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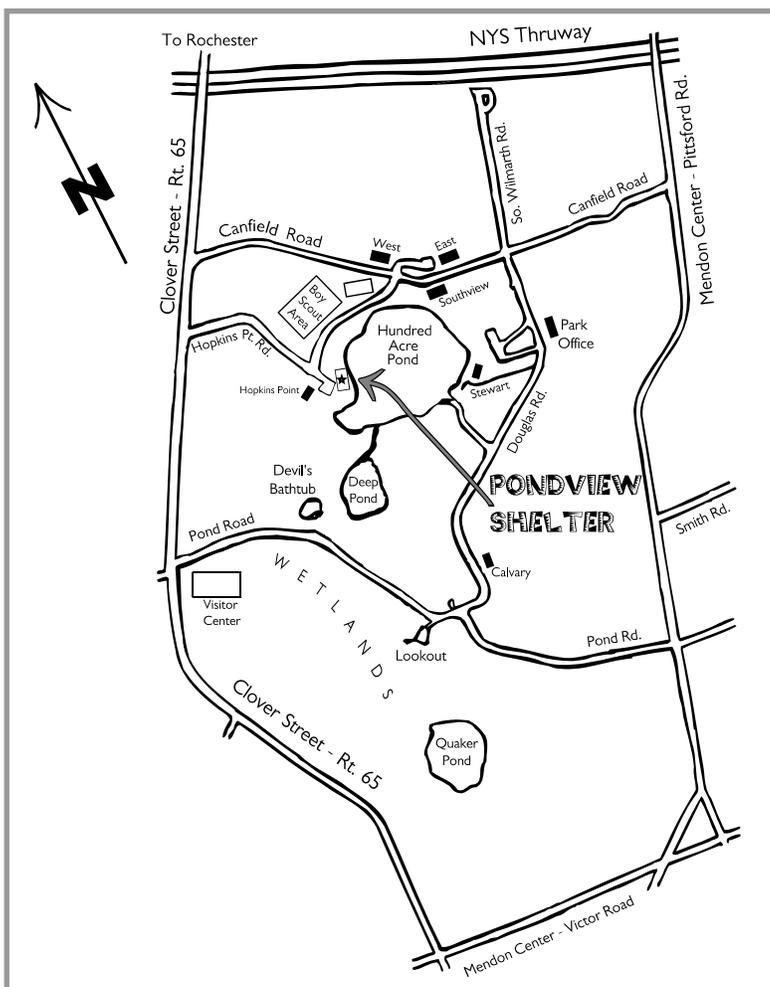
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*No meeting at the JCC in June! Instead, it's time for...*

## THE PICNIC: SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2006



Bring your Significant Other! Bring your kids! It's all free! The Picnic is always a popular event, and our reputation for good weather is almost practically legendary, mostly. Don't forget your flowering plants! We'll see you there!

**T**HE WARM WEATHER IS FINALLY HERE, and that can only mean that the orchid season is drawing to an end for another year. We've had a great year of meetings and a wonderful Spring Show. Now it's time to kick back with your orchid friends for an afternoon of great food and drink at our customary "watering hole" in beautiful Mendon Ponds Park, at the Pondview Shelter.

**A**s always, the GROS will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, veggieburgers, rolls, condiments, beverages (soda, beer, water, etc.) and place settings including plates and dinnerware. Each member should bring a dish to pass (hors d'oeuvres, salads, baked goods, casseroles, desserts, etc.) – and don't forget your hearty appetite!

**T**HE PICNIC BEGINS AT NOON, with the grill to be ready by 1 p.m. Grazing, socializing and a short orchid meeting - with a Show Table - are the official "planned" Picnic activities. You might bring along a kite, a soccer ball, hula hoop, your glockenspiel or whatever else seems appropriate, as the "disorganized" activities are always lots of fun, too!

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## GROS Represented at CPOS Show

Jeanne Kaeding put in a GROS exhibit at the Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society Orchid Show in State College, PA, stayed to judge, then brought the plants back, the weekend of May 5-7. CPOS is the home society of John and Shirley Dunkelberger, who have supported the ribbon and AOS judging at our show for many years. The CPOS show is held in an agricultural arena with a mulch floor. People can drive their cars right up to their exhibit space and unload. Water is permitted in exhibits, and as this is a great source of inspiration for Jeanne, the exhibit contained running water in the form of small streams falling into a pool from copper leaves mounted on a wooden branch. Several club members contributed plants: Robert Wyman, Dwaine Levy, Mark Kaczynski, Susie Myers, and Jeanne Kaeding. Many thanks to all who contributed plants to the exhibit. Without the quality of those plants, the exhibit is nothing, even with running water. The awards from the CPOS Show are as follows:

Best Society Exhibit, Best Amateur Exhibit

### Robert Wyman

- 1st. *Bollopetalum* Midnight Blue
- 2nd. *Cookara* Bill
- 3rd. *Epc.* Lemon Twist 'Monarch' HCC/AOS

### Dwaine Levy

- 1st. *Cattleya dolosa* 'Lionstar'
- 3rd. *Aerides fieldingii*

### Mark Kaczynski

- 1st. *Den. gouldii* × *Udom.* Blue Angel

### Jeanne Kaeding

- 1st. *Brassia* Chieftain
- 1st. *Cym.* Leprechaun
- 2nd. *Den. pierardii*



## GROS Exhibits In Erie For First Time

Over the weekend of May 12-14, The Orchid Society of North West Pennsylvania held its annual show in Erie, PA. OSNWPA entered an exhibit at our show here in Rochester in

March, and we were happy to return the favor. Hopefully this exhibit exchange will happen every year. Jeanne Kaeding set up the exhibit; Diane Bernard took it down. Again, running water was the theme of the GROS exhibit. Ten society members contributed plants to this exhibit: Fran Murphy, Robert Wyman, Dwaine Levy, Mark Kaczynski, Randy Humphries, Jeanne Kaeding, Sandi Uhlig, Suzanne Flanders, Mark Gillette and Susie Myers.

Sandi Uhlig's *Miltoniopsis* Princess Diana received an 84 point AM from the American Orchid Society. She had presented the plant on the GROS show table at the May meeting as part of a media experiment, so many of you have seen the flowers. She put the clone name 'Sadie' on the plant as a tribute to her new granddaughter.

Our two local vendors at the show, Jim Marlow of Marlow Orchids and Joe Kunisch of Bloomfield Orchids, also did well. Joe received an 82 pt AM for his *Catasetum complanatum*, a beautiful arching spray of green flowers. He also received Best Paphiopedilum in Show and Best Cypripedium in Show for his *Paph.* Lady Isabel. He also won Best Paphiopedilum Subgenus Brachypetalum in Show for *Paph. bellatulum*. Jim Marlow received Best Cymbidium in Show for *Cym. eburneum* 'Monica', and Best Pleurothallid in Show for *Masdevallia* Red Wing. He also received Best of Miscellaneous in Show, Best Specimen Plant in Show, and Best Plant in Show for his *Gongora scaphophorus*, a beautiful plant with four long, heavily flowered spikes of cream, spotted with brown, flowers.

Thank you again to all the members who contributed plants to the GROS exhibit. The plants are what make the exhibit work.

The awards from the Erie Show:

Best Orchid Society Exhibit

### Robert Wyman

- 1st. *Cookara* Bill

### Fran Murphy

- 3rd *Vanda* (Sumon Spots × *insignis*)

### Dwaine Levy

- 1st. *Aerides fieldingii*
- 2nd. *Enc. belizensis*

### Jeanne Kaeding

- 1st. *Den. pierardii*
- 1st. *Brassia* Chieftain
- 2nd. *Epi.* Joseph Glow
- 2nd., 3rd. \**Cym.* Leprechaun

### Mark Kaczynski

- 2nd. *Den. gouldii* × *Udom.* Blue Angel

### Randy Humphries

- 1st. *Epc.* Alden Reese

### Sandi Uhlig

- 1st, Best of Class, 84 pt. AM/AOS
- Milt.* Princess Diana 'Sadie'
- 1st. *Den.* Gonzayak
- 1st. *Tolu.* (Maple Hollow × Ash Hollow)
- 2nd. *Tolu.* (Spruce Hollow × Island Sunset)

### Suzanne Flanders

- 1st., 3rd. \**Epl.* Orange Nugget 'Mendenhall'

### Mark Gillette

- 2nd., 2nd. \**Elc.* Banana Split

\*Note: Some plants could be entered in more than one class

## Orchid Clinic Set for Pre-Picnic Slot

There will be an orchid clinic an hour before the picnic, 11:00 a.m. at the picnic location. Bring your problem plants and discuss them with experts (or at least with people who have been growing for a long time and so have probably killed many more plants than you have so far.) Randy Humphries and Jeanne Kaeding will be there as well as any other knowledgeable growers that come early.

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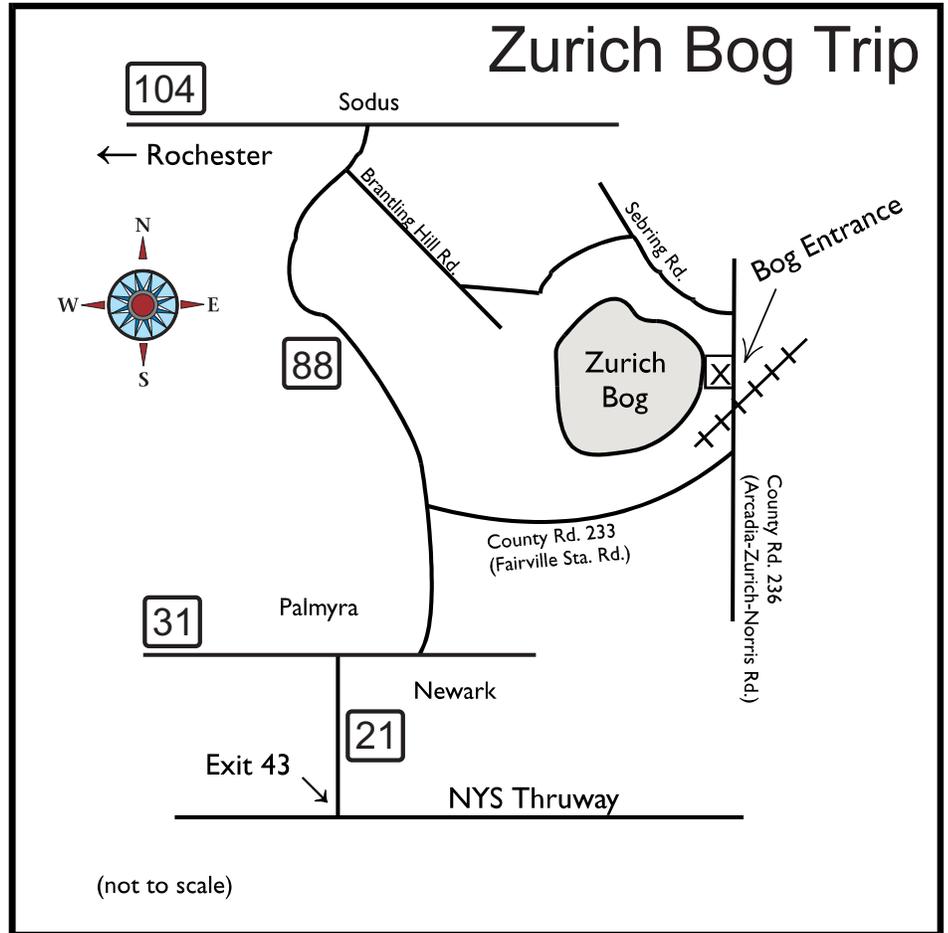
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[www.SavorLife.com](http://www.SavorLife.com)

## Bog Trotters Trip Set for June 3

Jim Marlow will lead a trip through Zurich Bog June 3, 2006. Zurich Bog is a 1000 acre swamp where several species of North American Orchids may be found. We expect to see the pink and yellow Lady Slipper orchids on this trip.



We will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the J.C.C. near the West entrance portico. We will carpool from there and plan to leave at 8:45 a.m. Independent drivers can meet us at Zurich Bog. The walk will start at 10 a.m. We will meet at the East entrance on County Road 236. The hike is moderate in difficulty because the terrain is wet although there is a log path. Bring sneakers or boots, and insect repellent. Please call Jim at 585-889-7083 and let him know if you plan to attend. There is a limit as to how many people we can accommodate. Jim is familiar with the Zurich Bog, and promises to bring back the same number of hikers that he takes in!



## MAY SHOW TABLE

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

### Cypripedium Alliance

*Paph. Houghtoniae (haynaldianum × rothschildianum)*

Ellenberger	
<i>Paph. adductum × randsii</i>	"
<i>Paph. Deperle × adductum</i> 2 plants	"
<i>Paph. glaucophyllum</i>	Uhlig

### Cattleya Alliance

<i>Slc. Haw Yuan Angel</i> (Orglade's Glow × Janet)	Wischoff
<i>Ctyl. Banana Split</i> ( <i>Lc. Pixie × E. cordigera</i> )	Gillette
<i>Enchelia (Ehl.) Little Nuggets</i> ( <i>Proslia [Psl.] Westconnett Gold × E. tampensis</i> )	Flanders

### Vandaceous

<i>Phal. chibae</i>	Gillette
<i>Neof. falcata</i> (3 plants)	Bloomfield
<i>Ascda. Suksamran Spots × V. insignis</i>	Murphy
<i>V. Fuchs Sapphire × Ascda. Meda Arnold</i>	"
<i>Phal. Sweet Sparks</i> ( <i>Sweet Revenge × Buena Cerise Sparks</i> )	Levy

### Oncidium Alliance

<i>Tolu. Sundown Reef × Maple Dancer</i>	Uhlig
<i>Milt. Princess Diana</i> (Pearl Ono × <i>Mps. warscewiczii</i> ) 2 plants	"
<i>Tolu. Maple Hollow × Ash Hollow</i>	"
<i>Tolu. Spruce Hollow × Island Sunset</i>	"

### Miscellaneous

<i>Den. unknown</i>	Kaczynski
<i>Epiphyllum</i> sp. (Cactaceae)	Uhlig
<i>Den. Gonzayak (gonzalesii × goldschmidtianum)</i>	"
<i>Coel. speciosa</i>	Wischoff
<i>Eria spicata</i>	Ellenberger



*Milt. Princess Diana*  
"Sadie" AM/AOS



GROS Exhibit - First Place Ribbon

## OSNWPA Photos Depict GROS Winners in Erie

As reported earlier in this Newsletter, the GROS was very successful in our venture to exhibit at the OSNWPA show in Erie this May. More specifically, two of the three AOS awards given at the Show were won by our members. One award went to Joe Kunisch (no picture was available at press time, but his winning plant was *Catasetum complanatum*, awarded an 82 pt. AM) and one went to Sandi Uhlig for *Milt. Princess Diana* 'Sadie,' pictured above. Sandi chose the clonal name 'Sadie' in honor of the Uhlig's one-month old granddaughter.

Our show exhibit also earned a blue ribbon, with members' plants taking home many show ribbons as well as you can see in the other photo. Our thanks to the OSNWPA for the show photos and congratulations to all!



## How I Grow Cymbidiums

*As told to Jeanne Kaeding by Kathy Kluge, 2006 winner of the Joan Burnham Memorial Award for Best Windowsill Grown Plant at the GROS Spring Show.*

I have about seven *cymbidium* plants; almost all of them are standard *cymbidiums*. This means they are largish plants, with foliage about

three feet tall. New plants can take a while to establish under my conditions, but then they tend to bloom for me every year.

I put them outside in early May. If frost is predicted I take them back inside. They sit on the north side of a picket fence. The light is like being under a lathe house. I have also grown them under a grape arbor where they got light shade. When the plants are outside, I water every other day with city tap water. The plants are generally very pot-bound so they dry out quickly. I leave the plants outside, usually until November. In the winter the plants go in an east-facing window in a room that is about 50 degrees, and there I water the *cymbidiums* only once a week. The room does not warm up much during the day in the winter as the sun is weak then.

I use a slow release rose fertilizer, Bayer Advanced Garden Rose Food 18-11-16, that I put on every three months throughout the year, winter and summer. I bought this fertilizer largely because it was cheap, and it has seemed to work well.

These are big plants with big root systems so I pot them in large pots (12 inches or so in diameter) and do not repot very often. I usually wait until they are growing out of the pot and I absolutely have to do it. I find that repotting sets them back, and sometimes they do not rebloom for a year or two after repotting. I use a mix of fir bark, perlite, and lava rock mixed together. When I put the plants outside in summer, I put an old nylon stocking over the bottom of the pot to keep slugs and snails out.

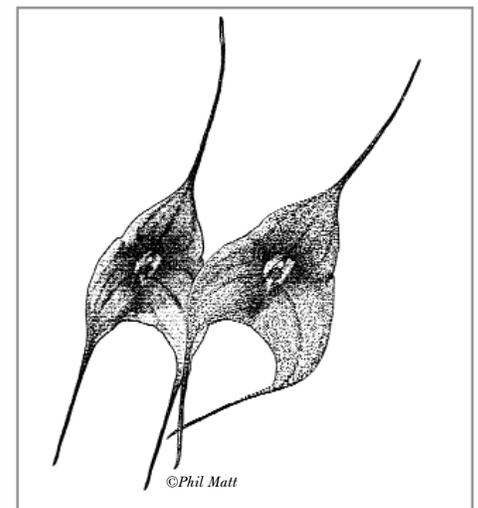
The flower spikes start to show in the fall and are starting to grow by December. I think the plants would do better if they had more light in the winter, but the east window is all I can give them and they bloom well there. I found my winning plant outside an apartment house in the snow about eight years ago where someone was throwing it out. I am delighted with the plant, even though it has no name, and am very happy to have won the award.



## GROS Receives Donation of Books

The GROS wishes to thank Gustav Pohlig of Waterloo, NY for his generosity in donating a number of orchid books to the Society. Gus was a member for many years. The books will be added to the GROS Library and be ready for loan in the fall.

- Dody Ellenberger



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# Spring Orchid Fest at Marlow's Orchids

**Saturday June 10, 2006 8a.m. - 5p.m.**

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See Show and Lecture Schedule Opposite Side

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# Marlow's Orchids Spring Orchid Fest

**Seminar Schedule - Saturday, June 10, 2006**

**8:30 A.M. 'Growing and Mounting Orchids'**

Jim Marlow describes how to mount and care for orchids growing on a stick the way nature intended them to grow!

Plants for mounting starting at \$12. Hands on instructions in seminar format in a small group session. A variety of plants for all experience levels.

**10:00 A.M. 'How Not to Kill Orchids 101'**

Michael Kaufman from Main Street Orchids describes how to give your orchids a kick start. Michael will keep you smiling doing this 45 minute talk and you will leave with a renewed feeling of optimism towards life and orchid growing. Free Lecture!

**10:30 A.M.–Noon Live Music in the Garden presented by Xu String Quartet**

Tim Xu, Luke Auburn, Zeke Auburn and Tom Kern will enchant you with selections by their string quartet.

A Little Night Music Anyone? Free!

**11:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M. 'A review of Modern Orchid Mixes'**

Which Mix is right for which plant? Jim Marlow and Kim Boronczyk will discuss different mixes and their properties. Here's your chance to bring a plant for repot. Free Lecture (repots priced per plant size.)

**2:30 P.M. 'Water Water Everywhere and not a Drop to Drink' – Water Quality & Fertilizer**

Jim Marlow discusses Michigan State University Fertilizer (MSU Fertilizer) and water quality issues for optimizing orchid growth. Free Lecture.

**Orchid Displays and Sales All Day.**

**Free Raffles 11 A.M. and 2 P.M.!**

**Directions:**

Look for the "Purple Tree" at 2272 Scottsville Road, Scottsville NY 14546.

Call for directions 585-889-7083. 2.5 miles from RIT on Route 383.

2.5 miles from Jefferson Scottsville Road intersection at Ballantyne Bridge.

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# Ithaca's Orchid Chief Grows in Stature

## Greenhouse of 10,000 blooms supplies Ithaca's Wegmans, florists

By JENNIE DALEY/Ithaca Journal Staff

DRYDEN — The realization of Tony Liu's dream turned out much more beautifully than he ever expected.

Standing in his newly-built greenhouse on Route 366, surrounded by more than 10,000 orchids, Liu can't help but be pleased with his efforts to turn a hobby of 30 years into a viable business.

Inside the vaulted 10,000 square-foot space, there are seemingly endless expanses of vivid purple and swaths of a green-tinged white, all in exotic shapes evocative of tropical landscapes. "Because I'm getting old, I need to find something I can do the rest of my life," said Liu, 57 and a trained horticulturist.

Walking into the greenhouse off of a busy street, memories of the region's cold, cloud-covered days quickly vanish. Inside, it's warm, bright, somewhat humid and undeniably stunning. It's a work environment Liu's sister, Colleen Lee, clearly enjoys. "I take care of them just like my daughter," she said. "I sing some songs for them, too. The budding ones bow to me, and the blooming ones smile at me."

Liu and Lee primarily grow the easy-to-care-for *Phalaenopsis*, sometimes called the moth orchid. According to the American Orchid Society, it's the variety best suited to home growth because of its long-lasting blooms and its simple needs – modest light and consistent moisture.

The quality of his product and the simple care requirements have made Liu's plants a popular seller at stores around the region.

The Orchid Place, as Liu named his business, is the primary provider of phalaenopsis orchids for more than 35 Wegmans stores, including

Ithaca's, and supplies some area florists. "They're our number one plant that Wegmans sells year-round," said Katherine Shutte, manager of the Wegmans' floral department in the Ithaca store.

"For every one of those people who say they'll kill them in a second, we have people that come back and buy 10 more."

Shutte herself was a convert. Before seeing how they were cared for she was sure that her busy lifestyle would mean the death of any orchid she might buy, but she's since changed her tune. "It really is incredibly easy to care for," she said.

She attributes some of that ease to the quality of the orchids. Brought in from Liu's native Taiwan, he said he only buys the highest quality available.

In Taiwan, orchids have become big business since the island has established itself as the world's largest exporter of the blooms.

Liu is hoping to bring a little of Taiwanese culture to Ithaca with his new business. He recently opened up a retail sales division to compliment his wholesale work.

With the showroom just completed, it will serve first as a base for his orchid sales, but he sees other possibilities in the future. He would like to eventually landscape the lot with a nod to Asian gardening traditions and then even open a tea house on the property.

First, there's plenty of orders to fill and bricks and mortar to attend to. It was only last week that the business' sign was hung. These are all small steps to Liu's ultimate goal - "everywhere will be the orchids."

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**NEXT GROS MEETING:**

**SEPT. 11, 2006**

**AT THE JCC!**



# GROS to Lend Orchid Expertise to Butterfly Garden

Strong Museum is putting the finishing touches on a \$30,000,000 expansion that will double its size. An exciting component of the expansion is the Dancing Wings Butterfly Garden. Ralph Charlton, Ph.D., is the director of the facility. Ralph comes to the Strong Museum from Kansas State University, where he was a professor of entomology and director of the school's Butterfly Conservatory and Insect Zoo.

The Butterfly Garden is the butterfly-like structure on the side of the new addition. The "wings" are 30 feet high and 50 feet in diameter, with a membrane ceiling and an all-glass surround. Natural lighting will be supplemented by high intensity sodium and metal halide lamps. One "wing" houses the exhibit and the other encloses the support greenhouse. The garden will be a lush rain forest (about 75-85°F) with a population of approximately 750 tropical and native butterflies. Guests will walk a paved path past several "ponds" and a cascading waterfall.

Orchids and butterflies - a natural pairing - can be realized with a little help from the GROS. Let's show our support for this ambitious project by donating orchids for permanent display and by occasionally helping Ralph's staff with orchid maintenance and repotting.

To make this happen I will coordinate orchid donations and form a committee of volunteers to assist Ralph's staff. If you have warm growing orchids that are healthy and blooming-sized, please consider donating some to the Dancing Wings Butterfly Garden. For details on how to make your donation, or if you would like to be on the committee, please contact me. All donations are tax deductible.

Strong Museum will place an appropriate plaque outside the Dancing Wings Butterfly Garden to show their appreciation to the GROS for the orchid donations and support.

- David S. Weiss  
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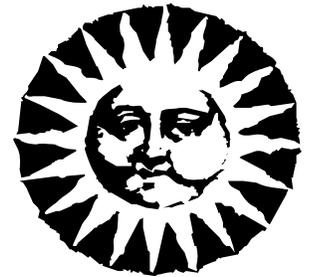
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in July or August!