



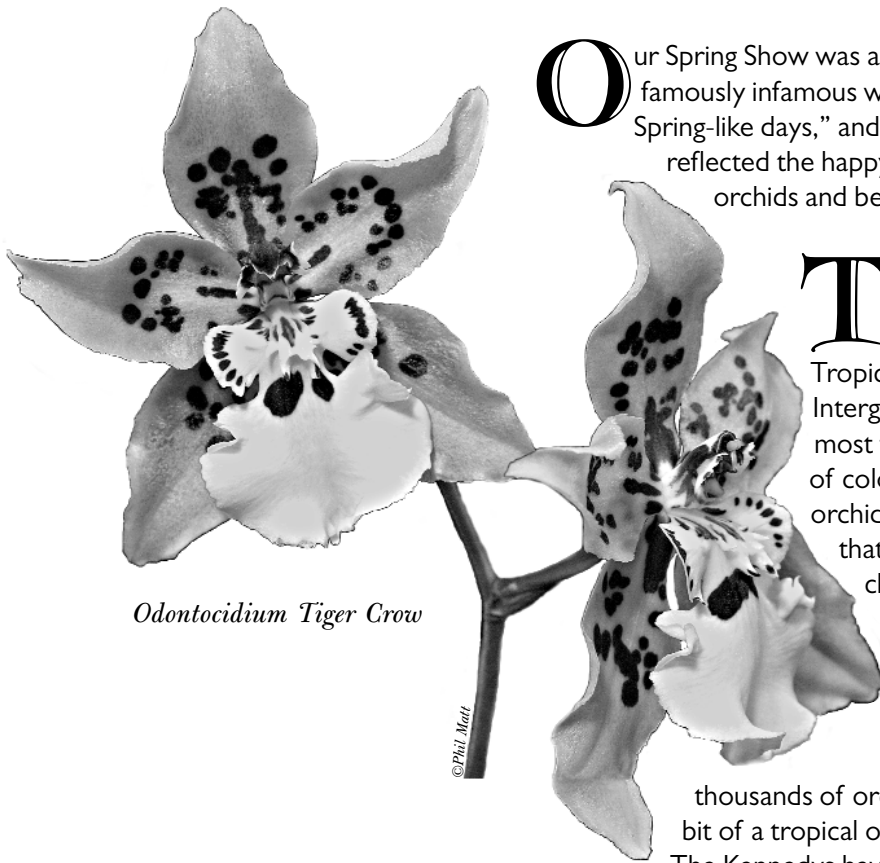
# The Orchid Collection

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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: APRIL 3, 2006**



*Odontocidium Tiger Crow*

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**O**ur Spring Show was a great success! Upstate New York's famously infamous weather gave us two splendid "almost Spring-like days," and both our admissions and vendor sales reflected the happy convergence of hard work, beautiful orchids and benevolent Rochester skies.

**T**ake a well deserved break from the hubbub of our Show season and come hear Doug Kennedy of Orchids in Our Tropics as he presents a program on "Oncidium Intergenerics." Doug will discuss five of the most famous parents that give us the wide array of colors and shapes in this popular group of orchid hybrids. These are the building blocks that produce most of the crosses and mericlones that we see today. He will also cover basic cultural requirements.

**D**oug will be coming down from his home in Vandorf, Ontario, where a greenhouse full of thousands of orchids offers Doug and his wife Terry a little bit of a tropical oasis in the midst of frigid Canadian winters. The Kennedys have exhibited orchids in numerous shows

from coast to coast, winning numerous show trophies, AOS quality and cultural awards and countless other orchid honors. Doug will be bringing a limited number of plants to sell at the meeting; he suggests preordering plants from his website, [orchidsinourtropics.com](http://orchidsinourtropics.com), to take advantage of a special 15% preorder discount. We'll be taking Doug to dinner on April 3rd. at 5:30 p.m. If you'd like to join us, please call Diane Bernard at 315-597-6778 for location and other details. The Show Table will be back, having spent the duration of our Spring Show hiding in an undisclosed location underneath an orchid exhibit, so please bring in your award-winning plants (or those that didn't bloom in time for show display...) We'll see you there!

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## GROS Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2006

The March 6, 2006 meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. **Randy Humphries**, President, presided over the meeting. New members Len and Dan were welcomed by the Society members. Randy thanked members that brought refreshments and a special thanks to Jerry Orbach for the plants on the raffle table.

Gardenscape was discussed. We need plants for our display. See **Kathy Kluge** if you can assist. Help is needed for setup and takedown of our display as well. A clipboard was sent around for sign-up.

A plant was left at Eastman House. Please contact Randy if it is yours.

The Nominating Committee is working hard to get the new officers for 2006-2007 session. The Committee consists of **Mark Kaczynski**, **Joe Kunisch** and **Judy Wischoff**. Let's assist them in assembling a great group of officers.

Secretary's minutes were read and accepted. **Margery Greene** gave a Treasurer's report listing a balance of \$15,711.78.

**Mark Kaczynski** told about a USB Data Log Relative Temp/Humidity device that reports and figures dew point. He will forward information via e-mail to anyone who is interested. It costs roughly \$90. It is available through the Internet and comes with software.

Kathy Kluge, Show Chairperson, spoke about the need for Judges and Exhibitors for our show. Posters and flyers are available for all members to distribute to florist and garden centers. **Judy Ekberg** is to take care of the post-card mailing.

Setup for the show is on Thursday, March 23rd at 10 am. and goes through until 9:30 pm. Come and help if you can. For publicity, we have a slide at the Little Theater regarding the show. We are also advertising the Show in the RPO program. Ads will appear in the Messenger papers and the D & C. We will be sending corsages to the news anchors at the local TV stations. The show opens at 10 a.m.

on Saturday, March 25th - please be there at 9 a.m. if working. **Ruth Espinosa-Barone** talked about the Hors d'Oeuvres Reception that is at 6 p.m. on Friday night. It costs \$10 per member, \$25 for non-members.

A reminder that the Sonnenberg Show is this weekend. There will also be a wine tasting session at this show.

We had a break for the plant raffle and for refreshments.

**Diane Bernard** introduced **Bob Wyman** who narrated an AOS slide show and discussion on Miltonias. Bob answered questions and gave us nuggets of information on how best to grow these plants.

Our next meeting will be with Doug Kennedy of Orchids in Our Tropics, who will speak on *Oncidium Intergenerics*. He is offering a 15% discount on pre-orders. Please see the link on our website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Barbara L. Benedict  
Secretary*

## GROS Displays at Eastman House Dutch Connection

I would like to give a big "Thank you!" to all that helped on getting the Dutch Connection together. Ellen and Jerry Linger, Mary Ellen Gaynor, and Susie Myers helped in setup. Ann and Barb Greene, Dwaine Levy, and Susie Meyers made sure everyone's plants were watered. I had the help of Ellen and Jerry for the takedown from the event. The following people lent plants for the display: Mary Ellen Gaynor, Mark Kaczynski, Jeanne Kaeding, Dwaine Levy, Ellen Linger, Jim Marlow, Francis Murphy, Suzie Myers, Sonnenberg Gardens, Alex White, and Bob Wyman. Once again, thank you to all who helped make this year's Dutch Connection a success.

*- Noel Krzesinski*

## London Orchid Club Publishes Picture Database

Our friends to the North at the London, Ontario Orchid Society have put a very interesting database up on their website. Take a moment to look at The London Orchid Societies' Orchid Picture Reference Database at this URL: <http://los.lon.imag.net/picref.asp>

The newly updated database includes an additional 3,640 picture references from 28 new sources. The total is now 126,551 references from 1,468 books, magazines, catalogues and other types of printed documents. Want to see what a particular orchid looks like? There are multiple entries for thousands of orchids - and chances are some of the publications might be in your collection or in our own Society's library. I have found this source to be much more useful than poring through search engine citations, as there is no irrelevant material.

*- Phil Matt*

## GROS Welcomes New Members

Each year, the GROS gains many new members who sign up at our Spring Show. For those of you who have just joined our Society, the officers and members of the GROS would like to "officially" welcome you to our orchid group!

We hold meetings every month from September through June. Information about upcoming meetings and events is sent out via this newsletter and on our club website, [www.geneseeorchid.org](http://www.geneseeorchid.org).

Each regular meeting consists of a special speaker on an orchid topic, a \$1 raffle for orchid plants, a Show Table to display flowering orchid plants that members bring to the meeting for everyone to see (strictly optional...), and a brief business meeting to take care of administrative things. A Beginners' Meeting, featuring topics of special interest to those just getting started growing orchids usually precedes the regular meeting - see page 3.

We hope to see all of you at our April meeting at the JCC on April 3rd!

## Beginners' Meeting To Welcome New Members to GROS

Welcome new members! Our April 3rd Beginners' Meeting, which starts at 6:30 p.m., will focus on beginner orchids, culture and techniques for keeping plants healthy and how to care for your plants this coming Spring and Summer. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Have a problem plant, or a plant about which you're unsure of cultural requirements? Please bring it to the meeting! We will discuss various methods for watering, fertilizing, and tending to general orchid care. Here's a great opportunity to get your orchid growing off to a wonderful start! The discussion is always interesting, even for the experienced grower, so don't hesitate to join us at 6:30!

-Jim Marlow



## 2006 Show Another Successful Season for GROS Members

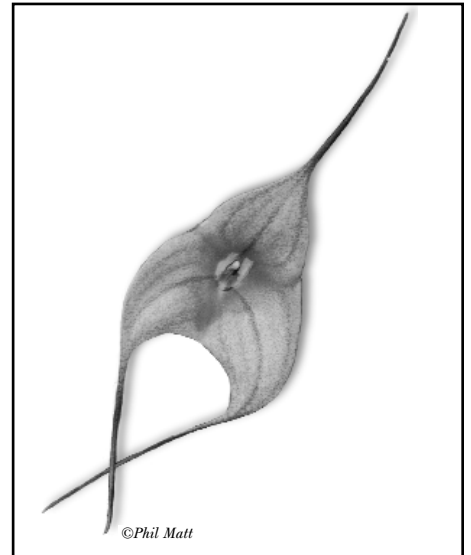
Although the details won't be available until the next issue of this newsletter, preliminary reports show that the 2006 Spring Show was a very successful one for our Society.

Our stalwart admissions gurus, Len and Lorri Bayer, report that we had a total paid admission of 1,684 for the two-day show, a better than 25% increase in visitors over last year. Anyone who attended could not fail to be impressed by the spectacular displays and abundance of different species and hybrids. The judges bestowed many ribbon awards, and Bloomfield Orchids, owned by GROS member Joe Kunisch, earned two American Orchid Society awards. Details, including a complete listing of all plant classes and ribbon awards, will be printed in the May newsletter.

The Society also gained twenty-nine new memberships at the Show, a good indicator of how hard our members and vendors worked to make this year's Show a successful venture.

If you had a chance to visit the sales area in the Eisenhart basement, it was obvious that our vendors all went back home with far fewer orchids than they started with - another very good sign.

We'll wrap up our Show coverage next month with full reports from our Show Chairwoman and others.






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**BEGINNERS' MEETING**  
**FOR**  
**NEW MEMBERS!**  
**6:30 P.M. - APRIL 3**  
**JCC**

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