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*Beginners Meeting 6:30 p.m. * Social "Hour" 7:00 - 7:15 p.m. * Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.
Senior Adult Lounge at the Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester, NY*

NEXT MEETING: NOV. 6, 2006



The Beautiful Autumn Weather has finally chased the Soggy & Miserable Autumn Weather from the scene. The GROS Auction was another resounding success (see inside) and the Fast Ferry is still standing, well, fast. Take a break from leaf-watching (or raking...) and join us as Jacob Phelps presents a fascinating program, **"Uncovered: Illegal Orchid Collectors of Southeast Asia."**

Based upon Jacob's recent experiences in cooperation with the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation and World Wide Fund for Nature in Thailand, Laos and Myanmar, we'll trace wild orchids from a Bangkok market to the villages where they were collected.

There will be discussion about conservation, including habitat destruction and illegal collection, combined with stories about travel and culture in Southeast Asia.

Mr. Phelps has been involved with orchids from an early age. As an apprentice to a former illegal orchid collector turned botanical artist in Costa Rica, Jacob learned extensively about orchid identification and ecology, and the significance of regional illegal trade and conservation. He has become increasingly involved with the orchid conservation movement. Jacob has worked and studied with various botanical institutions including the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, The Orchid Species Preservation Foundation (Canada), Muttart Conservatory (Canada), Lankaster Botanical Gardens (Costa Rica) and Monteverde Jardin de Orquideas (Costa Rica). His focus has been on collections management, conservation plans, environmental education and exhibit development.

We'll be taking Jacob out to dinner at 5 p.m. prior to the meeting on November 6th. If you'd like to join us, call Diane Bernard at 315-597-6778. The Show Table, having unfortunately had to cancel its plans to follow the Red Sox in the World Series, will be back in all its glory - so please remember to bring your flowering plants! We'll see you there!

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GROS Exhibits at Syracuse Show

The Genesee Region Orchid Society was well represented at the Central New York Orchid Society's show, held October 14-15, 2006 in Syracuse, New York. Sarah Wemett, Judy Wischoff, and Lori Naschke put up the GROS display. Their efforts won a first place ribbon in the class for Orchid Society Exhibits. Carolyn and Dean Edwards took the exhibit down on Sunday. Thanks from the society to Judy, Sarah, Lori, Carolyn, and Dean.

The show was held at the Beaver Lake Nature Center north of Syracuse, a beautiful setting out in the woods. Everyone who exhibited plants won at least one ribbon. Thank you all for the use of your plants. The ribbon listing:

Judy Ekberg

1st, Society Exhibits, 11 or more plants

Carolyn Edwards

1st, *C. bowringiana* (*Guaranthe bowringiana*)

2nd, *Macodes petola*

3rd, *Paph. charlesworthii*

Judy Wischoff

1st, *Bc.* Lucky Strike

2nd, *C. bicolor ssp. minasgeraensis* (*C. grosii*)

Sandy Uhlig

1st, *Phrag. schlimii*

1st, *Onc.* Saint Dawn Gold

2nd, *Pabstia jugosa* × *Z.* Artur Elle

Robert Wyman

1st, *Bollopetalum* Midnight Blue

Jeanne Kaeding

1st, *Cym.* Olymrium 'White Elf'

3rd, *Onc. flavovirens*

GROS Exhibits at Buffalo Show

Once again the Genesee Region Orchid Society exhibited at the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society Show in Buffalo, New York, September 29 through October 1. The show was held as usual in the Erie County Botanical Greenhouses, a beautiful setting for orchids.

Many thanks go to Judy Ekberg for setting up the exhibit and to Diane Bernard for taking it down. Judy's good efforts were rewarded when she received a plate for Best Society Exhibit at the show. Two other members received big awards in our exhibit: Sandi Uhlig was awarded a plate for Best *Dendrobium* and Joe Kunish, exhibiting a plant in the GROS exhibit (as well as putting in a commercial exhibit of his own), received a plate for Best Hybrid in Show. Everyone who exhibited plants in the GROS exhibit received at least one ribbon (see the awards list below). Thank you all for contributing your plants! Here is a listing of the awards we took home:

Judy Ekberg

Best Society Exhibit

2nd., *Howeara* Lava Burst 'Puanani' AM/AOS

Sandi Uhlig

Best *Dendrobium*, 1st., *Den.* Brenda Lee

1st., *Odtna.* Susan Bogdanow

1st., *Ascda.* Suksamran Sunlight

3rd., *Phal.* Ever-spring King

Joe Kunisch

Best Hybrid, 1st. in class: *Phrag.* Don

Wimber 'Norma' HCC/AOS

Susie Myers

1st., *Phal.* Bedford Golden Rod

Margie Koehler

1st., *Phal.* unknown *violacea* hybrid

Carolyn Edwards

1st., *Phrag. longifolium*

1st., *Den. christyanum*

3rd., *Phal. hieroglyphica*

Robert Wyman

2nd., *Bollopetalum* Midnight Blue

2nd., 3rd in mini class: *Slc.* Love Pet

3rd., 3rd in mini class: *Pot.* Hoku Gem

Jeanne Kaeding:

3rd., *Sc.* Crystelle Smith 'Meadow Rue'

HCC/AOS



Auction '06: Heaven!

For an orchid lover, heaven is the opportunity to spend a dreary October Sunday in a room full of unusual spiking and blooming orchids.

Even better is when you actually get to take some of those orchids home, while supporting your local orchid society. That's what happened on October 22nd at the JCC when the Auction sent one hundred and forty-eight orchids from five vendors and a generous long-time member off to new homes with GROS members and friends.

Though the turnout was less than in previous years, the food, as always, was delicious and the atmosphere jovial. Master auctioneer Jeff Snyder has honed his skills over the years, encouraging high bids while offering unique facts about many of the plants. Assistant Mark Kaczynski helped keep the pace and humor and longtime member and past president Jeanne Kaeding corrected species pronunciations as needed. Bids ranged from a high of \$37 to a low bid of just \$8. Many plants were auctioned for well under \$20. In addition to CALorchids and Hausermann, plants from Carmela, H&R and Oak Hill Gardens were also up for bid. Special thanks to Dwaine Levy, who very generously donated plants from her wonderful collection.

Also, thanks to members Sue Flanders and Helene Novak, who helped with advertising and signs, and to Anna and Barbara Green, Mark Gillette, and numerous others who all helped with setup and brought food. Margery Green kept the money and registration in good order with the help of Judy Ekberg, who came through with the computer program that she has refined over the past few years to tally the bids. Many thanks to the Auction Committee (Lory Hedges, Kim Hober and Jeff Snyder) for overall organization and ordering, and unpacking and cataloging the plants, which is much more fun than it sounds. Ron Uhlig, our Webmaster, kept the GROS website up to date and is responsible for all the pictures taken during the auction. And finally, thanks to John and Dody Ellenberger for making room in their greenhouse for plants.

Though the obvious goal of the auction is to raise money for the GROS, all who attended went home with some new orchid knowledge and perhaps a new plant - and had a lot of fun in the process.

- Kim Hober

Meeting Minutes for October 09, 2006

Meeting called to order by President **Randy Humphries** at 7:15 pm. Randy welcomed everyone, especially our newest member, Karen. He also thanked those responsible for the refreshments.

Meeting Minutes from September were accepted. **Diane Bernard** motioned and **Sue Flanders** seconded. Treasurers report showed a balance of \$13,555.91 before tonight.

Old Business:

Diane Bernard asked about how the incorporation was going. **Ron Uhlig** responded. Not much has happened.

New Business:

Kathy Kluge - No new Show information.

Jeff Snyder - Auction is being held October 10/22. New promotion: bring a guest and be entered into a raffle for \$25 auction credit. We circulated a sign-up sheet for refreshments.

Dwaine Levy volunteered to do the Holiday party. More information to follow. Randy Humphries asked that people support our monthly raffle.

Bob Wyman owns a plant featured in the AOS 2007 Calendar. See Mark Gillette if you wish to purchase a copy. Special thanks to Jerry Gore, Scott Conley and Jeff Snyder who all donated plants for tonight's raffle. It is much appreciated, guys!!

We need plants for the Syracuse show. They must be delivered to Jeanne Kaeding by Thursday. The Society did well at the Buffalo Show. More info on this next month.

The program for the evening was "Ask The Experts." Our team of experts was: Sandy Uhlig, Dwaine Levy and Kathy Kluge. They deftly answered many questions and lead an interesting discussion on plant care. Thank you, ladies!!

This was followed by a snack break and raffle. Kathy Kluge and Randy Humphries did the show table.

*Respectfully submitted,
-Barbara Benedict, Secretary*

OCTOBER SHOW TABLE

*Please note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or **complete** your records, including parentage and new registrations. Next time you present this plant, kindly include the name and parents to facilitate our listings.*

Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Paph. Maudiae</i> (<i>callosum</i> × <i>lawrenceanum</i>)	Ellenberger
<i>Paph. Deperle</i> × <i>Chastity</i>	"
<i>Paph. Chastity</i> × <i>adductum</i>	"
<i>Paph. Armeni White</i> (<i>armeniicum</i> × <i>delenatii</i>)	"
<i>Paph. Prime Child</i> (<i>primulinum</i> × <i>rothschildianum</i>)	?

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Lc. Mini Purple</i> (?) (<i>S. pumila</i> × <i>C. walkeriana</i>)	Goar
<i>Pot. Luna Jaune</i> (<i>Blc. Malworth</i> × <i>Sc. Beaufort</i>)	"
Unknown	Ellenberger

Vandaceous

<i>Ascda.</i> (?) Princess Mikasa (<i>Royal Sapphire</i> × <i>V. coerulea</i>)	Myers
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Oncidium Alliance

<i>Unknown</i>	Greene
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Miscellaneous

<i>Masd.</i> Ted Khoe (<i>constricta</i> × <i>welischii</i>)	Espinosa-Barone
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- Iris Cohen



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Long-time GROS member

Dody Ellenberger recently suffered a serious heart attack and was taken by Mercy Flight helicopter to Strong Memorial Hospital.



Husband John reports that Dody is now at Monroe Community Hospital for a few weeks of physical therapy, and aside from being a bit tired from her ordeal, is doing fine. Members who wish to send their regards may write to Dody c/o Monroe Community Hospital, Faith 5-E, 435 East Henrietta Rd., Rochester, NY 14620. The Ellenbergers have requested that due to the rigors of daily physical therapy, friends refrain from visiting for the time being. -Ed.