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**NEW
MEETING
PLACE!**

NEXT MEETING: February 8, 2016

Social "Hour" 7:00 - 7:15 p.m. * Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.
Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY

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What a winter this has been. So little snow and we are ready to start our spring activities outside. But wait! Things are still asleep at the 2000-acre Bergen Swamp. Our speaker for February, Steve Locke, will show us what terrestrial orchids will look like as they flower in a few months.

Steve is president of the Bergen Swamp Preservation Society. The Swamp is a National Natural Landmark. It houses properties as sanctuaries with rich graminoid fens, cedar swamps, and riparian flood plains. It is an important wetland sanc-

tuary to 36 native orchids. The public is welcome to visit the Swamp with no charge. Bergen Swamp has hosted many research projects and has served as an outdoor classroom for schools, colleges and community groups.

Mr. Locke is an awarded chemistry and science teacher at Byron Bergen high school and is known to challenge and inspire his students achieve greater goals. His talk will feature the flora and fauna within the Bergen Swamp; there will be many photos of interesting terrestrial orchids found within the Swamp's boundaries.

Since Steve will not be selling plants at the meeting, members are free to bring their own plants for sale or trade. We'll be taking Steve to dinner before the meeting; please watch our website for late-breaking details.

The Show Table will be back, so please don't forget to bring your flowering orchids. We'll see you there!

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GROS Meeting Minutes - Jan 4, 2016

Bill Renick opened the meeting and welcomed a good number of new members and guests to the meeting and the first meeting at the Brighton Town Hall.

Thank yous to Maureen Randolph, Joe Jurenko and Carol Butcher for the refreshments tonight. He thanked Jeanne Kaeding for handling cites paperwork for the Society.

Joe Jurenko passed around a clipboard for refreshment sign-up for March and April.

Bill reported that there will be some by-law changes clarifying the duties of an education coordinator as well as the duties of the treasurer to include the filing of tax returns for the Society. There was some discussion as to the need for this position to strengthen the position that the Society has a strong educational focus when applying for tax exempt status.

Mark Gillette, member-at-large reminded everyone interested in serving on the board to contact him. His email is mgillette6@aol.com. Bill, as the immediate past president, will remain on the board as an advisor.

Noel Krzesinski passed around a clip board for those willing to send their blooming plants to the Dutch Connection at the Eastman House. The event runs from February 12 through the 28th with plant drop off scheduled for the 11th. Please contact Noel if you have any questions, nmkrez@frontiernet.net.

Spring Show - April 9-10, 2016

Carol Butcher and Diane Bernard talked about various opportunities to help out at the show. Diane passed around clipboards for those willing to distribute the flyers, work with the judges, serve as hosts and other positions. Diane asked for volunteers to serve as on-air people for television and radio spots. Please contact her via email at orchidslave@verizon.net.

Carol reported that the food and education sessions will be located downstairs as the goal is to have the displays and vendors on the first floor. Someone to help coordinate the food will be needed, please contact Carol.

Sue Hill spoke about the members' table and indicated that she would pass around a clipboard next month.

Members participated in repotting at four stations, one for the kovochii and one for each of the three dendrobium crosses. The plants were from Fred Clark and the pots and media from Repotme.com; thanks to both of them for the great prices on plants and products that provided a successful session for all who attended.

Mark Gillette presented the show table.

The meeting was adjourned.

*-JoAnn Roberts
GROS Secretary*



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GROS Show Table for January, 2016

PLANT	GENUS SYNONYM	SEED PARENT	POLLEN PARENT	GROWER
Cattleya Alliance				
Rhyncolaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Chia Lin 'New City'	Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc.)	Rlc. Oconee	Rlc. Maitland	Kate Recard
Cattleya (C.) Heathii (1) ¹		loddigesii 'Shorty'	walkeriana 'The Chairman' AM/ AOS	Carol Butcher
Cattleya (C.) unnamed cross ²	Sophrolaeliocattleya (Slc.)	Cattleya Jeweler's Art	Cattleya Circle of Life	Carol Butcher

¹Cattleya Heathii (1) is distinguished from Cattleya Heathii (2) which is also a primary cross but of 2 different species, schroederiae × coccinea. There wasn't originally a problem having two Cattleya Heathii because back when C. Heathii (2) was named in 1907, C. coccinea was a Sophronitis, so that cross was Sophrocattleya (Sl.) Heathii.

²All the parents of C. Jeweler's Art and C. Circle of Life have been reclassified to Cattleya from former genera.

- Margery Greene