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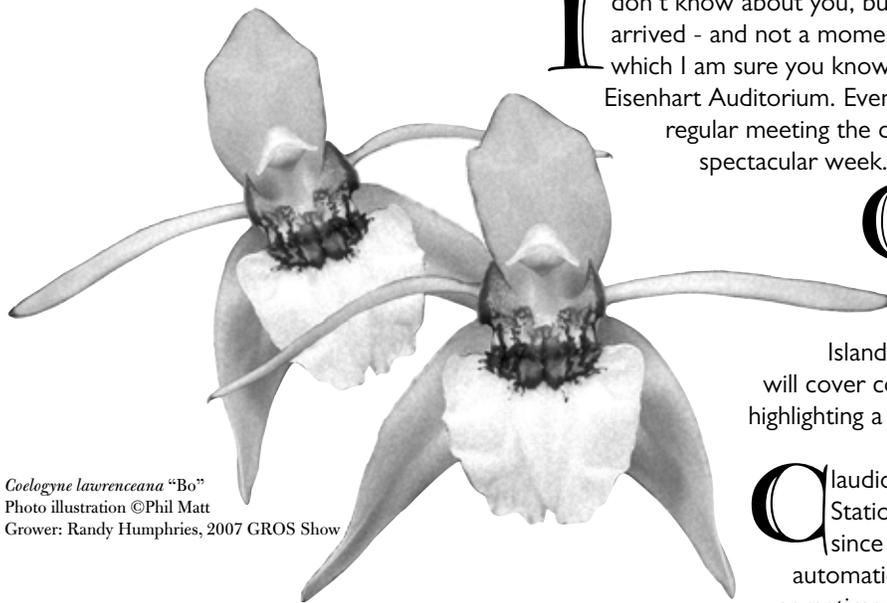
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*Beginners Meeting 6:30 p.m. \* Social "Hour" 7:00 - 7:15 p.m. \* Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.*

*Senior Adult Lounge at the Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester, NY*

**NEXT MEETING: APR. 6, 2009**



*Coelogyne lawrenceana* "Bo"  
Photo illustration ©Phil Matt  
Grower: Randy Humphries, 2007 GROS Show

I don't know about you, but I think my "stimulus package" has finally arrived - and not a moment too soon. It's the GROS Spring Orchid Show, which I am sure you know begins April 2nd with Show setup at the Eisenhart Auditorium. Even more stimulating is the fact that we have a regular meeting the day after the Show closes! It promises to be a spectacular week.

Our April speaker will be our good friend Claudio Rossi of Cloud's Orchids. He'll be giving a presentation devoted to the genus *Coelogyne*, a group of about 200 species native to India, China, Indonesia, and the Fiji Islands. It's an unusual and showy genus, and Claudio will cover common culture needs of the various groups, highlighting a few species out of each.

Claudio Rossi, proprietor of Cloud's Orchids in Jordan Station, Ontario, Canada, has been growing orchids since 1975. Those who know him in the orchid world automatically associate Claudio with *paphiopedilums* and sometimes *phragmipediums*. But, those who really know

him, know that under the right conditions he will become an aficionado of just about *any* genus. Claudio tells us, "Like many, I have gone through phases of being obsessed with many genera, definitely needing to possess EVERY species belonging to each genus! This is not particularly practical, but it is nonetheless a trait of mine, and one that I have now confessed to the world!"

The Cloud's Orchids website has extensive information about orchid growing, as well as a very large and interesting catalog. Have a look at: <http://cloudsorchids.com>. Claudio will be bringing whatever plants he has left over from his sales table at the GROS Spring show (he's exhibiting and serving as an AOS judge.) If there's anything specific you'd like from his catalog, please contact Claudio via his website immediately, as he'll be leaving to set up at the Show on April 2nd.

We will be taking Claudio out to dinner at Beale Street Café, 693 South Avenue in Rochester, at 5 p.m. on the night of the meeting. The Café features authentic Cajun cuisine and pit-smoked barbecue; see the restaurant's website, [www.bealestreetcafe.com](http://www.bealestreetcafe.com). If you're interested in coming (everyone pays for his or her own meal...), please contact Diana Polle at [dpolle@gmail.com](mailto:dpolle@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

The Show Table will be back, ready to receive your ribbon-bedecked triumphs from the Show, so give your orchids another Spring "road trip" and bring them in. We'll see you there!

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## Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2009

President **Jeff Snyder** called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. He welcomed guests and visitors.

A motion to approve the February meeting minutes was made by **Diane Bernard**, a second by **Margery Greene**. Motion passed.

Our treasurer, **Judy Ekberg**, gave her report for February's activity as follows:

Starting balance:	\$16,038.22
<b>Deposits:</b>	+30.00
(Raffle income)	
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Admin. cost incl.	-120.00
incorporation fees	
Ins. premium	-356.00
Newsletter	-111.84
Office supplies	-49.78
Postage	-166.80
Show expenses	-1,631.00
Speaker expenses	-39.00
Old website charges	-60.00
Ending balance:	\$13,532.97

**Noel Krzesinski** reported that our contribution of 20 display orchids was greatly appreciated by the Eastman House for the Dutch Connection. They also appreciated our assistance with watering and take down. Jeff thanked Noel for the fine job she did organizing this event.

**Alan Salzman**, co-chair of GardenScape 2009, announced that he would be sending around a clipboard for signups to staff the GROS booth at this event coming up in just 10 days. He asked that plants be brought to the Dome Center off E. Henrietta Road on Wednesday, March 11 before noon.

**Ruth Espinosa-Barone**, Show Chairlady, reminded us that the show is a month away. Exhibit forms need to be in by March 7th. Rules and Classifications were in last month's newsletter. Awards reception reservation forms should be in Ruth's hands by March 23rd. Several sign-up clipboards were circulated to fill volunteer positions. Flyers were available for pick-up tonight to be

distributed to garden centers and nurseries as well as friends, neighbors, etc. Contact Ruth to obtain more if necessary.

Member Sales Table details were given, including the fact that 15 plants maximum per member may be sold each day at the show.

All plants will be brought to the Eisenhart on Thursday, April 2nd — the members plants for the Society's display exhibits set-up (registered then displayed) and all orchid plants & orchid-related items for sale on the members sale table. Jeff had several more announcements:

The use of "old" names for various genera of orchids will be accepted this year.

Give all membership monies/checks to the Treasurer, Judy Ekberg.

Now being housed by **Jeanne Kaeding**, the wooden risers used in the show, the black cloth used for displays and other miscellaneous GROS items are in need of a new storage home. Please contact Jeff if you have room to house these items.

The Joan Burnham Award, which is given at our show for the best plant grown on a windowsill or in a window, has two years of trophies left on the original purchase. Several comments were made on the question as to whether it should be continued. They cost \$50 each. Any further thoughts and comments should be directed to the president.

The annual picnic is held in June. **Diane Polle** and **Marshal Edgcomb** volunteered to chair. The reservation for the first Sunday in June will be made soon at Mendon Ponds Park.

The Gates Garden Club requested a speaker from GROS for April 8th. Please let Jeff know if you are interested in talking about orchids to their club.

Renowned Bonsai expert Bill Valavanos' house burned down recently. His mother, who lived with him, lost her collection of orchids. The membership voted to give her a pass to this year's GROS orchid show.

**Karen McKay**, current librarian, has resigned and a replacement is needed. Jeff thanked Karen for her service to the society this past year. Anyone interested in taking over her job

should contact Jeff. Karen offered to train her replacement.

Proposed Bylaws Changes: Jeff noted that an amendment to the bylaws to restrict sales by members at meetings when the speaker has plants or supplies for sale has been published twice in the newsletter as required by the bylaws. A motion to amend the bylaws as published was made by **Mike Devito** and seconded by another member.

During discussion, a motion to amend that motion was made by **Len Bayer** and seconded by **Marie Heerkens**. Len moved that the amendment to the bylaws be changed to permit member sales of supplies when the speaker was selling only plants and to permit member sales of plants when the speaker was selling only supplies. Following discussion, this motion was voted on and the vote was tied. The President declared that, since there was no majority, the motion to amend failed.

The original motion to amend the bylaws as published was voted upon and passed with the required two-thirds vote of those present.

**Ron Uhlig** announced that additional changes to the bylaws are recommended by our lawyer and will be published.

The President asked for volunteers to assist Alan Salzman, Member at Large, for the nominating committee for next year's officers. There were no volunteers.

Program Chair Diana Polle introduced our March speaker, Wally Orchard, from Afrodisa in Yachats, Oregon. Wally presented a very entertaining program about *Disas*, an African genus. Given the right conditions, *Disas* may be grown in our homes. Some culture tips included: low dissolved salts in water used; temperature must be less than 80 degrees; never let them dry out; good light (50% shade); and good air movement.

The Show Table was presented by Jeff Snyder and Jeanne Kaeding.

Our meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
*Sandi Uhlig*  
Secretary

## MARCH SHOW TABLE

### Cypripedium Alliance

*Paph.* Pinocchio (*primulinum* × *glaucophyllum*) Weimer  
*Paph.* wardii × *acmodontum* Pfromm

### Cattleya Alliance

*Cattleya* *coccinea*\* De Vito  
*C.* Ken Dream (*Persepolis* × Beaufort)\* Weimer

### Vandaceous

*Luisia* *volucris* Batz

### Oncidium Alliance

*Onc.* Gold Dust (Twinkle × *cheiroporum*) Bechelli  
*Tolu. Savanna La Mar* (Red Belt × Catherine Wilson) "

### Dendrobium

*Den.* **Chiengmai** Pink (Kasem White × Tomie Drake) Bechelli

### Pleurothallid Alliance

*Rstp.* *sanguinea* Bechelli  
*Masd.* *limax* "  
*Masd.* *amplexa* "

**Please note** especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or **complete** your records, **including parentage** and new registrations. The judges will appreciate it if your orchids in the upcoming Springshow are correctly labeled.

\*Finally, the Brazilian Laelias and several other genera have been settled in the genus *Cattleya*, which will greatly simplify nomenclature in the long run. These changes will be implemented gradually in the RHS database. Please note: if there are any names you have questions about, don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

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## GROS Exhibits at Canadian Show

Several GROS members attended the Southern Ontario Orchid Society Show, the weekend of February 13-15, 2009.

Thanks to Sandi Uhlig, Kim Hober, Paul Batz, and Jeremy Bechelli for setting up our exhibit on Friday. Thanks also to Helene Novick, Carol Butcher, Sue Flanders, and Diane Bernard for taking the exhibit down on Sunday evening after the Show closed.

There were many quality plants and exhibits at the show. The attendance was excellent; indeed it was difficult to move around in the show room on both Saturday and Sunday. The calm winter weather seems to have brought out the crowds.

Our Society exhibit won 2nd in Class! Our members took home many show ribbons, as the follow listing attests:

**Paul Batz:**  
 2nd in class, *Zygopetalum* Advance Australia

**Dwaine Levy:**  
 1st in class, *Epi.* (Pacific Fantasy × Pacific Lava)

**Dwaine Levy (cont'd):**  
 2nd in class, *Ancistrochilus rothschildianus*  
 2nd in class, *Eria stellata*

**Jeanne Kaeding:**  
 Best Cymbidium, 1st in class: *Cym.* Art Koester 'Crosman'  
 1st in class, *Ornithocephalus species*

**Sandi Uhlig:**  
 1st in class, *Phal.* Timothy Christopher  
 1st in class, *Asca.* Orchidom Sapphire  
 1st in class, *Den.* Christina  
 1st in class, *Pabstia jugosa* × *Z.* Artur Elle

**Sandi Uhlig (cont'd.)**  
 2nd in class, *Den.* Seigyoku 'Queen' HCC/AOS  
 3rd in class, *Den.* *aggregatum* var. majus

Congratulations to all of our ribbon winners! Sending plants to out-of-town show venues makes the club's exhibits truly shine - and enables members to receive awards on plants that are not in bloom during the relatively short period when our annual local show is in progress.

- Jeanne Kaeding

## GROS PICNIC

Sunday, June 7, 2009

Sycamore Shelter, *Ellison Park*

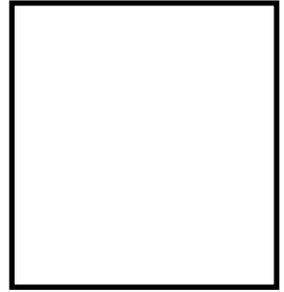
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