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NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JAN. 3, 2011

"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



There just isn't any accounting for the weather! The holidays have been pretty quiet, as our long week of incessant heavy snow melted into "last year." While folks in Manhattan abandon their cars or have to spend the evenings sleeping on trains or in the charming environs of JFK or LaGuardia, we Rochesterians just go about our business.

We'll kick off the New Year with a presentation from one of our long-time members. Our first speaker of 2011 will be GROS webmaster and newsletter editor Phil Matt, who will be presenting "Tales of Phalaenopsis," a look at those seemingly ever-present orchids that "Don't Get No Respect."

Phil will be making the trek to the meeting from his home in the exotic Eastern suburbs of Brighton, NY, where he grows some 250 Phalaenopsis (and some other assorted genera) in a basement "greenhouse." His collection runs heavily toward species, miniatures and some intergenerics. Phil is not an orchid judge - but that doesn't prevent him from being judgmental about orchids. He is not accredited by any scientific botanical authorities, but will admit to growing orchids semi-hydroponically.

Phil's introduction to orchids began with an admittedly reluctant visit to a GROS spring show over twenty years ago. The beautiful displays of color and form caught his photographic eye - yet he restrained himself from actually buying a plant. (This is difficult to imagine, but it's true, nonetheless...) Instead, Phil bought an AOS paperback for \$2.50 and sent postcards to twenty-five orchid firms who had ads in the publication, requesting catalogs. The rest, as many of you can empathize, was history. Phil currently serves as webmaster/newsletter editor for the GROS when he is not otherwise occupied with his photojournalism and graphic/web design careers.

There will be no organized dinner outing prior to the meeting. Bundle up your flowering plants and bring them in for the Show Table! As the speaker will not be selling plants, all members are free to bring in their own plants to sell. We'll see you there!

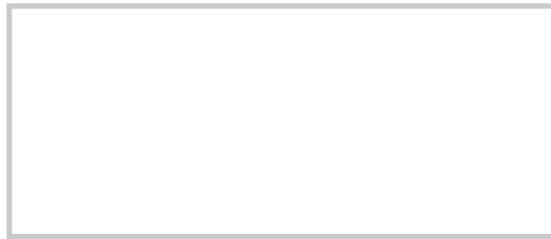
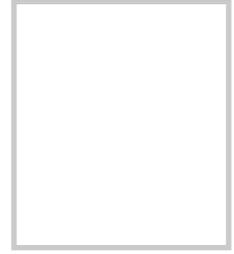
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(No minutes from last month's auction meeting.)
Auction results next month!

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