosts are Autumn of 2015—Fort Worth; Spring of 2016—Oklahoma City; Autumn of 2016—Shreveport (pending); Spring of 2017—Baton Rouge (pending).

Shreveport and Baton Rouge are not approved yet because neither had officially asked for a show. In order to get considered, the society must send a letter to the president agreeing that SWROGA will not be required to assume any liability, that the society will assume all

liability for the show. Both are in the schedule, and both will be approved at the next meeting. Fort Worth was approved for the fall of 2015.

Lena asked the members to ask their society to host a show.

Lena announced that the silent auction and regular auction have changes in the show schedule.

Program and Education (and Show Tags) Committee

Lowell McCabe—There are 37 SWORGA Orchid (power point) programs on CDs. The list is on the web site.

Publications Committee

There is no report at this time.

Show committee

Don Maples—The committee met with 4 members and 3 guests present. The committee discussed that we need to collect data from each show. The show chair can download a spreadsheet from SWORGA that can be completed with the show data, like how many of each kind of plant entered, and other information. The spreadsheet will be posted on the SWORGA web site with the other show information.

The date for the Fort Worth show is October 24, 2015.

Lena mentioned that we had an entry for a dendrobium not on the list for 2013. SWORGA needs a new plant list. Lena requested a new plant entry list.

Remember to send your show flyers to Rex Ulmer (rexorchids@gmail.com) for the newsletter, which has to be received 6 weeks before the next biannual SWORGA show.

Research Committee

Richard Jamison—We have received a research grant proposal entitled “Phyogenic analysis of the Orchidacea Genus Gongora based on Four Barcode Regions” from Olivia Rodriguez, et al of the University of St. Thomas, Department of Biology, Houston, Texas. After due consideration and contact with the principle author and her faculty advisor (Alexandra Simmons Ph.D.), we recommend funding of this proposal in the amount of \$2,500.

A motion to fund the proposal in the amount of \$2,500, “Phylogenetic Analysis of the Orchidacea Genus Gongora Based on Four Barcode Regions” by Olivia Rodriguez et al, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, was made. The motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

We recommend the payment of the money be withheld pending satisfactory conclusion of administrative details between the University of St. Thomas and SWORGA (represented by

Richard M. Jamison, Ph.D., Chairman of the Research Committee). Upon notice from Dr. Jamison, the Treasurer of SWROGA will forward the funds to the appropriate official of the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas.

So, there was a motion to withhold funding of the approved proposal “Phylogenetic Analysis of the Orchidacea Genus Gongora Based on Four Barcode Regions” pending satisfactory conclusion of administrative details by the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas and the SWROGA. This motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Bylaws & Judiciary Committee

No Report

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee submitted a letter stating that the finances of SWROGA had been audited and no exceptions to general accounting practices or procedures were found. The Audit Committee praised the Treasurer for well-kept records.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015):

Carolyn McCabe reviewed the proposed Budget for FY 2015. There was a motion to move \$1,000 from the Trophy fund to Operating Fund to pay for conservation contributions. The motion received a second, but motion failed.

There was a motion to approve the revised budget as amended and as over-budget was made and seconded. The motion carried.

President Stubbings asked for volunteers for the nominating committee for all offices except the President-elect, and to include the member at large. Members volunteering for the Nominating Committee were Charles Hess, Jake Massey, and Sandy Stubbings.

SWROGA Achievement Award:

Lena Parker was awarded the SWROGA Achievement Award in appreciation for her outstanding service as a dedicated supporter of SWROGA, the Shreveport Orchid Society, the Dallas Judging Center, the Shreveport Judging Center, the AOS, and for the significant contributions she has made to both SWROGA and the orchid community.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Nell Massey

SWROGA Secretary

The SWROGA Show Trophy

Submitted by Carolyn McCabe



Is your society planning a show? If so, don't forget to order a SWROGA Show Trophy for Best Flower of Show to award to one of your deserving exhibitors!

The trophy can be purchased by e-mailing Carolyn McCabe, SWROGA Treasurer, at orchids@mbo.net. The price of the trophy is \$50.00 including shipping.

Your check should be made payable to SWROGA and mailed to Carolyn at 16351 Banner Road, Lexington, OK 73051. The trophy will be mailed to you via USPS priority.

UPCOMING SWROGA EVENTS

**THE GREATER NORTH TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS
"A PALETTE OF ORCHIDS"**

**AT THE SOUTHFORK HOTEL
1600 N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY
PLANO, TEXAS,**

**SET-UP AND JUDGING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2015**

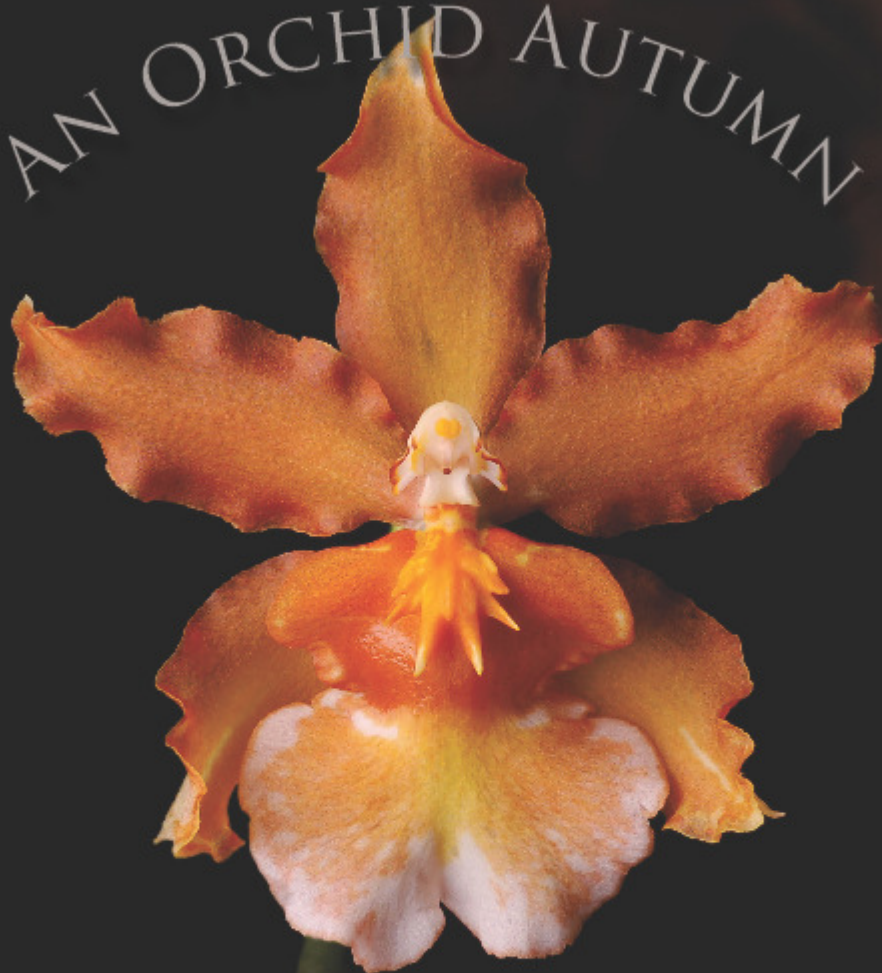
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

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AN ORCHID AUTUMN



THE
FORT WORTH
ORCHID SOCIETY
2015 FALL SHOW

Saturday, October 24th: 8-5

Sunday, October 25th: 9-3

At the
Fort Worth Botanic Garden
3220 Botanic Garden Blvd.
Fort Worth, TX 76107

More info at fwos.club



2015 SWROGA FALL SHOW SCHEDULE AT THE FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDENS

Friday October 23rd

9am -5pm Exhibit, Sales Setup, Oak Hall

10 am to 4 pm Hospitality room open, Kitchen

5pm Registrations complete, Oak Hall

7pm to 8pm SWROGA committees meeting, Redbud Hall

8pm to 9pm SWROGA general meeting, Redbud Hall

9pm Lockup

Saturday October 24th

8 am – 11am Ribbon Judging, Oak Hall

9 am – 5 pm Public sales, Oak Hall

10 am – 4 pm Hospitality room open, Kitchen

11:30am- 5 pm Exhibits, Open to Public, Oak Hall

11:30 am – 12:15 pm Judges Luncheon Lecture Hall

12:30 pm -2:30 pm AOS Judging Lecture Hall

2:00 pm Until 4:00 pm Dotty Woodson PhD

“Taking the Mystery Out of Growing Orchids”

Daniel Callahan “What Orchids Grow Well in DFW”

5:30 pm Lockup

6:00pm – 9:30 pm Cash Bar Open, The Gardens Restaurant

6:30 pm Auction Preview, The Gardens Restaurant

7:00 – 7:45 pm Auction, The Gardens Restaurant

7:45 pm – 9:30 pm Banquet, The Gardens Restaurant

Sunday October 25th

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Sales open to public, Oak Hall

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Exhibits open to public, Oak Hall

4:00 pm Teardown

Reservation for Exhibit Space

**Ft. Worth Orchid Society and SWROGA Show and Sale
'An Orchid Autumn'**

**Table Top Exhibit Show
October 23rd, 24th, 25th, 2016**

**Fort Worth Botanical Gardens, In Oak Hall
3220 Botanic Garden Blvd
Ft Worth TX 76107**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Circle Number of Tables Needed:

Table Top Only: 1 2 3

90" X 30" rectangles

Exhibitors' smaller tables allowed with FWOS's permission

Contact Sam Wylie 817-860-5349

Electricity Needed? Yes No

All props, drapes, piping, electrical, and etc. provided by exhibitor.

No water and any attachments to wall or ceiling.

Set up to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday October 23rd with registration complete at 5:00 p.m.. Hall closure at 10:00 p.m.

Tear down will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday October 25th. No early teardown allowed; no exceptions.

Reserve early please: Limited Space

**Southwest Regional Orchids Growers Assn. and
Fort Worth Orchid Society**
October 23rd thru 25th, 2015
Ft. Worth Botanical Gardens Oak Hall(see reservation instructions below)
3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. Ft. Worth TX 76107
Registration Form – Note fees if mailed after 10/1/2016

First Registrants Name: Address: Telephone: Will you Clerk? YES NO Home Orchid Society: Home Judging Center (Judge) AOS Judge (Circle Status) Emeritus Senior Accredited Probationary Student		Name to Appear on Badge: City: State: Zip: E-mail Address: AOS, SWROGA,IPA,ODC,PA,SA,orOA Office or Committee Position Do you wish to participate in ribbon Judging?: YES NO Do you wish to participate in AOS Judging?: YES NO					
Second Registrants Name: Address: Telephone: Will you Clerk? YES NO Home Orchid Society Home Judging Center(Judges) AOS Judge (Circle Status) Emeritus Senior Accredited Probationary Student		Name to appear on badge City State Zip: E-mail address: AOS, SWROGA,IPA,ODC,PA,SA,or OA Office or Committee position Do you wish to participate in ribbon judging? Yes No Do you wish to participate in AOS judging? Yes No					
Code	Description	Day	Before 10/1/16	After 10/1/16	Registrant #1	Registrant #2	<u>Subtotals</u>
REG	Show Registration		\$35	\$45			
JL	Judges Luncheon (if AOS Judge)	Sat	No Chg.	No Chg.			
JLN	Judges Luncheon -not AOS Judge	Sat	\$15	\$20			
BAN	Saturday Banquet		\$45	\$50			
<u>Banquet Menu:</u> House Salad, London Broil Steak with Caramelized Onion Au Jus, Rosemary Chicken with White Wine Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots and Peas, and Mini Desserts. Cash Bar. Hospitality room and lectures included in registration.							<u>TOTAL</u> <hr/>

Mail this form and your check payable to the **FWOS** to:
 Sam Wylie, FWOS Treasurer, 1704 Juanita Drive Ft. Worth TX 76013



Kansas Orchid Society
presents
Fall Show & Sale
Oct. 31-Nov 1, 2015
Botanica, The Wichita Gardens

Fall Orchid Show Location

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens
701 N. Amidon St., Wichita, KS 67203

Show Admission: FREE

Saturday, October 31 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday, November 1 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Hobbyists will exhibit their finest orchids.

Plants will be judged for AOS awards, trophies, and ribbons.

Vendors will offer orchid plants for sale.

Species and hybrid orchids, growing supplies, and FREE
culture tips will be available.

For more information, contact:

Karlene Sanborn, KOS President, ksanborn@prairieorchids.com Phone 316-202-2101
Max Thompson, KOS Vice President, maxt@cox.net Phone 620-221-1856

SAVE THIS DATE!!
SATURDAY—12/05/2015

**ACADIAN ORCHID SOCIETY
55TH ANNUAL SHORT COURSE**

**An AOS-Judged and sanctioned tabletop orchid show will be held in
conjunction with the Short Course.**

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Ron Midgett, New Earth Orchids, Santa Fe, New Mexico (newearthorchids.com)

**"Recent Advances in Multi-Floral Paphiopedilums—New Species and Fascinating Hybrids" and
"Intergeneric Oncidinae—Quest for Temperature Tolerance"**

PRE-ORDERS: 10% DISCOUNT ON ORDERS OF 5 OR LESS AND 15% FOR 6 OR MORE TO SAME PERSON.

Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, Lincoln, California (goldcountryorchids.com)

"Understanding Dendrobiums" and "Unusual Species for the Cattleya Grower"

**PRE-ORDERS: 29% DISCOUNT ON LIMITED AVAILABILITY LIST SENT OUT CLOSER TO SHORT COURSE
DEADLINE FOR PREORDERS WILL BE DECEMBER 2ND.**

WHERE: Hotel Acadiana, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508

Room Rate : \$89.00 Night (Single or Double) (337) 233-8120

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35.00 (add \$15.00 for buffet lunch).

WHEN: Saturday, December 5, 2015



**REGISTRATION FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION WILL
BE SENT AT A LATER DATE!**

**Contact: Barbara Alexander (baalexander@cox-internet.com) (337-298-2026) or
Dr. Dennis Wollard (wollard@louisiana.edu) (337) 654-7987**

**Oklahoma Orchid Society
Spring 2016 Show & Sale
'A Symphony of Orchids'**



**FREE ADMITTANCE
FREE PARKING**

May 7 & 8, 2016, 10:00 a.m until 4:00 p.m.

At the Biltmore Hotel

401 South Meridian , OKC, OK

For more info call 405-478-5789

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