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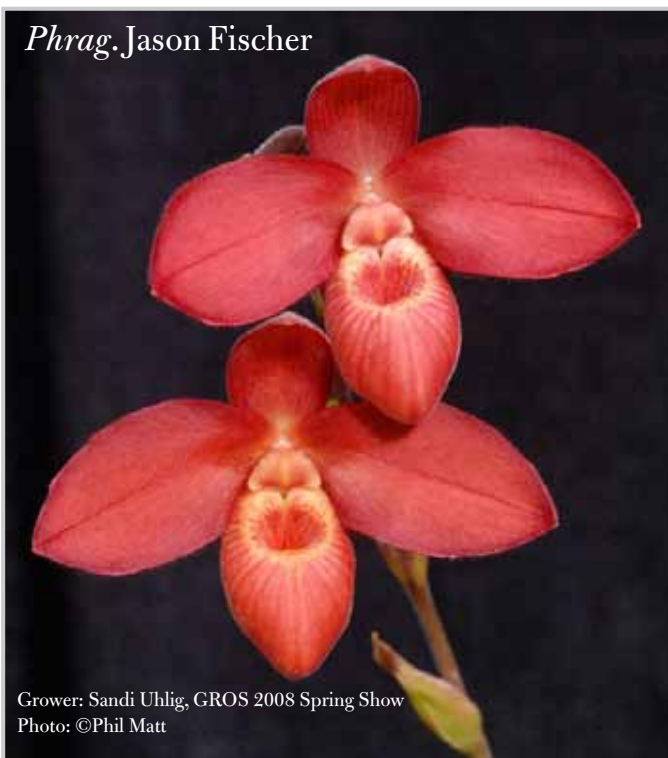
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## NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

“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

*Phrag.* Jason Fischer



Grower: Sandi Uhlig, GROS 2008 Spring Show  
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After a fairly scorching Summer season that faded away in a hot, soggy transition, it finally feels more or less like we’ve crossed over into early Fall.

The new orchid season begins with a visit from Jason Fischer, who comes to us from Orchids Limited in Plymouth, Minnesota, where he runs the nursery with his father, Jerry Fischer. (Jerry was last here in November of 1996, when he spoke on “Orchid Adventures in Borneo.”) Jason’s topic for our meeting will be “Phragmipedium Breeding.”

Orchids Limited is a mid-sized operation of 4 greenhouses with 15,000 square feet of growing space, including a shade house and laboratory. Jason has had a life-long education in orchids; having worked for his father since the age of 5, Jason has learned the orchid world from both the business and hobbyist perspectives. He took interest in orchid hybridization and lab work around 14 years of age, and first started breeding with *Phalaenopsis*, which later on

lead him to work with *Paphs*, *Phrags* and other miscellaneous hybrids. The *Phragmipedium* hybrid that bears his name, *Phragmipedium* Jason Fischer, was registered by Orchids Limited in 1996. It has received more American Orchid Society FCC’s to date than any other *Phragmipedium* hybrid. *Phrag.* Jason Fischer is a hybrid between the species *Phrag. besseae* and *Phrag. Memoria Dick Clements*.

Jason will be bringing plants for sale; however, with such a large catalog of available and high quality plants, it is recommended that you pre-order for plants you know you want. You can pre-order on the Orchid Limited website, indicating “Genesee Region Orchid Society trip” in the special instructions field. A 10% discount will be available for pre orders and you do not have to pay for shipping. The deadline for pre-orders is September 7th.

The Show Table will be back, so please don’t forget your flowering plants. Plans for taking Jason to dinner prior to the meeting are still in the works - please check the website for late-breaking news. We’ll see you there!

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## President Kicks Off New GROS Season

Welcome new members and returning members! I would be surprised if there was not a couple of people out there who were wondering who I am and why I let my name be placed on the ballot for this year's GROS president.

I have been a GROS member for ten years and have been attempting to grow and have been successfully killing orchids much longer than that. As a GROS member, my knowledge of orchids has grown, and the Society has helped me move from a beginning orchid torturer to a mildly successful orchid grower. I felt that it was time for me to give something back to the Society that has given me a lot.

I believe we have the makings of a great 2011/12 GROS season. Carol Butcher, our Program Vice President, has been working hard to line up an impressive group of speakers.

For our Beginner's Meetings we have slightly changed the format from past years. Instead of one person tackling the job of running all of the Beginner's Meetings, we will have different members from our Society share their orchid knowledge. This way many more of our members can share their excitement and passion for orchids. We still have some months open so don't be bashful about talking about your favorite topic, and sign up today.

Throughout the year, I hope that our members sign up for the opportunities that arise and help our Society be the best that it can be. By the way, I still expect to hear some sighs when the clipboards come out and start circulating through the crowd. You can sigh and still sign up!

One of my personal goals as the President will be to find as many ways as possible for the "R" in GROS to be highlighted. If we are able to increase the awareness of

orchids and our Society in our region, I think we can grow. Looking forward to a great year for the GROS!

- *Bill Renick*  
GROS President

## The GROS (Really) Wants YOU!

**Wanted:** Well organized GROS member with leadership, people, and communication skills, to take on the roll of *Tsar* (a/k/a/ Show Chairman) for the GROS Spring 2012 Orchid Show.

Networking opportunities abound with other like minded connoisseurs of orchidacea, and consider how awesome nailing this gig would look on your resume!

**Hours:** you'll have to give up watching Judge Judy reruns from January 2012 through April 1, 2012.

**Compensation:** Priceless - \$0.00.

**Benefits:** The gratitude of the membership. "Civilians" will point and whisper your name as you strut around the Show site. Everyone will assume that you are the orchid Expert Among Experts. Pride in knowing that the Genesee Region Orchid Society will be funded another year. And most importantly: your mother will be very proud of you.

Interested parties please contact Bill Renick [billrenick64@aol.com](mailto:billrenick64@aol.com). By the way-you won't have to do *anything* if you can find volunteers to carry out the necessary tasks (see below.) The Tsar will have an ample budget and will work very closely with the GROS board in defining the various duties in more detail. The

Show Chairman's major tasks include managing the following: site and facilities, vendors, exhibitors, publicity, member sales, budget, raffle plants, food for volunteers, show program, judging, plant registration, awards, reception, society exhibit, setup and teardown, - and everything else.

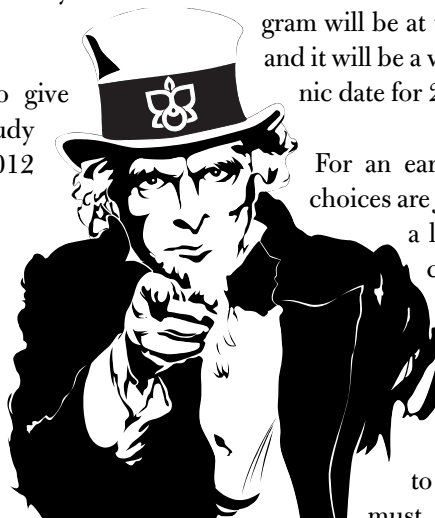
**We want you! We need you! Don't delay! - you can start planning the GROS 2012 Show immediately!**

## GROS Members to Choose Picnic Date at Sept. Meeting

This year we will have the members cast ballots on different topics. Our pilot program will be at the September Meeting and it will be a vote for the summer picnic date for 2012.

For an early summer picnic, the choices are June 10 or June 24. For a late summer picnic, the choices are August 5 or August 19th. Check your calendar and come prepared to cast your ballot. We are looking forward to hearing from you. We must choose the date far in advance to guarantee the availability of a picnic shelter at the park where the picnic will be held.

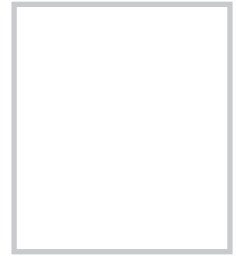
- *Bill Renick*  
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