

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: MAR. 3, 2008

t's still icy out there and in Rochester, at least, the eclipse of the moon was itself eclipsed by the falling of the snow. But the days are growing noticeably longer, and Spring is starting to seem like it's once again inevitable instead of seeming out of reach. The best sign of Spring is the hum of activity as things at the GROS are getting under way in preparation for our Spring orchid show.

ur March meeting will be devoted to "Show Ready!" - focusing on how to prepare for our upcoming show. Did you ever wonder how all of those beautiful exhibits come together each year?

Well, it's really a kind of magical recipe: mix together a lot of hard work, a healthy dose of creativity and a whole bunch of flowering plants - and Presto! If

you've never helped to set up a show exhibit or assist with judging, this is the year to roll up your sleeves and jump in!

oin us as registration gurus Dean Edwards and Ron Uhlig, commercial grower/exhibitor Jim Marlow, and other seasoned exhibitors will be discussing how to prepare plants for display and as well as how to register them correctly. We'll also be covering how to set up orchid displays with hands-on demonstrations and tips. Interested in helping with clerking for the judges? We'll go over what to expect during the judging process, too.

here won't be any dinner excursion this month due to the program content. Be sure to check the GROS website for late-breaking Show news and for details (coming soon!) on how to register your plants in advance. You'll also find forms on the site for the Awards Dinner and exhibit registrations. If you have friends who might be interested in attending the Show, send them to the site to download a Show flyer for a discount off the regular admission price!

Make sure to bring your flowering orchids to the meeting and we'll use them to set up mini show displays - a vast Show Table par excellence! We'll see you there!

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# Meeting Minutes for Feb. 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Snyder**. Jeff welcomed all the new members in attendance.

**Judy Ekberg** gave was the Treasurer's report. She reported that the Society's treasury currently contains \$11,362.42.

Jeff Snyder noted that the Ellenburgers donated the plants for the evening's Raffle.

Plants still are needed for the Dutch Connection exhibit at George Eastman House. If any member can lend plants in bloom please contact **Noel Krzesinski**. Volunteers are also needed to assist with watering and setup.

A guest, Michael Warren Thomas, host of the Naturally Green radio show, spoke about the First In Bloom Contest for 2008. Details for the contest can be found on a link at the Show's web site:

http://www.savorlife.com/main\_garden.htm

**Marshall Edgcomb** volunteered to be the new Membership Chairman. Thank you, Marshall!

Ron Uhlig has volunteered to be Chairman of our Gardenscape efforts, including handing out fliers during the show. Thank you, Ron! Ron listed several options on how we could pass out GROS fliers during Gardenscape.

The society voted to spend up to \$400.00 to pay for Gardenscape admission for our volunteers. There is currently a call for these volunteers to pass out fliers. See Ron Uhlig.

Show Chairwoman Ruth Espinosa-Barone gave an update on Show preparations. Accommodations for two different vendors will be necessary. (The Secretary and the Editor are both refraining from reporting here on the lively exchange of semi-ribald questions that ensued...) If any of the members can help with vendor accommodations, please contact Ruth.

There are nine (9) vendors confirmed thus far for the Show. The 2007 Show poster was shown at the meeting; it features a photo of a GROS member's display, taken by a guest at a previous year's Show.

Exhibit space forms are now available on the GROS web site in the Show section. http://www.geneseeorchid.org/. All plants must be registered. There is also a link on the web site to assist with plant classification.

The Awards Reception and Dinner will be on April 4,2008. It will be held in the Palm Court and the A & B Ballrooms at the Eisenhart Auditorium. Hors d'oeuvres will be served from 5:30 'till 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be arranged in dining stations and will begin at 6:30 and end at 7:30 p.m. The Awards presentations will follow in the Auditorium.

The cost will be \$16.00 for members, \$30.00 for non members. Judges will receive complementary dinners.

There will be a show program booklet this year; Ron Uhlig is working on this project with from **Diana Polle**. Ad space is available. GROS has ordered orchid books to sell at the Show.

**Jeanne Kaeding** is asking for volunteers to assist with lay judging and clerking. All volunteers must arrive at 9:30 a.m. and be available until 2:00 p.m. on April 4, 2008.

There is a request for assistance with setup for the club displays. This year's display for the Society will consist of one medium sized display and several smaller ones.

Our guest speaker was our own **Joe Kunisch**, proprietor of Bloomfield Orchids. His presentation was "Paph Species - Back to Basics." This was a new and interesting discussion of the world of *Paphiopedilum* species plants.

We held the raffle. Joe and **Jim Marlow** did the Show Table. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

A list of upcoming shows in our area:

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens and the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society will hold its Semi-Annual Orchid Show and Sale on Saturday, February 23rd (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and Sunday, February 24th (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) at the Botanical Gardens in Buffalo.

The 2008 Philadelphia Flower Show will be held March 2nd to March 9th, 2008 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Is anybody planning to go?

Longwood Gardens International Orchid Show & Sale is March 30th -April 1st. It is sponsored by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society (SEPOS.) The three-day, American Orchid Society-judged show will feature exhibits by regional orchid societies and renowned vendors. *Http://www.sepos.org/* 

The Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania Show and Sale will be Saturday, March 15th (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and Sunday, March 16th (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) The location is Phipps Garden Center, Pittsburgh, PA.

The New York Botanical Garden Orchid Show will run February 23rd - April 6th, 2008. The exhibits will be in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY.

Respectfully submitted, Reggie Coleman Secretary



# GROS Welcomes New Members

Please add these new members to your membership roster:

Sadie Briggs & Brenda Iannucci 8 Carefree Lane Hilton, NY 14468



# Marlow Lycaste Takes 83pt. AM

A Lycaste hybrid owned by Jim Marlow (Wyld Splendor × Macama) 'Marlow Orchids' won an 83 pt. AM/AOS award at the New Hampshire Orchid Society Show held February 9th-10th, 2008 in Nashua, NH. Congratulations, Jim!

# JANUARY SHOW TABLE

(Please note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or complete your records, including parentage and new registrations. Be sure your plant names are correct for show registration.)

## **Cypripedium Alliance**

Paph. insigne Murphy Paph. wardii Kaeding Paph. venustum Paph. LSF Prime Peridot (Jolly Green Gem × Green Mystery) Wischoff

Paph. Hsinying Alien (Raisin Pie × Supersuk) Paph. Hsinying Alien Butcher

### **Cattleya Alliance**

L. anceps Wischoff Marriottara (Mrr.) Hawaiian Leopard (Rsc. Waianae Leopard × Bnts. Richard Mueller) Hober Gillette Barkeria sp.

#### **Oncidium Alliance**

Rossioglossum (Ros.) Rawdon Jester (grande × williamsianum)

Levy Milt. Pluto × Hajime Ono Butcher Onc. ornithorhynchum Espinosa-Barone Onc. cheirophorum Gillette Onc. ornithorhynchum Wyman Onc. Twinkle (ornithorhynchum × cheirophorum) Hober Onc. Tsiku Marguerite (Twinkle × ornithorhynchum) Onc. Aloha Iwanaga (Goldiana × Star Wars)

Odcdm. Tiger Crow (Tiger Hambuhren × Crowborough)

Rhyncada (Rya.) syn. Adgm. Summit (Rst. bictoniensis × Ada keiliana)

## Cymbidium

Cym. Minneken (floribundum × Rosalita) Kaeding Cym. Nancy's Treasure (parishii × Mizuha Okada) Wischoff

#### **Miscellaneous**

Den. Roy Tokunaga (atroviolaceum × johnsoniae) Wischoff Stsc. Vanguard (Srgt. acaulis × Strs. albidomaculatum) Gillette Den. Star Sapphire × Kurenai Hober Den. Thongchai (Spellbound × Theodore Takiguchi) Den. Kurenai (?) (Komachimusume × Cassiope)

# FEBRUARY SHOW TABLE

### Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. gratrixianum Uhlig

### Cattleya Alliance

Sc. Siwgr\* Bear (S. Orpetii × Sc. Petite Pride) Bechelli Brassophronitis (Bnts.) Yellow Bird† (B. nodosa × Bnts. Richard Mueller) Coleman

#### **Vandaceous**

Phal. Mini Mark (Micro Nova × philippinensis) Bechelli

#### **Oncidium Alliance**

Cisch. pusilla Matt Onc. Twinkle (ornithorhynchum × cheirophorum) Bechelli Oda. Golden Point (Robert Dugger × Fort Point) Kaeding

### Cymbidium

Cym. Sunshine Falls (King Arthur × madidum) Wischoff Cym. Rum Runner × Street Hawk Kaeding

#### Miscellaneous

Ida ciliata Wischoff Den. Seigyoku (Oberon × Spring Wind) Uhlig

\*The Welsh spelling of sugar.

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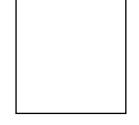


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