

SWROGA



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ORCHID GROWERS ASSOCIATION SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

**The President's Post
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 23 societies represented. Each person is also a member of SWROGA if their society belongs to SWROGA, which at last count we're about 1000 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.

News and Notes, Winter 2016

Thank you to the Fort Worth Texas Orchid Society for hosting our Fall 2015 SWROGA meeting. Sam Wylie and his many helpers did a great job. Their theme, 'An Orchid Autumn,' 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. We did have some severe storms Friday and Saturday. The Fort Worth Botanic Garden was a nice venue for the show and meetings. *The Gardens* restaurant, just a short walk on the grounds from the show, provided a good location and meal for the banquet and auction. Charles Hess stepped up as our auctioneer. He used a slightly different format which went well. We understand that the host society made money which we hope all SWROGA meetings do.

Now we move on Oklahoma City for Our Spring Meetings, May 6-8, 2016 which is Mother's Day Weekend. The theme is 'A Symphony of Orchids.' Some different vendors will be in Oklahoma that we don't normally see at the Texas and Louisiana SWROGA meetings. See www.swroga.org for all the details about this show.

During our meeting in Fort Worth, the board approved Shreveport for our Fall Meeting tentatively scheduled for October 21-23, 2016, as well as the Central East Texas Orchid Society for our Spring Meeting in 2017.

A slate of officers for the next two years was presented to the Directors. At the spring 2016 meeting, the slate and any nominations that are taken from the floor will be voted on. The President Elect, Mary Mancini, voted for in 2014, will take over the Presidency from John Stubbings at the end of the spring 2016 meeting.

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 about 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 has finished converting the old slide presentations to PowerPoint. There are 42 presentations available. The titles of the 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; 2014 Lowell McCabe, and 2015 Lena Parker.

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 109th Directors and Membership Minutes of the Meeting, October 23, 2015

The SWROGA Directors and Membership meeting was held at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, Fort Worth, Texas, Friday, October 23, 2015. President John Stubbings called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Carolyn McCabe reported a quorum present with 13 societies represented. President Stubbings introduced the officers present: Vice President Jake Massey; Secretary Ray Nell Massey; and Treasurer Carolyn McCabe.

President Stubbings asked for a moment of silent prayer for those members of the society who have passed away.

There was a motion by Karlene Sanborn, and second by Linda Horton to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carolyn McCabe handed out the report to all present. She reviewed 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, 2015 for all three was \$125,197.91. A motion was made by Jake Massey and seconded by Sandy Stubbings that the Annual Financial Report be approved. The motion carried.

Carolyn McCabe presented the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016. The total projected Operating Fund budgeted is \$1710.00. A motion was made by Sandy Stubbings, and the second by Don Maples to approve the Projected Budget for FY 2016. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Chair, Charles Hess. Charles referred to the Article 5, Section 3 of the By-Laws requiring that the nominating committee be of 3 members; they were Sandy Stubbings, Jake Massey, and Charles Hess. The slate of officers nominated are: President – Mary Mancini; Vice President – Sharon Duncan; President Elect – Karlene Sanborn; Secretary – Sam Wylie; Treasurer – Carolyn McCabe; Editor – Rex Ulmer; Continuing Operating Committee – Don Maples.

The motion to accept the slate of officers was made by Lowell McCabe, and seconded by Don Maples. The motion carried.

Conservation Committee: Chair, Charles Hess. Charles handed out a summary for the report. He gave an update on the accomplishments of the committee.

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 the conservation of native orchids.

In local conservation news, the Dallas chapter of *Master Naturalists* has been surveying native orchids for the last 10 years as a “citizen scientist” project using volunteers to flag and count *Hexalectris* orchids at the Cedar Ridge Preserve. This survey takes place every summer during June and July. Over 500 plants were tagged consisting of *warnockii*, *nitida*, *arizonica* and *spicata* this past year. Note that this organization may be a good resource of volunteers to support the future NAOCC efforts.

Regarding the North American Orchid Conservation Center, both the *Smithsonian* and the *U.S. Botanic Garden* have directed \$50K/year to kick start the North American Orchid Center (NAOCC) conservation research starting in January 2016, along with two botanic garden partners who have pledged to contribute \$10K per year. This will be a part time position to organize seed and fungi collection from supporting regions. This coordinator would also help initiate efforts to develop a southwest regional effort. The regions that we are currently developing are the mid-west (IN, IL, WI, MN), mid-Atlantic (DC, MD, DE, NJ, PA), Virginia, and



Florida. Two thousand dollars have been donated this year, including \$1000 matched by Texas Instruments.

Regarding society involvement, our orchid shows have had good public turnout, and fundraising has been successful year to date. At the Greater North Texas Orchid Society show in September a Dallas florist, Dr. Delphinium (Gunter's Greenhouse), partnered with donations for the conservation drawing and with show advertising through their massive email database. On a test basis, the Fort Worth Orchid Society, hosting this SWROGA show, tentatively agreed to donate 20% of their live auction to conservation provided the show makes a profit. They could be the first Partner in Conservation in SWROGA.

I have also converted my www.OrchidArtbyCharlesHess.com website into a conservation centered website with the monthly GNTOS conservation article reposted under "My Articles." This is being accomplished by Trudy Hess, who built and maintains the website, and makes the posts, along with posts on conservation, on Facebook. She also co-writes my monthly GNTOS Conservation Update articles—a true asset to me.

Regarding the Rainforest Trust and Orchid Conservation Alliance, with 90% of Sumatra's forests destroyed, it is significant that the Rainforest Trust has secured the first eco-concession in Sumatra totaling 110,000 acres, and they look forward to securing the last two concessions that will safeguard another 90,000 acres in the coming months. There was \$1000 donated this year will go to this effort.

The Orchid Conservation Alliance along with the Rainforest Trust completed funding for the initial 624 acres to establish the Dracula Reserve in Ecuador. \$1000 went to the Rainforest Trust for this combined funding drive. \$500 went to the Orchid Conservation Alliance for an expansion of this reserve that is in the planning stage but not yet announced.

In summary, this completes my second year as SWROGA Conservation Chair. My major successes have been building support for rainforest habitat conservation. My major failure has been unable to connect with all of the SWROGA member society conservation representatives.

In going forward, I need to locate societies that want to participate in conservation and are willing to hold a drawing at shows or donating a portion of their annual auction to conservation (Expand Partners in Conservation program). And, we will work with the NAOCC to develop recognizable conservation projects.

A motion was made by Don Maples, and seconded by Jake Massey to accept the report from the Conservation Committee. The motion carried.

Affiliated Societies Committee: Lena Parker. Lena reported that our Spring Meeting and Show 2016 has been already approved. To be approved is for the Shreveport Orchid Society to host the Fall Meeting and Show in October 2016, and the Central East Texas Orchid Society to host our Spring Meeting and Show in 2017.

A motion to approve both requests was made by Sandy Stubbings, and second by Jake Massey. The motion carried.

Program and Education (and Show Tags) Committee: Lowell McCabe - No report.

Publications Committee: There is no report at this time.

Show Schedule Committee: Karlene Sanborn – Karlene presented the proposed changes to the SWROGA Show Schedule. A copy of the changes was given out. Karlene explained each change. There is some additional verbiage and/or some deletions. The motion was made by Bill Parker, and seconded by Sandy Stubbings that the proposed changes to the SWROGA Show Schedule be approved. The motion carried.

Research Committee – no report

By-Laws Committee – no report

New Business: Sandy Stubbings made a motion that a new committee should be established, named *Youth Involvement in Orchids*, as an Ad Hoc Committee. The motion was second by Don Maples. The motion carried.

The By-Laws Committee will recommend the change at the Spring Show. Sandy Stubbings will be the Chair of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Ray Nell Massey
SWROGA Secretary

SWROGA SPRING MEETING AND SHOW

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



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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.

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SWROGA EVENTS CALENDAR

THE HOUSTON ORCHID SOCIETY
PRESENTS
ORCHIDS AROUND THE WORLD

THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
5555 HERMANN PARK DRIVE
HOUSTON, TEXAS

APRIL 2 AND 3, 2016

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