



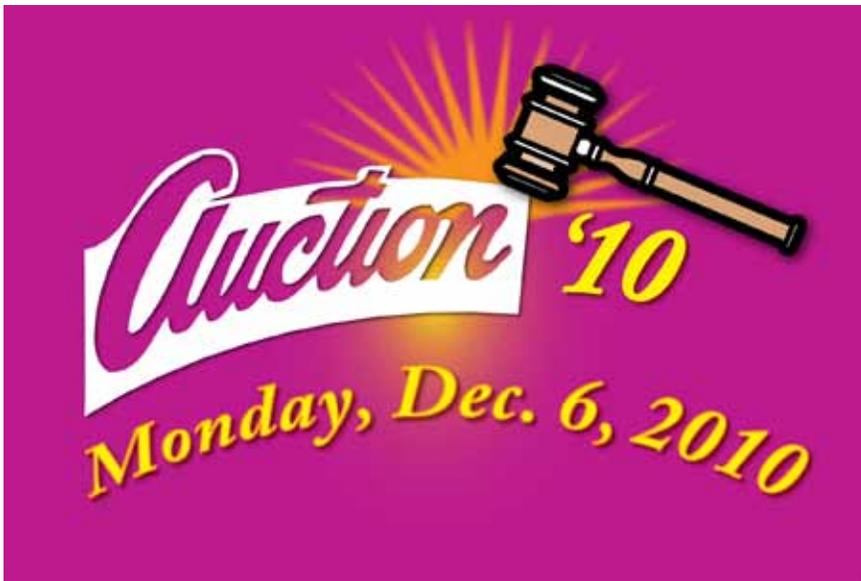
The Orchid Collection

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NEXT: The Auction! **MONDAY, DEC. 6, 2010**

Open for Registration/Plant Browsing 6:00 p.m. * Auction Bidding begins at 7:00 p.m.
Senior Lounge, Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Ave., Rochester, NY



It's Auction time again! Come join your fellow members at the GROS for an evening of great orchids and great fun! With many wonderful plants up for bid, everyone is sure to find a healthy, beautifully grown orchid - at an affordable price, too! You'll be able to bid on plants that our buying power as a club brings to our members and friends at what are sure to be truly spectacular savings.

Auction 2010 will be held at the JCC, 1200 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester, as in previous years. The Auction starts at 6:00 p.m. for plant browsing. Bidding starts promptly at 7 p.m. We plan to be done by 9:00 p.m. With a shorter Auction period this year, all sorts of unpredictable bargains will inevitably present themselves to lucky bidders.

With our now-legendary Auction presentation, you'll be able to actually see what a particular species' or hybrid's flowers will look like on an adjacent viewing screen as the plant comes up for bid! Most plants are not in flower at the Auction; even beginners will be able to get a good idea about what's on the auction block.

We ask that members bring a food item to the auction to share with our members and guests. We suggest that those with an odd-numbered birthday month (Jan., March, May, etc.) bring a savory and people with an even-numbered birthday month (Feb., April, June, etc.) bring a sweet. Paper products, eating utensils, coffee, tea, cider and water will be provided.

The Auction is a wonderful way to add to your orchid collection at very reasonable cost. Remember, every plant you buy at the Auction helps the GROS in running our many yearly activities. If you have friends who might be interested in our Auction, bring them along! The Auction is open to everyone, free of charge. It's a decidedly relaxed, informal evening.

For those of you who've never attended one of our auctions, there will be orchids for windowsill, under-lights and greenhouse growers, orchids for experts, orchids for beginners - orchids for everyone! We will have a good selection of both hybrids and species, with some plants in bud and bloom! The antics of our auctioneers are always fun, but the best part is that you just never know what you'll find!

Make sure to arrive early enough to get a good look at the Auction plants, and to sample some of the snacks our members will be providing for all, free of charge. We'll see you there!

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Meeting Minutes for Monday, Nov. 8, 2010

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

A motion was made by **Barb Greene** to accept the October meeting minutes. A second was made by **Jackie Cannizzaro**. A vote was taken and the minutes were accepted.

Ron Uhlig, treasurer, gave the financial report for the past month. Beginning balance was \$14,112.86. Ending balance as tonight's meeting stands at \$12,534.72. An attorney's fee of \$52 was noted to be for the process of applying for non-profit status. The treasurer's report was accepted by the membership.

Kim Hober, Auction Czarina, gave us the lowdown on the Auction which is coming up at the next meeting, December 6th, starting at 7 p.m. This is the first time we've done the auction this way. There will not be as many plants as previous years. By the end of next week, a list will be available of the auction plants. There will be a raffle during the auction. A clipboard was sent around to sign up to bring food. See or contact Kim to volunteer to help. There will be no business meeting or show table and no sales by members will be allowed during the auction.

There was new business to introduce:

John Ellenberger has 200 orchid books he is willing to donate to the library. Monroe County (Lamberton Conservatory) needs help with its orchid collection. We had decided at a previous meeting that GROS would not give assistance at this time. Sonnenberg also needs help with its orchids.

Thanks to **Gretchen Beaver** and to Jackie Cannizzaro for bringing treats tonight!

Our November speaker, Dr. Duane Erdman, was introduced by Program Chair **Carol Butcher**. Dr. Erdman is a former GROS member and his latest passion is *Restrepias*, of which he owns 30 or more species. We were treated to an excellent presentation on one of the smaller genres in the orchid world.

After the raffle, the show table was presented by Paul Batz and **Phil Matt**.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Sandi Uhlig
Secretary

*Don't Forget to Bring
a Snack to the Auction!*



NOVEMBER SHOW TABLE

Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. Cassiopeia (Muriel Constance × *concolor*) Bloomfield
Paph. Silent Spirits (Spin Doctor × Elfstone) 2 plants "

Cattleya Alliance

Rby. Hawaiian Leopard 2 plants
(*Rlc.* Waianae Leopard × *Bc.* Richard Mueller) Uhlig
Cattleya coccinea De Vito
Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Chocolate Drop (*C. guttata* × *Gur. aurantiaca*) "
Laelirhynchos (Lrn.) Sea Urchin (*L. anceps* × *Rl. glauca*) Butcher
Ctt. Bactia (*Gur. bowringiana* × *C. guttata*) Murphy
C. maxima Batz
B. nodosa "
C. dormaniana "
C. Memoria Alvin Begeman (esalqueana × Beaufort) Gerardi

Oncidium Alliance

Gombrassiltonia (Gbt.) (syn. "Alcra.") Hilo Ablaze
(*Mtssa.* Olmec × *Gom.* Mantinii) Murphy
Bllra. Marfitch (*Mtssa.* Charles M. Fitch × *Oda.* Fremar) "
Odontocidium Wildcat (Rustic Bridge × Crowborough) "
Gomesa forbesii Batz
Brs. warszewiczii "

Miscellaneous

Angcm. distichum Levy
Lyc. Dural (Auburn × *macrophylla*) "
Clo. Jumbo Lace × *Ctsm.* Frilly Doris Uhlig
Bulb. echinolabium Batz
Gro. amherstiae "
Pol. pubescens "
Bulb. Valley Isle Queen (Jersey × *echinolabium*) "

Please note especially all names and abbreviations in **boldface**, and correct or **complete** your records. Once the parents are printed, **kindly include them the next time** you show the plant.

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What Orchids Can I Grow?

How do I know which orchids I can grow?

This is a question that most people have asked themselves. Orchids seem to be found in so many places now and when we see a beautiful flower that gets our attention in a store, at an orchid show or on the internet, how do we know if it will survive in our care? The first orchid we buy is always special to us and the thought of it not growing and flowering can make it quite difficult to even buy it in the first place.

Usually that first one comes home with us because of its pretty flowers. We don't pay attention to what kind it is though I'll bet 95% of first orchids are *Phalaenopsis*. This type is actually a great place to start and if we only knew that keeping it alive forever isn't our goal, we'd be able to relax and enjoy our new found houseplant so much more. It's as if such beauty frightens us. When the flowers eventually start to curl up and fall off, the stem looks so empty and we are beyond panic. Then and only then we start to reach out to find out what first aid needs to be applied to our plant to bring it back to those first days with flowers.

Unfortunately since some orchids found in stores do not have labels, even knowing the orchid's "family", or genus, is a problem. So we tell the person that we've found to help us what the leaves look like and hopefully what the flowers resembled (moths?). When we find out that name, then our education and understanding really begins. I will say that when a first orchid is purchased from a commercial orchid grower (at a show or through the internet), instructions generally are provided to the first-timer. Labels are usually in the pots and sometimes simple light and water requirements are printed right on labels.

After we've all had some experience with our first orchid, it's time to take the next step and get a companion or two for it. *Philodendrons* and African violets are nice things to grow but somehow something starts to entice us to add another orchid. But what kind of orchid do

we buy? Our *Phalaenopsis* has now grown a couple new leaves and we're hoping for flowers to follow. We've learned something about watering hopefully and know that a window is required for adequate light. We have heard that giving the orchid some diluted fertilizer is pretty important. And someone even said that at some point we'll have to repot our plant. That causes some worry as we've never done that before and it seems to be growing in something other than potting soil.

But first things first; we'll add another one to the collection since there's still some room in the window!

“The first orchid we buy is always special to us...”

Thirty some years ago my second orchid was a *Cattleya*. I had chosen an east window with a sheer curtain in the summer as the morning sun was very strong. My *phalaenopsis* flowered every year easily but when the pretty lavender *Cattleya* joined in on the same shelf, no flowers came the first year. I realized through some reading and observing that

more light was needed for that variety. This is pretty basic stuff but it's actually the reason why most orchids don't bloom in the home. I moved the plant to a west window and was pleased to see better, lighter leaf color and by the second year flowers developed.

A second *Cattleya* was added, then a *Paphiopedilum* to keep the *Phal.* company. I still didn't know very much about orchid culture but had learned enough to know that orchids were my quest now.

In conclusion, to know what orchids we can grow is to experiment. Light, water, temperature and humidity needs are the hints. What will work for one orchid in a genus might not work for another in the same genus. But trial and error is the fun part of orchid fever after all. We'll never know all there is to know about this fascinating orchid world and that should never stop us from adding just one more. It's a good thing there will be an orchid auction coming up soon!

- Sandi Uhlig

Top Ten Reasons to Come to the Auction

10.) Better plants than they have at the local HomeWalBJLowe store.

9.) Better food than they have at the local HomeWalBJLowe store.

8.) Hardly anyone tweeting or texting during Auction.

7.) Can see Russia from the JCC roof.

6.) List of plants leaked to public ahead of time.

5.) Aganax: Yes. Xanax: No.

4.) Danger of being run down by crazed holiday shoppers very small.

3.) Heavy coats handy for sneaking new plants into the house.

2.) Everyone will humor you when you say, “But I don't have room for any more orchids...”

1.) Auctioneers' jokes only heard once a year!

GROS Orchid Auction 2010

Please note: This listing reflects the order in which plants will be auctioned.

No.	Name
1	Burr. Living Fire ‘Golden Embers’
2	Wils. Diane Feinstein ‘Red Ruby’
3	Phal. gigantea
4	Paph. Hsinying ‘Citron’ x Hsinying ‘Emma’
5	Cymbidium aloifolium
6	Masd. amplexa x calura
7	Blc. White Diamond
8	Phal. lueddemanniana v. ochracea
9	Vuyl. Jerry Lawless ‘Golden Gate’ AM/AOS
10	Lyc. Abou First Spring
11	C. Janice Evens ‘Sweet Sixteen’
12	Blc. Mary Ellen Carter x Slc. Final Touch
13	Paph. Armeni White
14	Mkra. Salaya Gold
15	Den. griffithianum
16	Podochilus muricatus
17	Blc. Michelle Ewart
18	Lyc. Deppei × Lyc. aromatica
19	Neos. Lou Sneary ‘Bluebird’
20	Phal. luedemanniana v. purpurea
21	Masd. vietchiana × Maui Gold
22	Dendrochilum arachnites
23	Epi. Mable Kanda × Enc. Randii
24	Z. Jumpin Jack ‘Kalapana’
25	Miltonioda Maui Charm ‘Sakura’
26	Bollea equadoriana × Pescatoria lehmanni ‘Purple Heart’
27	Phal. Maki Watanabe ‘Carmela’
28	Bllra. Purple Haze ‘Jimi Hendrix’
29	Slc. Final Touch ‘Mendenhall’
30	Den. Star Sapphire ‘KAO’
31	V. (Ponpimol × Simirun)
32	V. Pachara Delight ‘Pachara’ FCC/JOGA
33	Coel. mossiae
34	C. Varut Crystal
35	Pot. Marlene Lundquist ‘Carmela’
36	Sarcoglottis

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- 37 *Oncidioda Charlesworthii* 'Mishima'
38 *Ada* (*glumacea* × *keilana*)
39 *Zygo*. (*Kiwi Klassic* 'Kutie' × *Zygo New Era* 'Ebony')
40 *Brassavola nodosa*
41 *Cym.* Last Tango 'Geyeserland' × *Khaipour* 'Symmetry'
- 42 *Den* Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'
43 *Bllra.* Peggy Ruth Carpenter 'Gem'
44 *Blc.* Golden Chieftain 'Akukii'
45 *Dendrochilum wenzelii*
46 *Vuyl.* Aloha Sparks 'Ruby Eyes'
47 *Lc.* Fiesta Days 'Solo Flight'
48 *Phal.* *speciosa* 'Orchiglade'
49 *Lc.* Mini Song 'La Primera Morada'
50 *Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite*
51 *Pot.* Michael Edward Boersma 'Carmela'
52 *C. intermedia* var. *orlata* 'Rio'
53 *Den.* Gilliston Gold 'Natalie'
54 *Den.* Fancy Angel 'Lycee'
55 *Laelia anceps*
56 *Enc.* Green Hornet
57 *Odontocidium Eric Wilhelm* 'Kalapana'
58 *Aerangis fastuosa*
59 *Den.* Angel Smile 'Kibi'
60 *Lc.* Jalapa
- 61 *Robifinetia Rumrill Vanguard* 'Towpath Lane'
62 *Galeopetalum Giant* 'Rhein Harlequin'
63 *Den.* Thonchai Gold 'Double Delight'
64 *Z.* Bright Imagination 'Master Ian'
65 *Z.* (*Bon Voyage* 'Stargazer' × *Days Gone By* 'Frivolity')
66 *Gongora galeata*
67 *Epc.* Siam Jade 'AVO'
68 *Angraecum didieri*
69 *Coel.* *moreana* 'Brockhurst'
70 *Onc.* Tsiku Marguerite 'HCF #1'
71 *Wils.* Sheila Ann 'Golden Gate'
72 *Miltoniodum Hawaiian Sunset*
73 *Aganax Eva's Blue Amazon* 'Kalapana'
74 *Masd.* (*rex* × *guttalata*)
75 *Neof. falcata* 'White Tara' × *Neof. Falcata* 'Crystal Palace'
76 *Slc.* Samba Princess 'Pretty in Pink'
77 *Masd.* *Kimballianum* 'Golden Gate'

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- 78 E. (Orchid Jungle ‘Barretts Chocolate Chip’ × Cashen’s Brown Sugar ‘A Go Go’)
 79 E. prismatocarpa
 80 Blc. George King ‘Southern Cross’
 81 Ascda. John DeBaise ‘Angela’ FCC/AOS
 82 Lc. Mini Purple ‘Blue Hawaii’
 83 C. walkeriana ‘Pendentive’ AM/AOS × C. walkeriana ‘The Chairman’
 84 Den. Salaya Lai ‘968’
 85 Hknsa. (Mini Doris × Why Not) ‘Carmela’

Silent Auction Plants

No. Name

- 86 Wilsonaria Aloha Spots
 87 Epc. Siam Jade ‘AVO’
 88 Blc. Michelle Ewart
 89 Onc. Tsiku Marguerite ‘HCF #1’
 90 Vuyl. Aloha Sparks ‘Ruby Eyes’
 91 C. Varut Crystal
 92 Blc. White Diamond
 93 Lyc. Abou First Spring
 94 Masd. Celtic Frost
 95 C. Janice Evens ‘Sweet Sixteen’
 96 Wils. Sheila Ann ‘Golden Gate’
 97 Den. Fancy Angel ‘Lycee’
 98 Wilsonaria Tigersetete ‘Wildcat’
 99 Ada. Glumacea × keilana
 100 Bc. (Little Stars × Maikai) ‘Hawaii’
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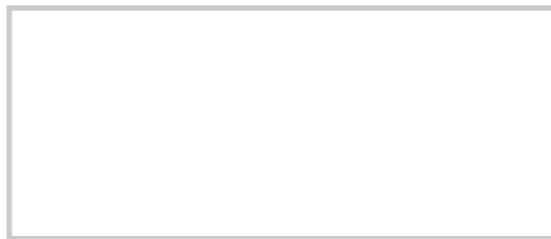
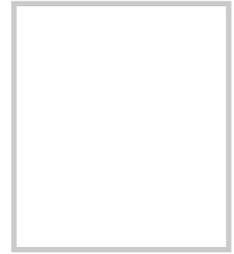
Uncomon Abbreviations

Burr. = Burrageara
 E. = Encyclia
 Hknsa. = Hawkinsara
 JOGA = Japanese Orchid Growers Association
 Neof. = Neofinetia
 Vuyl. = Vuylstekeara
 Z. = Zygopetalum

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