

Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

The President's Post Winter 2015 John Stubbings

Welcome all back 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.

What benefits are there in being a SWROGA member?

SWROGA supports societies hosting the semi-annual fall and spring SWROGA meetings and shows. We provide funds or physical trophies for the shows so the host society can provide great trophies to the winners. SWROGA can provide a loan to the host society if needed to help with things like booking the building. SWROGA provides a show entry schedule and classification that is used as published for SWROGA events. Most societies use the schedule as published or modified as they wish for all of their shows. This provides consistency so members can enter their plants easily across the region. SWROGA has a committee responsible for updating the schedule based on number of entries seen in each class and especially based on the official name changes from RHS. We also print and distribute the two part show entry tags.

SWROGA provides meeting resources for member societies. We have an extensive library of over 35 Power Point 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 <u>WWW.SWROGA.org</u>.

Thanks to the Galveston Bay Orchid Society for hosting our Fall 2014 SWROGA meeting. Joyce McMillan and her many helpers did a great job. I was fortunate to live only 10 minutes away so my commute was easy. I was not so fortunate because I could not justify a stay at

the host hotel, which was a wonderful facility. The event ran smoothly, and we hope they can host us again in the near future.

Now, we move on to Tyler, Texas for the Spring 2015 SWROGA meeting. Based on our meeting back in 2013, I am sure we are in for a treat! See you all March 27, 28, and 29 in Tyler!

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

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 107TH DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

The SWROGA Directors and Membership meeting was held at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, League City, Texas on Friday September 5, 2014. President John Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Carolyn McCabe reported a quorum was present with 7 societies represented.

President John Stubbings introduced the other officers: Secretary, Ray Nell Massey; Vice President, Jake Massey; and President-elect, Mary Mancini. He asked for nominations for Treasurer, Editor, and Member-at-large. Motion that Carolyn McCabe be elected Treasurer, Rex Ulmer of the Central East Texas Orchid Society be elected as editor for SWROGA Newsletter, and that Patsy Boersma be elected as Member-at-Large of the Continuing Operating Committee. Motion seconded, motion carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were posted on the newsletter and website and there were no corrections or additions. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Carolyn McCabe handed out the report to all present. She reviewed the draft of the Annual Financial Report. The Inflows and outflows for the three accounts—General Funds, Research, and Trophy—were itemized. The total as of September 30, 2014 for all three was \$126,591.41. Motion was made and seconded that the Annual Financial Report be approved. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (which is through September 30, 2015). It was agreed to postpone the discussion until the end of all committee reports.

Committee Reports

Conservation Committee: Charles Hess – Charles handed out a one page summary for the report. He gave an update on the accomplishments of the committee. He began publishing a monthly Conservation update in the Greater North Texas (GNTOS.org) newsletter. They had a conservation display, and a successful raffle at the Oklahoma Show May 9, 2014. They raised over \$900 for the Rainforest Trust and the Orchid Conservation Alliance supporting The Serra Bonita project in Brazil, and the project in the Philippines preserving a major mountain forest at Cleopatra's Needle near Puerta Princesa.

As a result of the visit to the GNTOS in August by Thomas Mirenda from the Smithsonian, and with his encouragement to learn about their latest project, the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC), an important focal point for a partnership has been identified which exactly matches the Conservation Committee charter as spelled out in 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.

THE CONSERVATION GOALS INCLUDE:

- 1. Grow relationship with the people at Smithsonian Environment Research Center, who drive the NAOCC projects
- 2. Get a conservation newsletter to all SWROGA societies
- 3. Place a conservation display at shows and work with society conservation chairs to encourage a display at their shows
- 4. Present a conservation overview at each SWROGA show
- 5. Continue education and awareness of the critical needs of the Rainforest Trust and other conservation organizations

Charles made a motion that we support the American Orchid Conservation Center with a \$1,000 donation. Motion carried.

Affiliated Societies Committee: Lena Parker – Lena had three committee members present and six visitors from three societies. SWROGA hosts will be the Central East Texas Orchid Society for spring 2015, and the Oklahoma Orchid Society for spring 2016.

Lena made a motion that the Oklahoma Orchid Society be approved to have the spring 2016 show. Motion passed. We do need a host for the fall of 2015. There was discussion about registration for shows and how to get more people to register. The committee recommended that the banquet be separate in the registration fee. There was also discussion about trophies, and the cost of funding them. If someone wants to endow a trophy, the cost is \$2,500. SWROGA has been funding trophies at \$35.00 for years. Lena made a motion that the funding of trophies be increased to \$50.00. The motion carried.

Program and Education (and Show Tags) Committee: Lowell McCabe – Show Tags: There were 20,000 tags purchased at \$757.75. There were 3,500 tags were sold for \$280.00, with a postage cost of \$32.20.

There are 37 SWROGA orchid power point programs now on CDs. There have been 86 downloads sent 17 to societies.

Motion made to accept the report. Motion was seconded, and the motion carried.

Publications Committee: There is no report at this time.

Show committee: Don Maples—The committee met with four members present. They discussed several recommended changes to the show schedule in the areas of paphiopedilums and phalaenopsis. Since the names are in limbo with many of the orchid genera, and/or species, they will continue to monitor the schedule for changes needed. Exhibits need to be checked for whether they have trophies given. Lena asked that we look at the exhibits and see how many awards are given.

Research Committee: Richard Jamison—No report.

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 the Operating Fund to pay for conservation contributions. The motion received a second, but motion failed.

Motion to approve the revised budget as amended and as over-budget was made. Seconded. Motion carried.

Bylaws & Judiciary Committee: No Report

Old Business: President Stubbings said that Lois Dauelsberg could no longer able serve on the committee at this time. He asked for volunteers to chair/and or serve on the Bylaws & Judiciary committee. So, Lena volunteered for 2 years, Lowell McCabe for 4 years, and Bill Parker for 6 years.

New Business: President Stubbings thanked Joyce for chairing the show. No further new business. The meeting adjourned.

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.

A BIT OF SWROGA HISTORY

Submitted by Carolyn McCabe

Widespread interest in orchids developed in the Southwest in the years immediately following World War II. By 1954, the year of the first World Orchid Conference in St. Louis, several orchid groups were meeting on a regular basis here in the Southwest. These societies cooperated with each other in staging shows, sharing speakers and other activities, and there was much discussion about the need for a regional organization to tie the separate societies together.

In November 1959, several representatives met to incorporate a regional organization to be known as the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association or SWROGA. With 14 affiliated societies and about 450 members in three states, the new organization began the long period of orchid service we still enjoy. Today we number 25 affiliated societies serving more than 2,000 members in five states. It may be interesting to note that SWROGA was the first regional group to become affiliated with the AOS.

Standing SWROGA committees serve many affiliate needs including Programs and Education, Show, Research and Conservation, and financial assistance to Affiliated Societies hosting SWROGA meetings.

SWROGA history is a living orchid experience for all who enjoy a regional association of orchid friends. As we continue to enjoy orchids in this new century, we can be grateful that SWROGA brings strengths of the past to help our new programs succeed.

The purpose and goals of SWROGA are: To promote scientific and education programs related to the study of orchids, their propagation, culture and development; to coordinate the interest of members and Orchid Societies in this region in growing and exhibition of orchids; and to identify and conserve native orchids including the preservation of their native habitats.

THE OFFICIAL SWROGA LOGO

In late 1960, Hexalectris warnockii was selected as the official flower of SWROGA by a selection committee including Ches Chambers from El Paso, Peg O'Neill from Albuquerque, and Ed Wright, San Antonio.

The Hexalectris warnockii is a Native American orchid sparsely distributed in the area of the Trans Pecos in Texas. A colony was discovered in Dog Canyon in the Franklin Mountains near El Paso, but then another has been found growing in SE Arizona. It was named for Barton Warnock and was described using a specimen he had personally collected. Barton was a professor, naturalist, environmentalist, and outstanding citizen of the Southwest. Sadly, he died in a car accident in 1998 at the age of 86 on his way to one more location where a unique plant was reported.



ATTENTION AOS JUDGES IN THE HOUSTON, DALLAS, ALAMO, AND GREAT PLAINS JUDGING CENTERS

The Shreveport Judging Center will host the annual Tri-Center Workshop on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at the Riverview Center, 500 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, La. Judging of bulbophyllums, masdevallias, and pleurothallids will be discussed by Cordelia Head and Bill Thoms respectively.

The speakers will concentrate on judging of these genera in the morning with discussion of culture in our area in the afternoon. A light breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee of \$45.00. In addition, there will be a light supper on Friday, February 27, 2015 at my house (8602 Rampart Place, Shreveport, La). Please RSVP when filling out the registration form.

The closest hotels are the Sam's Town Hotel and Casino (1-877-429-0711) and Eldorado Resort and Casino (1-877-602-0711) both within easy walking distance of the Riverview Center. Others in the vicinity are the Hilton Hotel (318-698-0900) and the Best Western Chateau Suites (1-800-937-8376). Qustions? Contact Dick Jamison at 318-861-9095 or Rjamison10@aol.com.

The judges of the SJC hope to see you at the workshop!



TRI-CENTER JUDGING WORKSHOP - 2015

Bulbophyllums, Pleurothallids and Masdevallias

Sponsored by the Shreveport Judging Center Riverview Center 500 Clyde Fant Parkway, Shreveport, Louisiana February 28, 2015

8:15 - 9:00	Registration Plant entry for AOS Judging Light breakfast Silent auction begins (ends at 2:00 pm)
9:00 – 9:05	Introduction
9:10 - 10: 00	"Bulbophyllums; Big, Bizarre and More Betterer"—Bill Thoms
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:05	"Judging Pleurothallids and Masdevallias"—Cordelia Head
11:15 - 12:30	Lunch (included in registration) Silent auction continues Plant auction
1:00 – 2:00	AOS Judging, Discussion of Awarded Plants
2:00 - 2:30	"Bulbophyllum Culture: Getting the Most Out of Your Efforts"—Bill Thoms
2:30 – 3:00	"Culture of Pleurothallids and Masdevallias"—Cordelia Head
3:00	Results of Silent Auction; Workshop Closes
	Sponsored by the Shreveport Judging Center February 28, 2015 Riverview Center, 500 Clyde Fant Parkway,

Shreveport, Louisiana

TRI-CENTER JUDGING WORKSHOP, 2015 — REGISTRATION FORM Bulbophyllums, Pleurothallids and Masdevallias

NAME:
ADDRESS:
CONTACT INFORMATION: YOUR AFFILIATION—JUDGING CENTER, OR ORCHID SOCIETY:
REGISTRATION FEE: \$45.00 Please make checks out to Shreveport Judging Center. Checks should be mailed to Roy Hofmeister, 2106 Mockingbird Lane, Bossier City, Louisiana, 71111.
There will be a pre-workshop party hosted by Dick Jamison. The party will begin at 5:30. It will be held at his home at 8602 Rampart Place, Shreveport, La. on February 27, 2015. A light supper will be served. Please RSVP on this form.
I WILL attend the party at the Jamison home on Friday, February 27, 2015.
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Riverview Center
500 Clyde Fant Parkway
Shreveport, La.

Speakers

Cordelia Head

Cordelia Head is one of three owners of J&L Orchids. She has been growing orchids for more than thirty-five years. Cordelia is on many international orchid committees involving orchid conservation and orchid judging. She is an American Orchid Society accredited judge and served on the Awards Committee for several years.

Cordelia has been fortunate to travel extensively throughout Central and South America in search of orchids. She has discovered many new species and has three named for her.

Cordelia has lectured both nationally and internationally including the World Orchid Conferences in Miami, France, Malaysia, Vancouver, Glascow and many others.

Cordelia has agreed to bringing pre-orders from her website (www.jlorchids.com) with her and is offering a 10% discount to interested registrants.

Bill Thoms

Renowned orchid grower, world traveler and internationally recognized speaker BillThoms will be presenting a talk on Bulbophyllums; Big, Bizarre and More Betterer

Be prepared to learn more about this fascinating group of plants than you ever dreamed! Bill is the only person to receive Awards of Quality for Bulbophyllum hybrids as well as receiving the hybridizer's dream; an Award of Distinction for a new avenue of breeding (a Trias hybrid). Many of his crosses are winning awards around the country. The AOS has just added a yearly award named for him for the best Bulbophyllum exhibited.

The talks are spiced with funny stories and funny associations so whether you grow thousands of orchids, only a few, or none at all, you will have a wonderfully entertaining time and be able to grow anything better. Many of the most important requirements for growing world class plants are made easy to understand and remember.

His new book, <u>Bulbophyllums</u>; the <u>Incomplete Guide</u>, <u>From A to WHY?</u> will be available for purchase (\$44.95, but discounted for the members) and he will sign them for free!!



Kansas Orchid Society presents

Spring into Orchids

March 21-22, 2015 Botanica, The Wichita Gardens

Spring Orchid Show

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

Show Admission: FREE

Saturday, March 21 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 22 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Hobbyists will exhibit their finest orchids.

Exhibits and plants will be judged for AOS awards, trophies, and ribbons.

Vendors will offer orchid plants for sale.

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

For more information, contact:

Sarah Pratt, Show Chair svcsjp@gmail.com 316-772-0321

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Karlene Sanborn, KOS President ksanborn@prairieorchids.com 316-202-2101



THE CENTRAL EAST TEXAS ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS



HOSTING THE SPRING SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ORCHID GROWERS ASSOCIATION SHOW AND SALE

MARCH 28-29, 2015
TYLER ROSE GARDEN CENTER
420 ROSE PARK DRIVE
TYLER, TEXAS

CONTACT: KERI BRANCH <u>keribranch@yahoo.com</u>

CO-CHAIR: JEAN BREWTON geojean2@suddenlink.net

The HOUSTON ORCHID SOCIETY presents



ORCHIDS: NATURE'S MASTERPIECE

2015 Spring Show & Sale April 11-12, 2015 Free Admission | SAT 9-5 & SUN 9-4 Museum of Natural Science, Main Lobby 5555 Herman Park Drive Houston, TX 77030

For info visit http://www.houstonorchidsociety.org/show

THE TULSA ORCHID SOCIETY PRESENTS

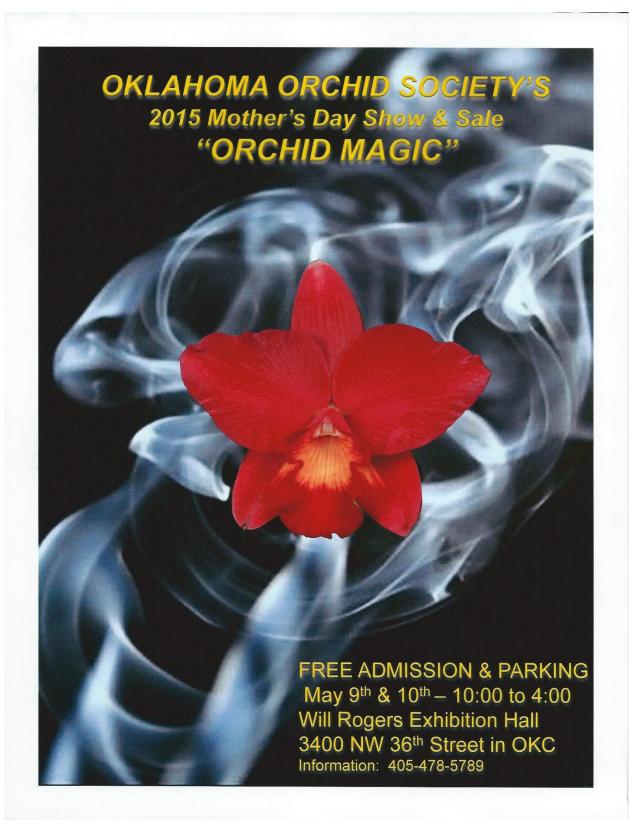
ORCHIDS FOR EVERYONE

April 18-19, 2015

Tulsa Garden Center 2325 S Peoria Ave Tulsa, OK 74114

Contact: Emily Kraft <u>eclicity@mindspring.com</u> for more information!







Yes...this is the Theme for the upcoming Heart of Texas Orchid Show and Sale, hoping to excite you and your loved ones to try something new - Growing Orchids! Orchids come in every color and size; and with Mothers Day right around the corner, they are the perfect gift for the ones you love!

Our numerous Orchid Vendors have lots of unusual items for you to choose from, or stick with the old faithfuls - the orchids that are easy to grow. Membership in the Heart of Texas Orchid Society is also an appealing gift. One size fits all! Raffle prizes and children's activities make this a family fun event!

> Saturday, April 24th from 10:00 - 4:00 Sunday, April 25th from 11:00 - 4:00 Zilker Botanical Garden Center, 2220 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX

> > Hope to see you there! www.hotos.org



THE NEW ORLEANS ORCHID SOCIETY

PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

AT THE LAKESIDE SHOPPING CENTER MAY 29-31, 2015

METAIRIE, LOUISIANA

CONTACT: MARIAN PRIGMORE 504-810-9832



Hooked on Orchids Show and Sale



Saturday, June 13th 10-5 pm Sunday, June 14th 10-4 pm

2015 Acadian
Orchid Society
Show and Sale

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center 2206 Johnston St. Lafayette, LA

View Beautiful Exhibits Visit the Sales Area AOS Judging on June 12

Please join

Baton Rouge Orchid Society

For an AOS judged

2015 Annual Orchid Show and Sale

at

Baton Rouge Garden Center 7950 Independence Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 11th

8:00-4:00→ Exhibit & sales setup 8:00-4:00→ Plant registration 5:00-6:00 → Judges' dinner 6:30→ Ribbon and A.O.S. judging begins

Saturday, July 12th

8:00→ Doors open for preparation 9:00-5:00→Show & sales open to public

Sunday, July 13th

9:00→Doors open for prep 10:00-4:00→Show & sale open to public 4:00-5:00→Take down & clean up

For further information

Phone: 225.933-0801

plantlover58@bellsouth.net
www.batonrougeorchidsociety.org

Houston Summer Workshop 2015

Plan now to attend our 36th Annual Workshop August 7 and 8, 2015.

Judging, preview party, and "Meet the Speakers" on Friday evening. There will be vendor sales and silent auction Friday.

Scheduled speakers include Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids, Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids, and Richard Jamison from Shreveport.

Lectures will be on Saturday following a light breakfast. And, Saturday luncheon is included. There is a second silent auction Saturday. The event is over about 4:00 PM Saturday.

We return to University of St. Thomas this year, who was our host for many years until 2014.

In addition to the three formal lectures there will be six informal breakout sessions. These will cover more of the nitty gritty of how to grow, care, pot and otherwise work with, and enjoy your orchids.

The schedule and registration form can be found on www.HoustonOrchidSociety.org website. Or, you may contact Fr. Ted Baenziger ejb@stthom.edu, or John Stubbings JDStubbings@comcast.net.

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