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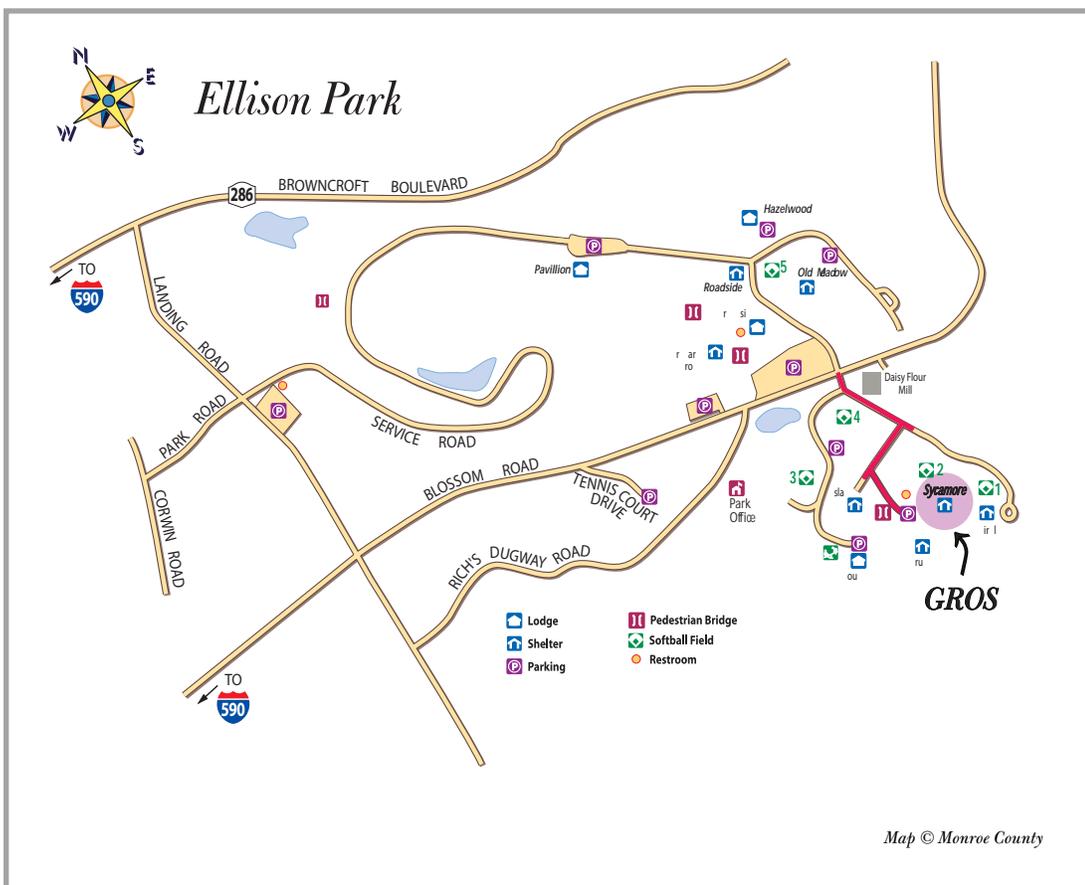
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THE PICNIC! SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009



As our thoughts turn toward tending our outdoor gardens and the beautiful summer season ahead, it's time to gather once more this season with your GROS friends for an afternoon of orchids and camaraderie.

In a world where you can buy a potted *Maxillaria tenuifolia* in the local supermarket (out of bloom, but still pretty amazing, all things considered...) there's still nothing better than a cookout, a spread of nifty side dishes & desserts, and a bunch of folks who love orchids. The Picnic starts at Noon, and the grill is usually ready to go within the hour.

The GROS will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, veggieburgers,

rolls, condiments, beverages (soda, beer, water, etc.) and "place settings" including plates and dinnerware (genuine plastic.) Each member should bring some kind of dish to pass such as hors d'oeuvres, salads, baked goods, casseroles, desserts, etc. It's all free to all GROS members and their families/significant others. **Please remember: we're at Ellison Park this year!**

Grazing, schmoozing and a short orchid meeting - with a Show Table - are the official "planned" Picnic activities. Some members always seem to have some interesting extra plants to sell at low "end of season" prices, too. Along with your Show Table plants, you might bring along a kite, a soccer ball, your disc golf equipment (Ellison has a course...) or whatever else seems appropriate. We guarantee that the weather will be nice, mostly.

We'll see you there!

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Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2009

President **Jeff Snyder** called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. He welcomed our newest member, **Regina Garvin**.

The minutes for our April meeting were approved.

Judy Ekberg, treasurer, brought us up to date on our financial situation:

Checking acct. balance	\$10,617.20
Savings acct. balance	2,849.32
Total funds as of 5/4/09	\$13,466.52

(Old checking account balance of \$15.94 was transferred to our new account.)

Income:

Dues	\$ 249.00
Raffle	39.00
T-shirt sales	15.00
Show income	1,066.00

Expenses:

Newsletter	\$ 164.84
Show expenses	110.51
Show member sales	1,921.85
Speaker	278.00

Show proceeds were less than last year.

Ruth Espinosa-Barone reported that our Show attendance was down this year. A total of 1,514 attended the event. We had ten (10) new single and twelve (12) family memberships. Next year's show will be the weekend of April 9-10, 2010, so "save the date". Ruth thanked everyone for their participation in the Spring show.

Jeff gave the names submitted last month for the 2009-2010 slate of officers:

President – Paul Batz
Executive VP – Kim Hober
Program VP – Diana Polle
Treasurer – Ron Uhlig
Secretary – Sandi Uhlig
Member at Large – Alan Salzman

A motion to pass the slate of officers was made by **Josh Hollander**. **Helene Novick** offered the second. The vote was taken. All in favor except one (1). Thank you for service and a round of applause were given for the two out-going officers, Executive VP **Debbie Johnson** and Treasurer **Judy Ekberg**.

Second on Jeff's list of agenda items were donations by our society for the coming year. The following donation of \$700 total was offered:

\$500 to Toronto Judging Center
\$125 to National Capitol Judging Center
\$75 to Great Lakes Judging Center
Accept the above? All in favor except one. (1)

Jeff's third agenda item was to remind us that the June meeting is our Annual Picnic. This year the picnic will be held at Ellison Park in the Sycamore Shelter. Meat, paper products and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to pass (appetizer, casserole, salad, dessert, etc.)

Program Chair **Diana Polle** introduced our May speaker, Joane Molenock of The Hollow in Ithaca, NY. We were treated to her presentation entitled "Mystery of Whiskey Hollow and All You Need to Know About Equitants".

Jeff announced that this month we would be presenting the Show Table in a new way. He had visited the Syracuse society and enjoyed their "presentations by owners" way, so he invited our members who had brought in their plants to do so. About a dozen members had brought in their beauties, so we were treated to details about each plant by their caretakers.

The raffle followed show table tales and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Sandi Uhlig
Secretary

Ugly Stepsisters

To most beginning orchidists, if Cinderella is like a beautiful white *Cattleya*, then the ugly stepsisters are *Paphiopedilums*. I certainly felt that way, once. *Paphs* have ugly color combinations like muddy red mixed with brown and green. They even have warts with hairs coming out of them. To further the analogy,

they really are "stepsisters," - hardly related to other orchids. Botanically, orchids (including *Paphs*) are divided into (a) the *Cypripedium* tribe ("slipper" orchids, including *Paphs*), which have two stamens, and (b) all other orchids, which have one stamen. Some botanists have even argued on this basis that the "slipper" orchids aren't orchids at all.

So why do most orchid lovers eventually change their minds about *Paphs*? First, the aesthetic side. "Pretty" *Paphs* do exist. The first one I grew, *Paph. niveum*, has small white flowers unsullied by brown or green. And its leaves, like those of most warm-growing *Paphs*, are mottled in attractive patterns. *Paphs* are just about the only orchids that look good out of bloom.

As for the hybrids, "classic" *Paph* hybridizing has produced large, very round-shaped flowers in various combinations of colors. It's true that because *Paphs* have never been successfully mericlone, really superior ones are rare and very expensive, if they're available at all. The species *Paphiopedilum armeniacum* from China, which was discovered in 1983, is pure chrome yellow and puts the older yellow hybrids to shame (they are mostly pale yellow mixed with white, tan or green); and shows that *Paph* hybridizing still has a way to go.

However, average hybrids can still be attractive, once you realize that you're just not going to get, say, a pure red flower. Then, again, some people like *Paphs* because they aren't "pretty." After all, much of the beauty of a *Cattleya* is in its exotic, irregular form compared to, say, a daisy. The same goes in spades for certain *Paph* species, which can be dramatic to the point of the bizarre. Consider the huge *Paph. rothschildianum* with its black-and-white striped petals and jutting maroon pipe-shaped lip - or *Paph. spicerianum*, whose color scheme (green lower half, white upper half, bisected by a red stripe) looks like it was designed by space aliens. Much modern hybridizing has utilized such dramatic species and gotten away from the traditional round flowers.

Finally, there is the practical side. Mottled-leaf (warm-growing) *Paphs* are easier to grow in the house than any other orchids. They like the same temperatures as humans and they don't need much light -2 fluorescent tubes are fine. They're tolerant of overwatering; (*to next page*)

MAY SHOW TABLE

Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Phrag.</i> Beauport (<i>lindleyanum</i> × Hanne Popow)	Batz
<i>Paph.</i> Robinianum (<i>parishii</i> × <i>lowii</i>)	Gillette
<i>Paph.</i> Hsinying Agogo (<i>armeniacum</i> × Hsinying Concon)	"
<i>Paph.</i> Pedro's Moon (<i>armeniacum</i> × Pinocchio)	"
<i>Paph.</i> philippinense var. <i>roebelenii</i> 2 plants	Salzman
<i>Paph.</i> <i>stonei</i>	"
<i>Mexipedium xerophyticum</i>	Uhlig

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Cattleya lobata</i> *	Levy
<i>C. forbesii</i>	"
<i>L. superbiens</i> †	"
<i>Epy.</i> Serena O'Neill (Mabel Kanda × <i>E. cordigera</i>)	"
<i>Epi. schlechterianum</i>	Uhlig
<i>Cattleya</i> Jillian Lee × Minipet*	De Vito
<i>Lc.</i> Ann Akagi (Puppy Love × <i>C. nobilior</i>)†	Greene
<i>Cau. bicornutum</i>	Batz
<i>Cty.</i> Thumper McClain (<i>C. Little Angel</i> × <i>E. tampensis</i>)	"
<i>Guarantithe (Gur.) aurantiaca</i> × ?	Pfromm

Vandaceous

<i>Phal.</i> unknown	Espinosa-Barone
<i>Dtps.</i> Chain Xen Queen (Chia Lin × Mount Beauty)	"
<i>Aër. rosea</i>	Levy
<i>Phal.</i> Princess Kaiulani (<i>violacea</i> × <i>amboinensis</i>)	Hober
<i>Neof. falcata</i>	"
<i>Ascps.</i> syn. <i>Dctm.</i> Pulcherrimin	
(<i>Phal. pulcherrima</i> × <i>Asctm. miniatum</i>)‡	Wemett
<i>Phal.</i> Brother Sandra (Brother Yew × Cassandra)	Gillette
<i>Sed. japonica</i> §	"
<i>Phal. equestris</i>	Uhlig
<i>Phal.</i> Gemstone's Gold Leopard (Taipei Gold × Snow Leopard)	Greene
<i>Vasco.</i> Pine Rivers (<i>Ascda.</i> Peggy Foo × <i>Rhy. coelestis</i>)	Wischoff

Oncidium Alliance

<i>Oncidioda (Oncda.) Jimbo</i> (Kilauea × <i>Onc. fuscatum</i>)	Bechelli
<i>Tolu.</i> Wave Dancer × Spicy Pink	Uhlig
<i>Rrm.</i> Apple Hollow (Hare Hollow × Sycamore Hollow)	"
<i>Tolu.</i> Buck Hollow (Maple Dancer × Private Dancer)	"
<i>Oncda.</i> Kilauea (<i>Onc. Sphacetante</i> × <i>Oncda.</i> Charlesworthii)	Butcher

Dendrobium

<i>Den. smillieae</i>	Batz
<i>Den.</i> Nestor (<i>parishii</i> × <i>anosmum</i>)	"
<i>Den.</i> Judith Nakayama (Dawn Maree × Formidable)	Espinosa-Barone
<i>Den.</i> Green Elf (<i>alexandrae</i> × <i>convolutum</i>)	"
<i>Den.</i> Golden Aya (<i>aphrodite</i> × <i>capillipes</i>)	Hober

Pleurothallid Alliance

<i>Platystele oxyglossa</i>	Bechelli
<i>Masd. carmenensis</i>	"
<i>Masd.</i> Ken Dole (<i>coccinea</i> × <i>tonduzii</i>)	"
<i>Masd. amplexa</i> 2 plants	"
<i>Masd.</i> Snow Leopard (<i>constricta</i> × <i>guttulata</i>)	"
<i>Masd. virgo-cuencae</i>	"
<i>Masd.</i> Mary Staal (<i>coccinea</i> × Angel Frost)	"
<i>Masd. rex</i> × <i>guttulata</i>	"

Miscellaneous

<i>Disa uniflora</i>	Batz
<i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	Butcher
<i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	Weimer

*See March show table.

†The Mexican Laelias are still Laelias.

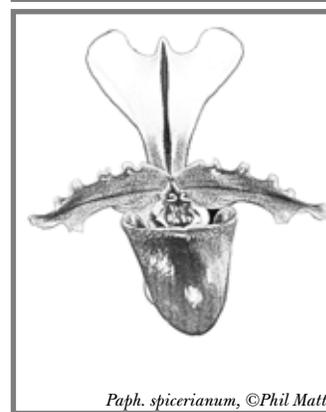
‡*Doritis* is now included in *Phalaenopsis*, but this has not yet been implemented in the RHS database.

§The genus name *Sedirea* is *Aërides* spelled backwards, from which it was segregated. This is a common device of taxonomists.

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

Please note: if there are any names you have questions about, don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

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Paph. spicerianum, ©Phil Matt

(Stepsisters, from previous page)

in fact, they like to be on the damp side. They really can bloom more than once a year (few of my other orchids do so, despite the claims.) And the flowers last for months. My *Paph. niveum* blooms twice a year for three months at a time. After struggling with other finicky species, which refuse to bloom if the conditions aren't just right, *Paphs* start looking very attractive, indeed.



**SEE YOU IN
SEPTEMBER!**

**NO MEETINGS IN
JULY OR AUGUST**

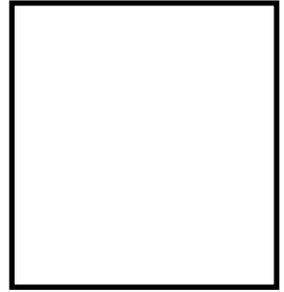


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