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Next Meeting: Monday, Jan. 6, 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



Paph. villosum - Grown by Bloomfield Orchids
GROS Spring Show 2011. Photo ©Phil Matt

The New Year is upon us! The Rochester weather has contributed its usual Winter roller-coaster of temperature spikes and plunges even as the first seed catalogs began arriving in the mail.

Join us in January as we kick off the New Year with a presentation by our own Joe Kunisch, proprietor of Bloomfield Orchids and a well-known figure in the world of slipper orchids. Joe will present “The Care and Growing of Paphiopedilum Orchids.”

Joe has been addicted to orchids for the last twenty plus years. Joe started out growing on a windowsill, graduated to lights, and, ultimately, built a greenhouse.

Bloomfield Orchids has been a commercial operation since 1990, and is a frequent destination for slipper orchid fans in the region.

A well-respected exhibitor and vendor at major orchid shows in the Northeast US, Joe Kunisch is well-known for his orchid displays. They have won countless show trophies and ribbons, and his collection of AOS awards is equally extensive. He’s quoted in the famous Orchid Thief book by Susan Orlean - one of our favorite “orchid sayings”. Joe’s talk will be especially valuable to those not completely familiar with growing Paphs, as he will be covering both the basics and the finer points of the culture of this fascinating and diverse group of orchids.

Since Joe plans to bring plants to sell, members will not be permitted to bring their own plants to sell at the meeting. Plans for taking Joe to dinner the night of the meeting are not yet complete - please check the GROS website for late-breaking details. The Show Table will be back, so don’t forget to bundle up your flowering orchids and bring them in. We’ll see you there!

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AOS Corner December 2013

The Trustees and Members meeting was held in Coral Gables with most of the meetings being held at Fairchild Botanic Gardens (the new home of the AOS). It was a great opportunity to get to know Fairchild and for Fairchild to see what the AOS is about. A nice show was arranged by the Coral Gables Orchid Society and at the AOS judging, awards were given to many local orchidists. In conjunction with the meetings, a number of AOS awards were presented.

The Distinguished Affiliated Society Award (DSSA) was given to the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania for their volunteer commitment to Phipps Conservatory in Pittsburgh. An article will be forthcoming in *Orchids* about their joint project whereby they will be assisting in the establishment of an historic slipper orchid collection. An AOS Gold Medal was given to Harold Koopowitz for his dedication to orchids in conservation, biology, hybridizing and publishing; Two AOS Silver Medals were bestowed upon Aileen Garrison and Jose Izquierdo in recognition of their service to the AOS judging system. Leon Glicenstein was recognized with an AOS Fellow for his outstanding scientific, horticultural and hybridizing in addition, Leonid Averyanov was recognized with an AOS Fellow for his work on Vietnamese orchids. Two Hybridizing awards were presented to Milton Carpenter for his work with *Oncidiinae* and warmth-tolerant cymbidiums and to Gene Crocker of Carter and Holmes for his art-shade cattleyas.

Anyone wishing to be considered for judging at the 21st WOC in South Africa, must submit their application to do so by December 31, 2013. There will be no late registrations considered. In addition, discounted registration ends on December 31, 2013. For more information or to register, go to www.woc21.org.

Save the date for the Spring Members and Trustees meeting to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 30 through May 4, 2014 in conjunction with their show - Orchids - A Growing Obsession. This event will be held in conjunction with meetings of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, the Slipper Orchid Alliance, the International

Phalaenopsis Alliance, Pleurothallid Alliance and Angraecoid Alliance.

Wishing you all the best during this holiday season and for a happy 2014.

- Lynn Fuller, Chair
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FREE LIGHTS!

I have a set of three (3) fixtures that hold four T-12 fluorescent tubes each. These are compact, thin-line fixtures, and I replaced all of the ballasts a few years ago. Some bulbs are also included. These fixtures are designed to hang from the ceiling/light cart.

I switched to smaller T-5 tubes a few years ago, so I no longer have a use for these T-12's. First one to email can have them!

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