



The Orchid Collection

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NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

“Orchids 101” 6:00 p.m. ❁ Social “Hour” 7:00 - 7:15 p.m. ❁ Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.
Senior Lounge, Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Ave., Rochester, NY



Cym. Dorothy Stockstill “Forgotten Fruit”, AM/AOS, GROS Spring Show 2011. Grown by Marlow Orchids. Photo illustration ©Phil Matt

As we look out upon the frozen landscape, sometimes it’s difficult to think of warmer times and blooming orchids. But as surely as the hostas buried under all that snow and ice will be back in the Spring to provide food for the local deer population, seemingly lifeless husks of cymbidium backbulbs will give forth beautiful flowers in the warmer months - IF you know how to handle them.

Our own President and Fearless Leader, Bill Renick, (assisted by his retinue of assistants) will lead a hands-on demonstration of how to prepare and plant cymbidium backbulbs at this month’s meeting. The Society will provide potting media, and each member can use his or her own hands to pot up and take home a backbulb for just \$1!

Cymbidiums, native to Asia, Southeast Asia and Australia, rely on a temperature cycle of cooler nights and warm days in the Spring in order to stimulate flower production. In these parts, many experienced growers take their cymbidiums outdoors for the summer, bringing them back inside only when temperatures head toward the freezing mark at night.

Cymbidiums are generally divided every year or so to keep them at a reasonable size, and to replace the potting media. This process always produces a number of excess “backbulbs” from the growth of previous years. When dividing a cymbidium during repotting, one usually takes a number of green bulbs with one “back bulb” for water and food storage. In the subsequent growing season, new growth will appear, creating the basis for flowering the following season.

Since there will be no outside speaker this month, all members are free to bring plants to sell at the meeting. The Show Table will be holding forth as usual, so please don’t forget your flowering plants! We’ll see you there!

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GROS Meeting Minutes - Jan. 7, 2013

Bill opened the meeting by Thanking **Sandi Uhlig**, **Mark Gillette**, and **Diane Bernard** for bringing in the refreshments. He mentioned that **Dody Ellenberger** has passed away. **Dave Weiss** is collecting comments from GROS members to be included in the next newsletter. **Dwaine Levy** made a motion that we take up a collection to donate to AOS in memory of Dody. **Alan Salzman** seconded the motion. The motion passed.

On April 13, Syracuse has a field trip going to the Southeastern Penn. Orchid show. The cost is \$56.00. Michael Warren Thomas stopped by to invite anyone who would like to go to the Philadelphia Flower Show/Longwood Gardens. It's March 13, and the cost is \$395.00

Fran Murphy has stepped up and volunteered to head the GROS picnic. YEAH! If you preordered a 2013 AOS calendar, you need to see Tony to pick up your copy.

Bill went over the proposal to update the bylaws. Bill reviewed the proposal, there was a brief discussion of the pros and cons. Alan Salzman made a motion to put the proposal up for a vote. Diane Bernard seconded the motion. A vote was taken, 34 Yes votes, 5 No votes. The motion was carried.

Noel Krzesinski and **Jeanne Kaeding** are looking for plants for several shows. The George Eastman House Display, Cleveland Orchid show, and the Toronto orchid Show are all on the same weekend. Feb. 16 & 17. Jeanne needs plants for Toronto by the 13th or 14th so she can get her paperwork in order. Paphs. And Phrags cannot get to Canada (but would be wonderful for Cleveland, or the Eastman House exhibit!) Cattleyas are fine for taking to Toronto. Bill is planning to take plants for the Cleveland Show. Noel has made some changes this year for the Eastman House exhibit. She has a sign up sheet for the show.

This year you can commit your plants for the whole exhibit (Feb. 8 - 24th) week 1, or week 2, or just for the weekends. They are trying to make drop off and pick up for the plants much easier, and would really like our sup-

port. You can leave detailed care instructions for your plants. If you are interested, please contact Noel.

Carol Butcher is this years Show Chair. Save the dates: April 4 (set up) 5th (judging), and 6th & 7th open to the public. **Mariko Pollock** and **Phil Matt** have designed a beautiful poster for the show. There are 10 confirmed vendors. She asked how many would be interested in having the Awards Reception return to the Show. There was a bit of discussion, a show of hands, and quite a bit of interest. Carol will get some more details. She is looking for all kinds of volunteers. There are many opportunities for all levels of skill, time commitments, and experience. If you can volunteer contact Carol at: Butcher218@yahoo.com or you can call her at (585) 742-3403.

Mario Ferrusi was introduced, and gave a wonderful presentation, "Lycaste skinneri and It's Hybrids." **Jim Marlow** presented the show table, and the meeting was adjourned.



The AOS Corner

AOS Orchids online!

As I mentioned last month, the magazine *Orchids* is now available online. All AOS members are able to access the digital magazine by logging on to the AOS website using their current user name and password; then click on the link to view the magazine. It is portable; it may be download each month and available to read offline. It may be printed - as many pages as needed. No more waiting on the mail to see the new magazine each month. Each month will be readily available before the print copy is mailed.

If you are not a member of AOS, we invite you to join us. For the cost of a domestic membership (\$65 per year) in the AOS you will receive the digital version no matter where you are. Remember, one years' membership includes the twelve magazines per year, access to the members' only section of the website, free or discounted admission to more than 200 botanical gardens and arboreta, the annual Orchid Source Directory, discounts at select orchid vendors and back issues of

AOS publications as well as being part of a worldwide orchid community who share your passion for orchids.

For exact cost of digital and print memberships, check the website at www.aos.org. Non US delivery of magazines may be part of your subscription basically for the additional cost of mailing.

\$50,000 for Orchid Research

The AOS is soliciting its members and the general public for practical or applied orchid research ideas that could be immediately used by hobbyists and commercial growers. The ideas will be reviewed and the winners will become proposals to be sent to various universities or institutions of higher learning. The AOS has received this generous donation that will be used to fund the research at the institution(s) submitting the proposal(s). Send your ideas to ideas@aos.org. No idea is too "far out." Please note, however, that submitting the idea to the AOS does not qualify for any of the research grant. The grants will be disbursed only to established research institutions.

AOS to Meet in San Diego March 21-23, 2013

The Spring Members' and Trustees' meetings will be held in conjunction with the San Diego County Orchid Show being held March 21-23, 2013 at the Scottish Rite Temple in San Diego, California. Join the AOS to attend the meetings, its traditional banquet, auction, elections and reorganization meeting by registering at www.aos.org. The registration fee for AOS attendees includes admission into the show for the weekend. Speaker and vendor information may be found on the society website at www.sdorchids.com.

- Lynn Fuller, Chair
AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



JANUARY SHOW TABLE

Cypripedium Alliance

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| <i>Paph.</i> Oberhausens Diamant (<i>primulinum</i> × <i>sanderianum</i>) | Bernard |
| <i>Paph. purpuratum</i> | Weimer |
| <i>Paph.</i> Virgin Queen (Sea Cliff × Via Virgenes) | Butcher |

Cattleya Alliance

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| <i>Cattleya cernua</i> | Greene |
| <i>Rlc.</i> Range Eugene (<i>C.</i> Horace × <i>Rl. glauca</i>) | Butcher |
| <i>Rth.</i> Starzac (<i>Rlc.</i> Jong Jou × <i>Ctt.</i> Kauai Starbright) | " |
| <i>Ctt.</i> Secret Love × <i>E. cordigera</i> | Fleischman |
| <i>C. walkeriana</i> | Matt |
| <i>Rl. glauca</i> | Levy |
| <i>C. percivaliana</i> | " |

Oncidium Alliance

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| <i>Comp. macroplectron</i> | Greene |
| <i>Onc.</i> Tiger Crow (Tiger Hambühren × Crowborough) | Fleischman |
| <i>Oncostele (Ons.)</i> Wildcat (Rustic Bridge × <i>Onc.</i> Crowborough) | " |
| <i>Onc.</i> Hilda Plumtree (Tiger Butter × Remembrance) | Weimer |
| <i>Alcra.</i> Patricia McCully (Winter Wonderland × <i>Onc.</i> Saint Wood) | Anglin |
| <i>Mtdm.</i> Fall In Love (Memoria Mary Kavanaugh × <i>Onc.</i> Helen Stead) | Laubisch |

Vandaceous

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| <i>Neost.</i> Lou Sneary (<i>Neof. falcata</i> × <i>Rhy. coelestis</i>) | Marlow |
| <i>Rbq. cerina</i> | " |
| <i>Em. cathcartii</i> | Levy |

Dendrobium

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| <i>Den. Enobi</i> Purple 'Splash', AM/AOS (<i>Enobi</i> Komachi × Laguna Princess) | Marlow |
| <i>Den. thyrsoflorum</i> | Beaver |

Miscellaneous

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| <i>Coel. mossiae</i> | Levy |
| <i>Fdk.</i> Dark There After (After Dark × <i>Ctsm.</i> Donna Wise) | " |
| <i>Stelis villosa</i> (syn. <i>P. schiedei</i>) | Greene |
| <i>Coelia bella</i> | Jarunko |
| <i>Fdk.</i> After Dark (<i>Mo.</i> Painted Desert × <i>Ctsm.</i> Donna Wise) | Weimer |
| <i>Z.</i> Unknown | " |
| Unknown | Marlow |

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

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