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NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MAR. 8, 2010

"Orchids 101" 6:00 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



Epidendrum stamfordianum var. *alba*,
a Guatemalan species.
Grown by Windswept in Time,
GROS Spring Show 2009.

It was not what we had in mind: after a Winter spent lolling about in the mild Rochester "climate," we finally got a taste of the Snowmageddon that had been harassing the East Coast all season. I'm positive that the real reason we were all put to shoveling out like coal miners is that a certain gradeschooler I know put a spoon under her pillow, flushed an ice cube down the toilet, wore her pajamas inside out and backwards, and made sure that a pair of socks spent the night in the freezer. That's the meteorological technique for securing a Snow Day, or so I have been informed.

Anway, we're certain that Spring is just around the corner. Join us in March as Terry Kennedy of Orchids in Our Tropics returns to the GROS in March from her greenhouse in tropical Vandorf, Ontario. With thousands of orchids, Terry and her husband Doug have created a bit of a tropical oasis in the midst of frigid Canadian winters. Terry will be taking us on a virtual "Guatemala Orchid Safari," with pictures and tales of that orchid-rich country. Guatemala's national flower, "La Monja Blanca," (the "White Nun," for the flower resembles the headpiece of a nun's habit) is an orchid: *Lycaste virginalis*, a beautiful Central American species.

Terry is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and is currently vice-chair of the AOS Toronto Judging Centre in Toronto. Her travels to Guatemala

have included helping to judge orchid shows in that country. Terry will bring plants from Orchids in Our Tropics to sell at the meeting; check her website at www.orchidsinourtropics.com.

We'll be taking Terry & Doug out to dinner before the meeting at Chili's Grill & Bar, 100 Marketplace Drive. If you'd like to join us, (everyone pays for his or her own meal) please contact Diana Polle via email at dpolle@gmail.com. The Show Table will be back, so don't forget those orchids that just insist on flowering before the Show in April. We'll see you there!

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Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2010

President **Paul Batz** called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

The January minutes were accepted.

Noel Krzesinski, George Eastman House liaison, talked about the upcoming Dutch Connection, Feb. 12-28. Noel reminded us to bring our orchids on Thursday, Feb. 11th to the Eastman House and to pick them up on Monday, March 1st. Clearly labeling your plants is very important.

Treasurer Ron Uhlig gave us the details of our financial state for the past month.

Balance Jan. 1, 2010	\$14,178.49
Income	855.00
Expenses	941.09
Balance Jan 31, 2010	\$14,092.40

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by **Suzanne Flanders** and seconded by **Cheri Dills**. The expense report was accepted.

Gardenscape was the next item on Paul's agenda. He told us that a chairperson is needed. March 11-14 are the dates with setup of the GROS booth/exhibit being on Wednesday morning, March 10th. This year there will be 4 hour shifts though if you cannot do the 4, 2 hours would be all right as well. He sent around a clipboard to get members to sign up. **Sylvanna LaDelfa** volunteered to be chairperson. She will be asking for more volunteers at the March meeting if all the time slots weren't filled tonight.

Ruth Espinosa-Barone, Show Chairwoman, gave us the schedule for our annual show coming up April 10 and 11, 2010. Set-up will be on Thursday, April 8th. Judging is on Friday morning and afternoon, the 9th, followed by the awards reception. This year the awards will be given out in the early evening after a reception in Eisenhart Auditorium. There will be hors d'oeuvres, pasta, veggies/dips, desserts, coffee for \$20 per person. Reservations for the reception should be in to Ruth by March 26th.

Ruth presented the show image (poster) and passed around examples. Posters and flyers will be available at the March meeting.

Several clipboards were circulated to sign up for volunteer opportunities at the show. There will be help needed in the Kitchen (donate food, paper products for Saturday and Sunday lunches). People will be needed on Thursday to help bring in plants from cars/vans. Vendors always appreciate this help carrying their trays of orchids down to the vendor sales area in the basement. Volunteers will also be needed late Thursday (usually afternoon/evening) to arrange members' plants in our GROS display(s). General helpers will be needed both weekend days to man the book sales and membership renewal table in the front lobby.

Len Bayer, Admissions guru, also sent a clipboard with sign-up sheet around to get people to be hosts and hostesses for 2-hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday. This is a fun way to talk with the public on your favorite flower. The shifts are only two hours and Len and **Lorri Bayer** will tell you what your job is when you get here that weekend, whether it is rover, hand-slapper (our affectionate name for orchid protector) or front lobby worker.

Judging co-chair **Kim Hober**, talked about the opportunity on Friday morning to help with the judging process. She will need people to be recording clerks and ribbon clerks. This is another fun way to learn a lot about what it takes to get a ribbon on your orchid.

Paul reminded us that when attending the Beginner's Meeting, please try to arrive on time at 6:00 p.m.

Program Chair **Diana Polle** introduced our speaker, Mario Ferrusi and his wife, Conni, from Marsh Hollow Orchids. Mario gave an inspiring program on the culture of specimen plants. After an inspiring culture lesson, he showed several dozen beautiful pictures of examples of specimens, most of which he grew himself.

After the raffle, the Show Table of eighteen brave-to-go-out-in-this-weather orchids was presented by Mario. Members appreciated his advice and comments on their various Show Table plants.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Sandi Uhlig
Secretary*

It's Time for GROS at Gardenscape!

The Genesee Region Orchid Society will once again have a booth at Gardenscape on March 11-14. Set-up is one day before, on Wednesday morning, March 10th in the Exhibition Hall of the Dome Arena in Henrietta. This event attracts orchid lovers, encourages new membership and is a way to show off our beautiful plants. There are several openings in the schedule for Thursday through Sunday.

Please call me (381-5324) to volunteer to take one of the time slots for this event. You will get a free admission ticket which will get you into Gardenscape the day you signed up for.

Another way to be part of this event is by loaning us your orchid plants for our outstanding display. It is a wonderful event to let our passion shine! If you can't drop off your plant at the Dome on Wednesday morning, I can help you make arrangements for exhibiting your plants. Since our March meeting is the Monday right before the 10th, you can bring them to the meeting and I will get them to the Dome.

Please call me to volunteer: 381-5324 or email smladelfa@yahoo.com

Thank you in advance for your support.

*- Sylvanna LaDelfa
Gardenscape Coordinator*



**GROS Spring Orchid Show
Awards Reception**

Friday, April 9, 2010

Location: The Palm Court and Ballroom
Eisenhart Auditorium @ the RMSC
657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY

Reception: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Awards Presentation: 7:00 p.m.

MENU

**Hors d'Oeuvres ---- An extensive display of
Cheeses and Vegetables,
garnished with Fruits, Berries & Grapes
and hot Hors d'oeuvres**

**Pasta Station ---- Penne and Linguine Pastas
Red Marinara Sauce
Alfredo Sauce
Cheese, Crushed Peppers and Toppings**

Wine, Pop, Coffee and Tea

Desserts including Mini Cheesecake with Assorted Fruit Toppings, Cookies, Mini Pastries, Cakes/ Tortes



NAME (S) : _____

	<u>COST/ Each</u>	<u>How Many Attending?</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Members, Vendors <u>and</u> Judges	\$20.00	_____	_____
Non-Members	\$30.00	_____	_____
	<u>Grand Total:</u>	_____	_____

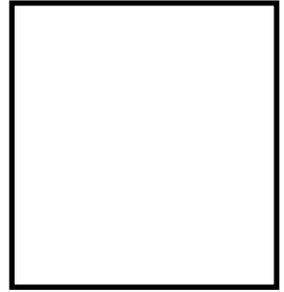
Please Complete and Mail this form (or Bring to March GROS Meeting), along with check “payable to” The Genesee Region Orchid Society (GROS) **BY Friday, March 26th**

Ruth Espinosa-Barone, Show Chair, 1134 Jackson Road, Webster, NY 14580

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GROS Spring Show Quick Reference

Setup: April 8
Judging: April 9
Awards Reception: April 9
Open to Public: April 10 -11
Breakdown & Cleanup: April 11