

The Houston Orchid Society, Inc.



A non profit organization established in 1945, HOS is a recipient of the American Orchid Society's Distinguished Affiliated Societies Service award



**Please Welcome
New Members:**

**Stephen Gallagher
Tim Gallagher
King Lou**

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The Houston Happenings



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March Program: Guillermo Salazar: Stanhopeas & Related genera

By Bill Caldwell, VP Speakers

Guillermo Salazar was born in Miami and grew up in El Salvador in Central America, as a child of a nursery owner Father and a interior and floral designer Mother, Guillermo was able to develop his natural design ability and appreciation for plants and flowers even before attending college. Later he followed his dream of becoming a professional landscape designer in Florida, receiving his degree in Landscape Design & Management, later he received a Master's in Science in Environmental Horticulture from the University of Florida. As a 9 year old living in El Salvador, Guillermo found orchids were the most attractive plants in this tropical environment and he started collecting them. He became the youngest member of the San Salvador Orchid Society, which is the largest orchid society in San Salvador the country's capital. During his college years back in Florida, he learned the importance of protecting natural

resources especially orchids in nature. He is part of the judging team of Miami for the Florida Caribbean Judging Center of the American orchid Society and a board member of several orchid societies. A Florida Master Gardener, Guillermo has worked for several years as a professional Landscape Designer in private, municipal and governmental capacities in the South Florida area. He currently works as a private landscape designer & consultant for several municipalities in South Florida, Horticulture & Orchidology Instructor for Fairchild Botanic Gardens in Miami and Adjunct Faculty for the Landscape Technology Department for Miami Dade College. His work entails reviewing all landscape projects of the city and teaching residents how to design a garden successfully with the use of adequate plants and orchids to create functional & environmentally conscious environment. He has published several articles on

home gardening, design and orchid articles for South Florida and international magazines. His credentials include: ISA certified Arborist, Certified Landscape Inspector and Certified Horticulturist. His specialty in orchids is Angraecoids, Bulbophyllums, and rare and miniature tropical species. In his spare time, Guillermo is a breeder of pedigree Persian and Himalayan cats, enjoys gardening & exploring tropical regions of the world. □



Presidents Post

By Derek Lowenstein, President

If you haven't volunteered to support us at the Houston Orchid Show, now is your last chance. We need all hands onboard to make our annual show the great success that we all come to expect. There are lots of areas where you can contribute. Volunteers are needed to help setup orchid displays, to man and our refreshment area, to bring food, to clerking at the judging ses-

sion, and to support the Kid's Table and to talk to the folks coming into the museum about the wonders of orchid growing and the HOS. Besides the satisfaction of participation, you will have the opportunity to purchase the must-have plants from the following vendors: Carmela Orchids, Clown Alley Orchids, Orchid Express and Leasing

Orchids and Tropicals
Sheila's Orchids and Exotics
Sunset Valley Orchids
View Valley Orchids
Do not forget to bring in your beautiful blooming "chids" for our display. You may earn a ribbon or more and possibly an AOS award. Our March meeting show table was a delight to behold. The number of plants and quality of
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the blooms were fantastic. We have many great growers and bloomers at the HOS. Please continue to bring in your best plants to our meetings.

Our next meeting, April 6, will feature Guillermo Salas as our guest speaker. His specialties are Angraecoids, Bulbophyllums,

rare and miniature tropical species. This should be a very interesting and educational experience. See Bill Caldwell's column for more details.

Did you invite a non-member to come to one of our meetings? If yes, thank you for supporting the HOS. If you haven't, please

don't forget to do so. The growth and vitality of the HOS is dependent on everyone's support.

I would like to thank everyone for updating their HOS membership. □

March Plant Table

By Jay Balchan, Photos by Malcolm McCorquodale



Hybrid Winner:
Lysudamuloa Red Jewel 'Sweet Baby'
Presented by Judith Neufeld



We had an overflowing plant table last month with a huge range of genera in full bloom. Welcome to the heart of orchid spring blooming season in Texas!

Our hybrid winner was Lys. Red Jewel 'Sweet Baby'. Lysudamuloa include lycaste and anguloa in the background and is a much easier group of plants to grow than either of the native genus' by themselves. These plants are also very warmth tolerant and the blooms last over a month. It is a very rewarding plant to include in your collection.

Our species winner was a plant that I brought in - Dendrobium aggregatum. This is actually a piece of a huge plant that was judged at HJC a number of years ago. That plant received

a 93 point CCE with 4375 flowers on 175 inflorescences. The plant went on to receive the AOS Butterworth prize for the best grown/flowered plant that year. The award photo that Malcolm took is in the lower right corner.

The key to strong blooming on this plant is to significantly limit water in the winter and to give it very bright light.... Vanda level light. When the blooms are done, typically after 2-3 weeks, then you need to begin watering steadily as the new growth comes out. These plants do best in baskets and can quickly become specimen sized. They will do great outdoors in the summer hanging in a tree, getting lots of water. See you all at the Show!! □



Species Winner:
Dendrobium aggregatum Presented by Jay Balchan (left) and Above, the 93 point CCE from several years ago.

Stay-At-Home Orchid Wonders

Susan Dally editor@houstonorchidsociety.org

Many plants showed up at the March meeting and with our show coming, I am sure many more will find their way into displays. So, it is not surprising that we only had four photos sent in this month. However, I am sure you will agree these photos represent some really

nice orchids.

Starting at top left we have Paph. Gloria Naugle sent in by Derek Lowenstein.

Going clockwise from top right: Den. Fire Wings, Cym. *aloifolium* and Lc. Gold Digger. These three belong to Yvonne Li and Jay Kwan. Thank you for shar-

ing your photos.

If you can't get your gorgeous bloomers to judging, to the show or to a meeting, please send your orchid photos to Clarion and I at the email address listed above. □



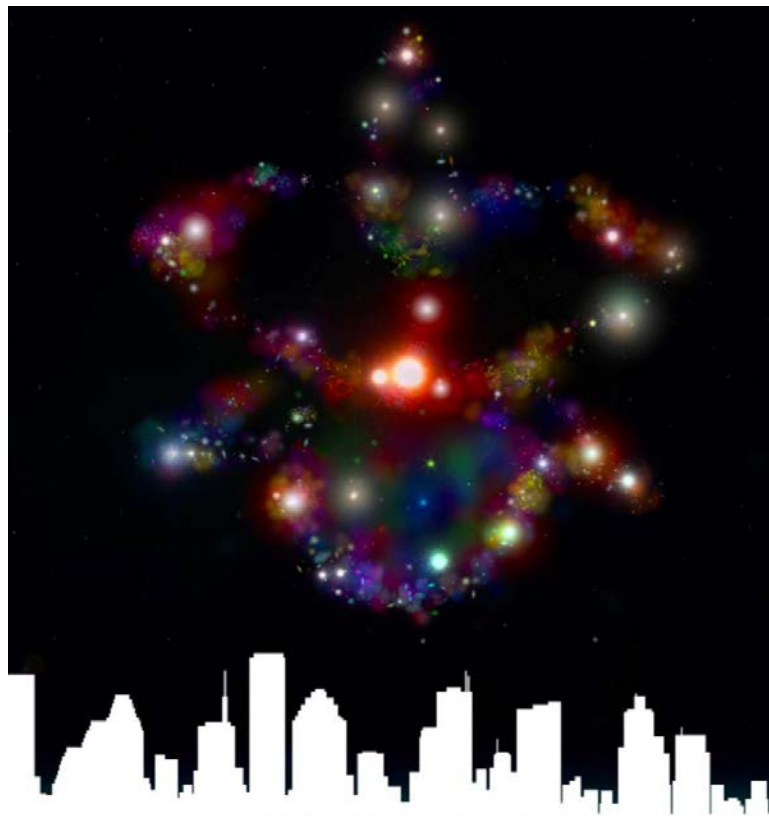
The Houston Orchid Society 2017 Show and Sale

By John Stubbings

Time for all HOS members to have a fun weekend! Put your skills to work helping the Houston Orchid Society in many different ways. Contact Mary, Holly or John if you can help. Come to your show. Free ad-

mission. You can see hundreds and hundreds of great orchids. You will also see many beautiful and creative displays of orchids. And you can buy orchids to add to your collection, and supplies to grow them. If you bring your

orchids for show in your own display or in the HOS display you may win ribbons or trophies. Did I mention your orchid show is the only one in Houston this year? ☐



the HOUSTON ORCHID SOCIETY presents
Orchids In Space
 2017 Spring Show & Sale

Museum of Natural Science | 5555 Hermann Park Drive

April 1-2, 2017

SATURDAY 9 AM to 5 PM & SUNDAY 9 AM to 4 PM

www.houstonorchidsociety.org

HOS 2017 Show Schedule

Thursday, March 30, 2017

4:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Vendor & Exhibit Setup

Friday, March 31, 2017

8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Vendor & Exhibit Setup
 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Hospitality Open
 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Plant Registration
 4:00 P.M. Deadline for Registration
 5:00 P.M. Judges' Dinner
 6:30 P.M. Judging

Saturday, April 1, 2017

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Exhibits & Plant Sales
 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Hospitality Open

Sunday, April 2, 2017

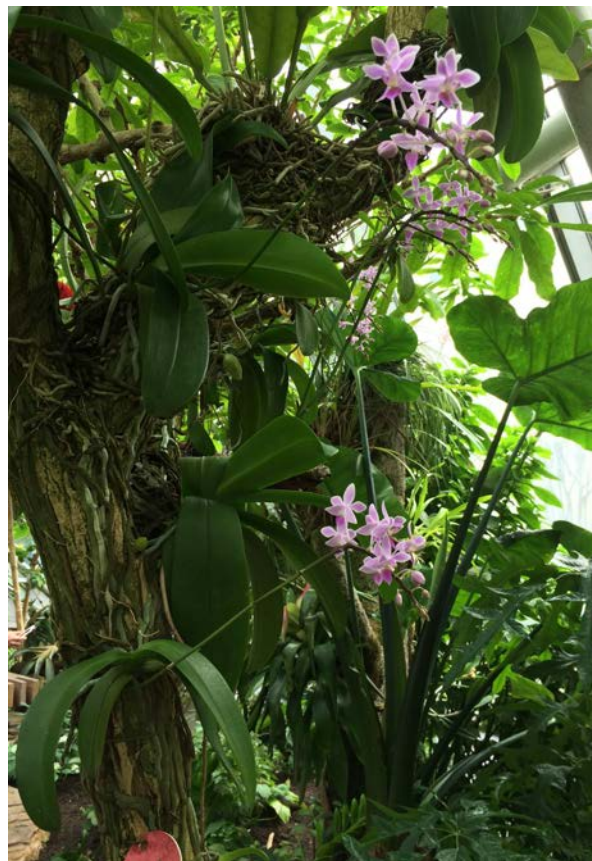
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Exhibits & Plant Sales
 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Hospitality Open
 4:00 P.M. Dismantle & Clean up

HMNS's Permanent Orchid Collection

By Clarion Hess, editor

While you are at the Houston Museum of Natural Science for the HOS Orchid Show on April 1-2, don't forget to stop by the Cockrell Butterfly Center (CBC). There's a lot more to see in the butterfly center than just butterflies! There are more than 300 orchids hiding in tree branches, hanging from tree limbs, clinging to structural supports for the glass walls, and even growing directly on tree trunks like they would in their native habitat. The CBC has a longstanding relationship with the Houston

Orchid Society which has helped to bring orchids to the CBC for everyone to enjoy. The collection in the CBC includes both species and hybrids orchids including the *Phalaenopsis equestris* pictured upper right., *Oncidium sphacelatum*, *Maxillariella tenuifolia*, *Oncidium Sharry Baby*, the vanilla orchid, and many more. Most are not labeled, but Claudia Ludwig is working to identify and map all of the CBC orchids. Many of them are in bloom right now, so come out to see them! □



Some of the more than 300 orchids in the Cockrell Butterfly Center.



Surprise! - The Show before the Show

By Susan Dally



I received a phone call on Wednesday March 15 that abruptly changed my plans. It seems that a message had been sent in to the HOS website inviting us to promote our upcoming orchid show at Dillard's in Willowbrook Mall. This invitation came from Sharon Rios, store manager there, who explained they were having a promotion on March 24th for [Guerlain Orchidée Impériale](#), a line of beauty products that actually have orchid extract infused in them. Sharon offered up table space for a plant display where we could promote HOS and our show right there in the cosmetics department.

Given that this event was one week before our show, our show organizing folks thought it important to respond positively. As you can see from the photos, we managed to pull it off despite the short notice. The display was set at an intersection on main isle of Dillard's, and could be viewed from all angles. With help from our members, 15 plants were gathered which filled the 6 x 5 ft. table space nicely. These included cattleyas, phalaenopsis, dendrobiums, vandas, a paphiopedilum and a psychopsis.

Many thanks go to those folk who let me borrow plants: Marianne Walker, Yvonne Li, Jay Kwan, and Holly Miller.

I would also like to give very special thanks to former HOS member Theresa Riggs, who helped install the display; to Marianne Walker for helping with take-down; to Tom Durrett and Mary Gunn for digging up show and HOS promotional materials at the last minute; and finally to Sharon Rios for allowing us to invade her store.

Thank you all! ☐

Display at Dillard's in Willowbrook Mall on March 24. A customer, reading our show card.

April Tips and Musings:

By Laurie Skov

More frequently now I realize that I'm suffering from "CRS" – Can't Remember, Sh..ucks. The affliction affects all, even my orchid husbandry: When did I last fertilize? Is this cattleya a spring or fall bloomer? Sheila, did we sign up for a table or floor display at the next Show? Anyway, I'd like to also forget this malady and talk briefly about another CRS.

The CRS I'm now referencing – Consistency, Resolve, Selectivity. Our orchids demand that we maintain this positive definition. I'll address these words in reverse order; first selectivity. Many of our plants have very different needs. We need to be selective in our plant choices. It is easy to be tempted. It is up to us to know the required cultural needs and resolve to meet these, consistently. Our annual Show gives us the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of plants, many with very different cultural requirements. The Phalaenopsis gained its popularity from the easy way which its cultural needs can be met on a windowsill where a Vanda would quickly succumb. As a caregiver can you resolve to meet the plant's temperature, light, humidity requirements, and also resolve to consistently follow a selective watering, fertilizing and potting routine? Doesn't hurt to keep some notes. Do you have your 'like need plants grouped? --

Those needing dry winter rest. --Those needing a cool period to initiate spiking . --Those needing to be constantly moist? With a little resolve you can change the definition of 'CRS' to 'Consistency Reaps Success/Serenity'.

March Dates/Events worth my logging to remember:

March 8 - First hummingbird appears at our feeder.

March 6 - Mass blooming of our *Dendrobium lindleyi*.

March 13- *Rhy digbyana* blooming now. Progeny Prada Green Deluxe blooming at same time. (Keep this in mind – You can often look at parents to see when offspring will bloom. (This does not generally work for humans).

And speaking of CRS, here's something to recall. We all know Greg Scott is, but who is Greg Daniels? Again, Free plant at the Show to the first responder without researching. (Sheila does not suffer from CRS and will help me to remember all winners).

I took a road trip and realized that many folks live so remote that for many the only available 4-Star eatery is the Shell station's microwave. – They are, however, blessed with some really beautiful land.

Kudos to Holly Miller for her annual efforts with Show prep she has done for years – Resolve/Remember to say Thanks.☐



**Rl digbyana in foreground,
Rlc Ports of Paradise behind**



Dendrobium lindleyi

American Orchid Society Webinars

Webinars are online video presentations. You can register for an upcoming webinar or watch the recorded webinars any time at your convenience. There are multiple webinars each month, so check back often.

[Check Out Upcoming Webinars](#)



Houston Judging Center

By Don Maples; Photo by Malcolm McCorquodale



This month was a record setter for judging! We had 6 awards given to wonderful plants. The photos are listed counterclockwise across these two pages.

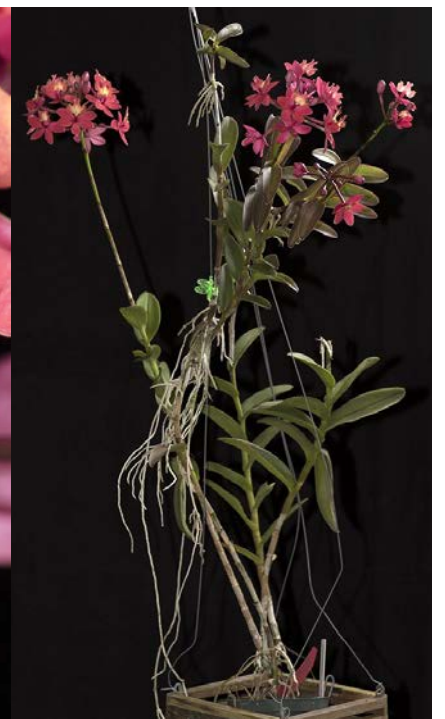
The first award went to Harriet Davis for her Tttna. Dark Prince which received an HCC of 76 points. Rick Hepler garnered the most awards of the day; having three awards. His first was to Paph. ciliolare which received an HCC of 79 points. His second award was to Paph. delenatii fma album which received an AM of 81 points. His final award for the day was to Paph. micranthum v. eburneum which received an HCC of 75 points. Malcolm McCorquodale received an HCC of 76 points for his Epi. Pacific Contrast. Stephen Moffitt's Rlc. California Love received an HCC of 76 for

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Judging Center

the final award for the day. Please congratulate each of these winners for their hard work. The judging team wishes everyone good luck at the Houston Orchid Society Show on March 31st – April 2nd.



REFRESHMENT CORNER

The Refreshment Committee thanks Jim Delgu, Mary Rogge, Melissa Dunn, Cherie Lee, Claudia Ludwig, Rupa Kota, Denise Mitchel, Tan Trap Winnie Yap, Carolynne White and anyone else who brought snacks to the March meeting. We welcome anyone that will like to bring snacks to the next meeting.

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				30 <i>Show Setup</i>	31 <i>Show Setup/Judging</i>	1 <i>HOS Show</i>
2 <i>HOS Show</i>	3	4	5	6:30 PM <i>HOS Meeting</i>	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>HJC Judging</i>
16	17	18	19	20 <i>Newsletter Content is Due</i>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <i>2:00 PM Newcomers</i>						

Newcomers Group Meeting

By Steve Fox

The March Newcomers Meeting was hosted at the greenhouse of Rick Hepler. Eight newcomers attended the meeting. Rick led all on a tour of his greenhouse and showed us how he grows paphs and phrags. Rick also demonstrated how to repot a paph that had outgrown its pot.

Fr. Ted's presentation concerned "Grooming for Shows' and Getting Your Plants to the Show". All in attendance were encouraged to bring their blooming orchids for the Newcomer's Group display at the upcoming HOS Spring Show. We held another "raffle where everyone wins!" and all attendees went home with a new orchid.

Due to the Easter Holiday and some prior commitments for Fr. Ted, the April Meeting is now scheduled for April 30. Watch for the April email fromhosnewcomers@gmail.com with the location of and Fr. Ted's topic for next month's meeting. Hope to see you there.



Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society
 Meets the Third Sunday of each month
 2:00pm, Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Drive
 Visitors Welcome
www.tgcfemsoc.org

Raffle Table

By Loren & Judith Neufeld

The raffle table at the April meeting will feature plants from Carmela Orchids. With a little luck we'll be able to get some in bloom!



Bromeliad Society Houston
 Meets Monthly on the
 Third Tuesday of the month,
 7:30 pm
 West Gray Multi-Service Center
 Visitors Welcome
www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org

Upcoming Events

March 31-April 2
Houston Orchid Society Show and Sale
Houston Museum of Natural Science
Houston, TX

April 1-2
Central East Texas Orchid Society Show
“Orchid Spring Fever”
Tyler Rose Museum & Gift Shop
Tyler, TX

April 21-23
Calcasieu Orchid Society Show
“Orchids at the Opera”
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Lake Charles, LA

May 6
Fort Worth Tabletop Show and Sale
Fort Worth, TX

May 17-21
AOS Spring Members Meeting in conjunction
with Redlands International Orchid Festival
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden,
Coral Gables, Fl. and
Fruit & Spice Park, Homestead, Fl.

June 2-4
New Orleans Orchid Society Annual Show
Lakeside Shipping Center
Metairie, LA

August 4-5
Houston Orchid Society’s 38th Annual Summer
Workshop
Houston, TX

November 3-5
Fall 2017 SWROGA Show
Fort Worth, TX

November 8-12
World Orchid Conference
Guayaquil Convention Center, Ecuador

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IPA Representative	Fr. Ted Baenziger
ODC Representative	John Stubbings
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**Bromeliad Society / Houston Inc.
Presents:**

**The
Bromeliad
Spring Sale**

**April 29
9 AM - 3 PM**

**West Gray
Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray St.,
Houston, TX 77019**

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**Make Plans To Attend Americas Favor-
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May, 19, 20,21, 2017**



**New Orleans Orchid Society
Annual Show
June 2nd thru June 4th, 2017
Theme: A Salute to Orchids
Lakeside Shopping Center
3301 Veterans Hwy
Metairie, LA 70002**

2017 Orchid Show and Sale

Presented by Acadian Orchid Society

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

2206 Johnston Street, Lafayette, La.

*Saturday, June 10,
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, June 11,
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.*

**ORCHID DISPLAYS
ORCHID VENDORS
PLANTS FOR SALE
CULTURAL ADVICE**

Visit us at www.acadianorchidsociety.org



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