



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: DEC. 8, 2008



Well, November certainly was anything but boring! The Political Season is finally over, and it seems that the Bailout Season is upon us, like it or not. We're going to declare ourselves "Too Big To Fail," and see if someone at the bank fills up our pockets with large bills...

The GROS kicks off the holiday season with a combination regular meeting, AND Holiday Party! To get things started, our own webmaster/newsletter editor Phil Matt will deliver a mostly all-new presentation on "Growing Orchids Under Lights." Learn about the different kinds of lighting that are available, along with lots of tips you can put right to use to improve your under-light growing techniques.

Phil has been a GROS member for many years, and has always grown his orchid collection under lights. He has something like 300 orchids down in his basement, with Phalaenopsis being the predominant genus among Cattleyas, Paphs, Dendrobiums, etc. In "real life," Phil is a photojournalist and commercial photographer, runs his own web design and programming business, and sometimes teaches photography at the college level. He is also known as a "maverick" creator of orchid mugs.

For the Holiday Party, we ask that everyone bring some sort of dessert; we remind you that the JCC prohibits and food containing either shellfish or pork, so if you were thinking of making your speciality of Shrimp 'N Rib Cake, please reconsider. The Show Table will be transformed into an "Orchid Pageant." Members will vote on: Best Intensely-Colored Flower, Best Pastel-Colored Flower, Plant with Most Beautiful Leaves, Weirdest Flower, Best Small Flower, Best Large Flower, Flower You Would Most Like To Take To Your Mother, Most Fragrant Flower, Hairiest Flower, and Best Spotted Flower. There will also be a raffle. Orchids and orchid related items will be supplied by the club and members. Every member will get 2 raffle tickets just for showing up, 2 raffle tickets for bringing a dessert, 2 raffle tickets for each \$10 worth of raffle items donated, and 2 raffle tickets for each winning plant in the orchid pageant. Each member can only win 1 (one) item in the raffle, unless we have more items than attendees.

Unfortunately, Phil isn't able to make our usual pre-meeting dinner, so we won't be venturing out to the exotic Henrietta dining scene on meeting night. Save your appetites for the Party, think of something nifty to make or bring, see if you have any nice orchid donations for the raffle, and we'll see you there!

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Meeting Minutes for Nov. 3, 2008

In the absence of President **Jeff Snyder**, V.P. **Debbie Johnson** called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. She asked the members if there was discussion or question on the minutes from the September meeting. With no issues brought up, Debbie called for a motion to pass the minutes. **Ruth Espinosa-Barone** made the motion with a second from **Barb Greene**.

Judy Ekberg, Treasurer, brought us up to date on our financial situation. In the past month we had income of \$3,050.50 from auction proceeds, calendar sales, dues and the raffle. Our expenses were \$450.76 for CITES permit, postage and the newsletter. This brings our balance to date up to \$15,917.67.

It was brought to our attention that there is an orphaned plate from last June's picnic. Anyone missing a plate who attended said picnic can pick it up at the next meeting.

Ruth Espinosa-Barone, 2009 Show Chairlady, commented that the invitations to vendors have all been sent out and the deadline for them to reserve a space at next April's show is December 1st, 2008. She also reported that she has received two written reservations and one verbal.

Kim Hober gave us the good news from our Auction last month. First and foremost, she thanked all the volunteers who worked so hard to make it the success it was. It was her wish that the same enthusiasm will repeat itself at next spring's show. The auction profit was a little over \$1,400. Purchased orchids brought in \$800 of the total. And over \$600 was made on donated plants. Several members donated orchids and the vendors gave us great discounts. Kim mentioned again the generosity of long time members **John and Dody Ellenberger**.

Debbie asked if there was any new business for tonight's meeting. **Fran Murphy** asked when the next Executive Board Meeting is to be held, as he would like to discuss Sonnenberg Gardens.

Program Chair **Diana Polle** introduced our substitute speaker, **Jeanne Kaeding**, since Tom Nassar of Carolina Orchids had to cancel due

to illness. Diana gave us an informative introduction to welcome Jeanne who would present her program entitled "Why *Cymbidiums* Drive Me Crazy." Eventually everyone tries growing a *Cymbidium* as they're such a showy and well known orchid genus. Jeanne's Powerpoint® show gave us much to think about regarding species and parentage of hybrids when we do go shopping for a *Cymbidium*. Fran Murphy, who has grown this type for decades, added his tips when Jeanne completed her talk. "Did you know?" There are some *Cymbidium* flowers that have porrect petals (cupped.) The *Cymbidium* corsage industry is on its way out and the pot plant industry is coming in. Any time you see a label in a *Cym.* (that's for sale) that has "Lovely" in the name, grab it as it's "top shelf stuff"? Start fertilizing in March in order to mature the bulbs in time for bloom in late fall and winter. March is the most ideal time to repot your *Cymbidium* plants.

When dividing this variety, each new growth bulb can ultimately become a new plant (though keeping an attached old bulb provides more nourishment to get growth going faster perhaps.)

The well-endowed show table was presented by Jeanne Kaeding and Fran Murphy. Our meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Sandi Uhlig
Secretary

GROS to Discuss Plant Sales Policy for Meetings

In response to what many feel has been an unsettling experience for some of our speakers who also sell orchids at our meetings, Ron Uhlig, our Director of Special Ops, has sketched out some suggestions for guidelines regarding member plant sales. We'll be taking up this issue in January. Ron's recommendations:

In order to enhance GROS's reputation among past and future speakers, I propose that the GROS adopt the following policy relative to the sale of items at GROS meetings and other society sponsored events:

1. The only items that may be sold are orchid plants and growing supplies. Other orchid related items (e.g. shirts with the Society's logo) may be sold if they are approved by the executive board.
2. Other than the speaker, only members may offer items for sale.
3. It is understood that the sale is strictly a transaction between the member and the buyer. The Society is not a party to these sales.
4. If the speaker, whether a member or not, has plants or supplies for sale, then there shall be no other sales at the meeting.
5. In order to avoid the surprise of arriving at a meeting with items to sell, only to find out that sales are not allowed at that particular meeting, any member who wishes to sell at a meeting is advised to contact the program chairperson prior to the meeting to determine whether the speaker plans to offer plants for sale.
6. Except for members who are the speakers at the meeting, all members will submit 15% of their sales revenue to the society.
7. Members with items for sale shall set up a table in the rear of the room for their sales. This provides a clear separation of the sales plants from the show table. The speaker may set up his sales area near the front of the room.
8. This policy does not apply to the annual show. A separate policy, which may be similar, will apply to sales at the show.

- Ron Uhlig

Definitions Applied to the Orchid World

I was talking to Mark Gillette this past spring and he used a word to describe one of his orchids that I had not heard before: monocarpic. A monocarpic plant is one that flowers (and bears fruit) only once, then dies. A good example would be Agave plants, also known as Century plants. It is rather a sarcastic word when applied to orchids, but I am going to start using it. We have all had the experience of finally blooming a plant for the first time, a beautiful, rewarding plant, only to have it then

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NOVEMBER SHOW TABLE**Cypripedium Alliance**

<i>Paph.</i> Somers Isles (Maudiae × Makuli)	Uhlig
<i>Paph. wardii</i>	"
<i>Paph. glaucophyllum</i> var. <i>moquetteanum</i>	Pfromm
<i>Paph.</i> Alma Gevaert × Todd Clark	"

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Mrr.</i> Hawaiian Leopard	
(<i>Rsc.</i> Waianae Leopard × <i>Bnts.</i> Richard Mueller)	Uhlig
Rsc. Lawless Zauberflöte	
(Hawaiian Lightning × Chyong Guu Chaffinch)	Murphy
Rsc. Hawaiian Style (Toshie Aoki × Jeremy Island)	"
Sc. Mini Purple (<i>S. pumila</i> × <i>C. walkeriana</i>)	"
Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Bactia	
(<i>Gur. bowringiana</i> × <i>C. guttata</i>)	"
Guaricattonia (Gct.) Varut Crystal	
(<i>C.</i> Intermediette " Guariton Rosy Jewel)	"
Rsc. Ronald's Canyon	
(Ronald Hausermann × Bryce Canyon)	"
Thwaitesara (Thw.) Grezaffi's Blue	
(Victoria × <i>C. Holdenii</i>)	Wischoff
Rsc. Edisto (<i>Sc.</i> Maria Ozzella × <i>Rsc.</i> Ocone)	"
Rsc. Sybil Farwell (Fred Stewart × <i>C.</i> Horace)	Levy
Encyclia Rhody (<i>incumbens</i> × <i>pyriformis</i>)	Salzman
Peetersara (Pee.) Hwa Yuan Bay	
(<i>Bish.</i> Peggy San × <i>Rsc.</i> Sunset Bay)	Hober
Rsc. Egyptian Queen (Esther Costa × <i>C. bicolor</i>)	Kaeding

Vandaceous

<i>Ascda.</i> Su-Fun Beauty (<i>V.</i> Bangkapi × <i>Ascda.</i> Pralor)	Levy
<i>Ascda.</i> Dong Tarn (Medasand × Elieen Beauty)	Batz

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decline and die. Sometimes the process can take years, torturing the grower even more. Now I have a small means of assuaging my grief, I know the plant was "monocarpic" and there was nothing I could do anyway.

I recently saw a new term in *The Australian Orchid Review*, "petaloid". Most of us are familiar with the term "peloric," describing the expression of lip characteristics in the petals of orchids, to a greater or lesser degree. This new term, "petaloid" describes the color and/or shape of the petals being expressed in the lip. The article talked about the occurrence of this characteristic in *Laelia anceps*.

The orchid world is getting stranger and stranger!

-Jeanne "Weird is Interesting" Kaeding

GROS Online Edition To Grow

For those of you currently opting to receive only the online edition of this newsletter, it's become apparent how convenient and cost-effective it is to get GROS news electronically. In the near future, our new website host having been secured and work on the new website having gotten under way, we will be able to offer

Oncidium Alliance

Aliceara Memoria Jay Yamada	
(<i>Brsdm.</i> Kenneth Bivin × <i>Mtssa.</i> Aztec)	Murphy
Milt. Maui Sunset	
(Mary Anderson Phillips × Linda Marie Sellon)	Uhlig
Orpha. radicans	"
Vuyl. Fall in Love	
(Memoria Mary Kavanaugh × <i>Oda.</i> Helen Stead)	Bechelli
Rhynchostele Violetta von Holm	
(<i>Rst. bictoniensis</i> × Bic-ross)	Salzman
Milt. Miami Moon × Sand Cut	Butcher
Rhynchostele bictoniensis × Otoglossum coronarium	Kaeding
" <i>Cda. coccinea</i> " nomen nudum*	"
Onc. forbesii	"
Odrta. Ronald Ciesinski (Cachet × <i>Com. speciosa</i>)	"

Dendrobium

Den. Kokomo f ₂ (Ise × Kurenai)	Uhlig
Den. Maiden Charlotte (<i>rhodostictum</i> × <i>aberrans</i>)	Hober

Miscellaneous

Max. desvauxiana	Levy
Zygoneria (Zga.) Dynamite	
(Dynamo × <i>Z. crinitum</i>)	Batz

*There is no *Cochlioda coccinea* in any of the scientific plant databases, even as a synonym. It is apparently a trade name or an unpublished variety. Please note: if there are any names you have questions about, don't hesitate to call or e-mail me. (iriscohen@aol.com, 315-461-9226.)

Please note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or **lete** your records, including parentage and new registrations.

- Iris Cohen

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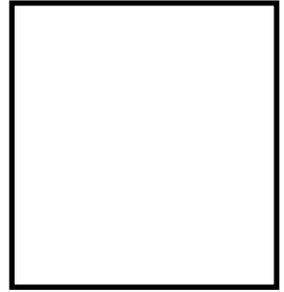
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- Phil Matt
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