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NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 6, 2012

“Orchids 101” 6:00 p.m. ❁ Social “Hour” 7:00 - 7:15 p.m. ❁ Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.
Senior Lounge, Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Ave., Rochester, NY



Oncidium maculatum, species orchid. GROS Spring Show, 2011.
Grower: Bloomfield Orchids. Photo ©Phil Matt

The weather continues to be a curious puzzle, as Winter doesn't really seem to have its heart in the struggle this year. The USDA has bumped many of us up a half-zone in plant hardiness to 6b. Please don't put your Cattleyas out on the porch, just yet...

Whatever the weather, please join us in February as our own Jeanne Kaeding presents “Oncidium Intergenerics - Basic Species.” Jeanne is one of the original founding members of

the GROS. Her interest in orchids can be traced to a casual reading of an AOS Bulletin and two library books on orchids, back in 1975. She's been down the typical path of growing in windowsills, under lights, and now in her greenhouse for many years.

Jeanne is a fully accredited AOS Judge based out of the Toronto Judging Center. She's travelled to many shows both near and far to participate in orchid judging - an activity she considers to be another way of feeding her orchid addiction. If you've been to any of our meetings, you know that Jeanne's wide experience, critical eye - and great sense of humor - have always been a great boon to our Show Table discussions. She is also an active hybridizer, and does her own flasking as well, focusing primarily on Cymbidium and Oncidium genera.

There are no dinner plans this month. All members please note: since Jeanne is not bringing plants to sell, you are free to bring your own plants for sale at the meeting. The Show Table will be back, so don't forget your flowering plants. We'll see you there!

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Meeting Minutes for Jan. 2, 2012

The meeting opened with Bill's monologue. He began by thanking **Sue Flanders**, **Carol Butcher**, and *Molly Weimer* for bringing refreshments. He then thanked **Jim Marlow** for teaching the Orchids 101 class. Jim talked about the pollination process, and then let the class work on pollinating several different *paphiopedilum* plants.

Josh Vince presented the current month's Treasurer's Report.

Gardenscape: **Natalie Auburn** passed around a sign up sheet for members wanting to help out at Gardenscape. Display setup is Wed. March 14th. The show runs Thurs. through Sat. 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., and Sun. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tear-down is Sun. after 5:00 p.m. We still have quite a few 3-hour shifts that need volunteers. We'll have the sign up sheet again at the February meeting, or you can contact Natalie Auburn if you are interested.

Eastman House: **Noel Krzesinski** is looking for plants for display at the George Eastman House from Feb. 10th – 25th. Contact Noel if you have plants you can lend for the displays. Drop off is Feb. 9th during the day. (Don't forget you can send along specific watering instructions if you'd like.) Pick up is after 5:00 p.m. on the 25th.

Bill then discussed the Spring Show. He presented two different versions for the show poster. We chose the second version. We will have fliers available at the February meeting.

Dave Weiss reported that he has filled most of the vendor spaces. We need to find a judging chair, whose responsibility it will be to contact the different AOS judging centers. We also really need some people to step up and chair some of the other committees for the show. Bill has the sign up sheets, you can contact him, and let him know what you're willing to help with.

We then viewed the movie: *The Judge, The Hunter, The Thief, and The Black Orchid* by Rich Walton.

Carol Butcher drew names for Door prizes. We drew names for the Raffle plants.

JANUARY SHOW TABLE

Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Paph.</i> Unknown*	Gillette
<i>Paph. fairrieanum</i>	Butcher

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Cattleychea (Ctyh.)</i> Siam Jade (<i>C. Penny Kuroda</i> × <i>Vienna Woods</i>)	Butcher
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Oncidium Alliance

<i>Onc.</i> Twinkle (<i>cheirophorum</i> × <i>sotoanum</i>)	Randolph
<i>Oncidesa (Oncsa.)</i> Sydney Smith (New Dimension × <i>Onc. hastilabium</i>)	Murphy

Miscellaneous

<i>Den.</i> Yellow Song (<i>Midas Gold</i> × <i>Santana</i>)	Beaver
<i>Pna.</i> Majestic (<i>cristata</i> × <i>herreriae</i>)	Uhlig
<i>Masd. nidifica</i>	Randolph
<i>Ddc. bicallosum</i>	Renick

*There are many *Paphiopedilums* with Santa in the name, but no plain Santa. Check your label or contact your supplier.

Please note especially all names and abbreviations in **boldface**, and correct or complete your records. Once the parents are printed, kindly include them the next time you show the plant.

If there are any names you have questions about, don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

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Mark Gillette did a nice job presenting the Show Table. And the meeting was adjourned.

- Natalie Auburn
GROS Secretary



AOS Hosts Task Force On Species I.D.s

While surfing AOS website for a topic for this month's AOS Corner, I came across a little known project of the, the Species Identification Task Force (SITF) AOS (in full disclosure, I have to admit it is little known by me probably because I am not a judge). SITF is

under the supervision of the Judging Committee of the AOS and its mission is to try to improve and simplify the processing of awards, with the goal of ensuring that awarded species are correctly named. Members of the Task Force are not necessarily taxonomic experts but individuals who use reference material to confirm the identity of submitted awards. When the SITF collective expertise and reference collections are not adequate, members of the task force turn to a network of qualified experts.

The discussion on the SITF website goes on to describe that the "task force replaces the previous cumbersome identification and verification procedure, which often involved shipping plant material to a taxonomic expert. The SITF, using today's electronic

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communications capabilities and readily available high quality digital images, hopes to facilitate the process of identifying awarded plants and to get the process done in a timely manner. Most awarded species do not need a taxonomist for identification, if reference material is available. When reference material is not available we use taxonomic experts who are willing to give opinions based on digital photographs. Occasionally awards will require in depth investigation by a taxonomic specialist, and SITF coordinates this when it is required." Their webpage also provides links to a variety of other resources which any orchidist would find interesting to explore. To find out more about the SITF check out their site at <http://www.aosforum.org/sitf> - you should all enjoy exploring this site. This SITF page on the AOS website is an example of the vast amount of information on the AOS website.

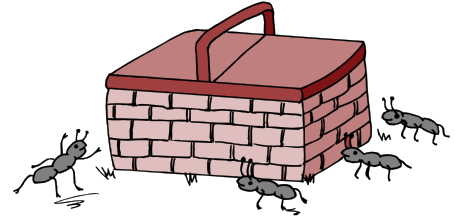
We are in the middle of an exciting show season and I hope you all will try to support the shows in your areas. Some that are on my radar screen for this year will be the 2012 Philadelphia International Flower Show. AOS will again be putting in an exhibit at this world renowned event. Last year 265,000 attendees visited this show over its 7 days. The theme this year is Hawaii: Islands of Aloha. A committee has been put together and we will be soliciting plant material and volunteers for 'manning' the site. Another show is the Spring Members' Meeting of the AOS. This will be hosted by the Wichita Orchid Society. More information on these two shows (including how to register for the Members' Meeting) will be forthcoming on the AOS website under Events.

Hope you all had a great holiday and New Years.

Lynn Fuller, Chair

AOS Affiliated Societies Committee

SAVE THE DATE! NE NY Orchid Society PICNIC



Saturday, June 2, 2012

PIPING ROCK ORCHIDS
Galway, NY

Featured Speakers:

Darrin Norton
(*Mountain Orchids, Vermont*)

Marc Hachardorian
(*New York Botanical Garden*)

More Info. to follow!

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GROS Spring Show
Mar. 29 - Apr. 1, 2012



Full Members' Show Schedule
is available on GROS website!