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Next Meeting: Monday, Feb. 3, 2014

“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

Cattleya King Arthur (purpurata × Picasso)
Grower: Sandi Uhlig Photo: ©Phil Matt
GROS Spring Show 2011



The Polar Vortex is more or less still here. There is pretty much no variety of plant that enjoys this weather, and orchids are no exception. A beautiful blooming *Cattleya* is at least some recompense for having to watch that little kilowatt-hour meter spin like some kind of other-worldly dervish.

Again this month we have the pleasure of having one of our own GROS member experts for a speaker. Carol Butcher is a third year AOS student judge at the Toronto Judging Center, and as a dedicated orchid person, travels each month to Toronto to participate in the judging program. She has also judged orchids in

Kansas City, Dayton, Ann Arbor, and Philadelphia. Carol also contributed to the Great Lakes Judging training seminar in 2013, where she presenting a comprehensive study on *Cattleya Horace*.

Carol became interested in orchids nine years ago when her husband Tom gave her a dendrobium orchid from a big box store. She was encouraged by some of her co-workers to join the GROS and her orchid collection grew from orchid raffles and orchid shows. She now has over 150 orchids of various genera. She grows under lights and in the windows throughout her house.

As a student, Carol has been trying to grow as many different varieties of orchids as her conditions allow, gaining an understanding of the different genera to help with her judging studies. Her favorites are pleasingly fragrant, species or primary hybrids, and are frequently pink in color. Carol is not intimidated by the size of a plant. She is currently growing *Cymbidium tracianum*, a huge standard *Cymbidium*, in a light set up in her basement. Since Carol will not be selling plants it is open to all GROS members to sell their plants at the meeting.

Plans are still in the works for taking Carol to dinner on the meeting night. Please watch the GROS website for late-breaking news. The Show Table will be back, as usual, so please don't forget to bring your flowering plants, provided another Ice Age hasn't set in by the night of the meeting. We'll see you there!

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JANUARY SHOW TABLE

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Gur. bowringiana</i>	Murphy
<i>C. Supreme</i> × Drumbeat	"
Ctt. Mary Elizabeth Bohn (Blue Boy × <i>Gur. bowringiana</i>)	"
Rlc. Hawaiian Charisma (Hisako Akatsuka × <i>C. Memoria Robert Strait</i>)	"
"	"
Rlc. George King (Buttercup × <i>C. Bob Betts</i>)	"
Rhyntonleya (Rly.) Hwa Yuan Bay	"
(<i>Ctna.</i> Peggy San × <i>Rlc.</i> Sunset Bay [Miyamoto])	"
<i>Lc.</i> Opopeo (<i>C. loddigesii</i> × <i>L. speciosa</i>)	"
Rlc. Memoria Erna Pigors (Liese Pigors × <i>C. Supreme</i>)	"

Oncidium Alliance

<i>Milt.</i> Earl Dunn (Goodale Moir × Minas Geraris)	Murphy
Bratonia (Brat.) Golden Spider (<i>Milt. clowesii</i> × <i>Brs. Starry Knight</i>)	"
Alcra. Tahoma Glacier (<i>Brat.</i> Cartagena × <i>Onc.</i> Alaskan Sunset)	"
Brs. keiliana	"
Alcra. Marfitch (<i>Brat.</i> Charles M. Fitch × <i>Onc.</i> Fremar)	"

Vandaceous

Papilionanda (Pda.) Chao Praya Violet (Mamo × <i>V. tessellata</i>)	Murphy
<i>Phal.</i> unknown	"
<i>V.</i> Suksan Spots (?) × <i>insignis</i>	"

Miscellaneous

Den. Love Memory (White Rabbit × Sachi)	Galley
<i>Cym.</i> Parish Elf × Christmas Mint	Garrow
<i>Cym.</i> Nancy's Treasure (<i>sanderae</i> × Mizuha Okada)	Murphy

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Board Meeting Minutes 1/28/2014

Full board present with additional five members present.

Jeanne Kaeding began with show questions: The show registration cut offs were discussed, it will end at 8:00 P.M.

Cultural Award: will be changed to owning the plant for 1 year.

"Amateur" grower for the Jim Marlow Award defined as: person who sells less than 50

plants per year and does not run a commercial sales business.

We need to confirm with Jim Marlow if he wants to continue to support this award.

MCC does NOT allow water features in the display exhibits. (the area is carpeted.) Ron Uhlig was registered as the photographer for the awards. We need to see if he is still interested.

Show Chair: No one has volunteered for Show Chair. Bill Renick will do it.

Vendor Coordinator: Dave Weiss. Table size

has been reduced from 8 ft. to 6 ft. (area is smaller than the old one)

Last years vendors are all returning with the exception of Fran Murphy who has decided to pass.

Bill will remind all vendors that their vendor fee must be paid by Thursday, or they will not be allowed to unload any plant material. (This has been an issue in years past.) We have kept the price per foot for the tables the same as last year.

Members Sales Table: Sue Hill. She will contact Mike DeVito for information on how he has done it the last few years. It is a requirement to help work at the table if you want to sell plants.

Ikebana plants will be on display in the foyer as you come off the elevator. (These displays will be moved inside the vendor or display room overnight for security.)

Show Set Up and Tear Down: Maryann O'Mara. She needs lots of helpers!

Show Poster: Caren Rudin's husband Alan is doing the poster.

Carol Butcher will find the information from last years show for the amount of postcards, fliers, and posters to be printed. Alan will work on making an email version of the poster.

Food: Lunch will be provided for the judges on Friday. Bill will find the contact, and send it to Carol and Jeanie. They will research the cost. Bill will find out about the coffee / water availability, and will notify the vendors that there is a food court available. (We would have to pay an additional rental fee for another space to have food in, and it is not necessary with a food court right outside the room.)

Admissions: Lori and Len Bayer are willing to train someone to takeover this year. Diane Bernard has said she will work with them to train.

Advertising: We still need someone to take this on. Some of it is in process. Bill has set up an article with the D&C in March. They will interview one of our members. (Steven ?) She will promote it as the 40th anniv. for the

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show. Sue Hill will contact the local colleges to advertise. Carol will check in to advertising in the *Rochester* magazine.

Bill will contact Michael Warren Thomas for time on his show. Bill will also talk to the T.V. stations about a lunchtime piece like last year. Bill will also submit the info needed for the free D&C info.

Sue Hill will look into Channel 13 local show that is community interest based. Also possibly YNN's Get Away Guy. Bill proposed we offer a radio show packet. It would contain 4 free tickets and an orchid (which must be picked up at the show) as a promotional give away.

GROS Exhibit: Julie Frenz has volunteered to do this. (She is not an orchid grower, but loves the flowers!) We need some GROS members to step up and commit to help her put it together.

Award Ceremony: This year we have decided to skip this. It would require us to rent space for it, and have decided to table that until next year.

Bill will confirm the times for the show, and will have that information available at the next meeting.

Meeting ended.

- Natalie Auburn
GROS Secretary



Meeting Minutes for Jan. 6, 2014

Approximately 20 people braved the howling winds and cold for the meeting!

Bill opened the meeting briefly talking about the Orchid Show (April 3 -6 2014) He spoke about the new location at Monroe Community College. It will have both vendors and the displays on the same floor. The new location has ample parking, an elevator, and is handicap

accessible. More information on the Show will be coming soon.

GROS is looking for a new Librarian. **Mariko Pollock** has done a wonderful job the last few years. She will finish out the year, and then has decided it's time to pass the job on. Any takers?

Noel Krzesinski spoke about the upcoming Dutch Connection Exhibit at the George Eastman House. The exhibit is from Feb. 14 - March 2 this year. She is looking for anyone who thinks they might have orchids in bloom during that time. You do not need to have them there for the whole 2 weeks. Workers from the Eastman House will take care of watering them. You can give detailed instructions, and they will follow them. Contact Noel if you are interested and want more information about the Exhibit.

Joe Kunisch, owner of Bloomfield Orchids was our guest speaker. He had several presentations for us. His first topic was: "Orchid Culture: How to Grow Them". He discussed growing conditions for both Paph's and orchids in general.

His 2nd presentation was on "Growing Orchids Under Lights". He discussed how he set up his growing area in the basement, how he constructed his tables, types of lights, fans, and other equipment needed. His 3rd



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presentation was "Popular Orchids For The Hobbyist". Joe took questions from all of us after each segment. It was a very informative meeting.

I couldn't believe that in this weather one member - **Joe Galley** - brought in a beautiful *dendrobium* for the display table. **Sue Garrow** brought in a beautiful *cymbidium* flower to show off, and **Fran Murphy** came in with an arm load of beautiful flowers to show! WOW!! The meeting was adjourned. Let's hope February's meeting is a bit warmer!



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