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THE PICNIC: SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2010

Picnic begins at Noon, Approximately...



We've saved the best for last this year. After all of the graduations, various days honoring mothers and fathers, the Memorial Day celebration - once all the "hoopla" has finally died down - it's time for our final event of the orchid year - The GROS Picnic!

There is a big "change" this year - we'll be gathering at the home of our President, Paul Batz, 51 Doer Avenue, Avon, NY 14414. In the interests of privacy and such, we'll leave you to Google the location or consult your paper maps. The Picnic email contained a link to a map on the Web, as well.

If you've never attended a GROS picnic before, it's always lots of fun. The club 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. Everything's free to all GROS members and their families/significant others.

Added attraction: everyone will get to see Paul's new greenhouse!

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. Got some orchids to sell or give away? Bring them with you. Along with your Show Table plants, you might bring along a kite, a soccer ball, etc. Please watch out for the greenhouse, though... We guarantee that the weather will be mostly OK. Probably.

Please remember - the GROS goes on hiatus for the summer months. In order to avoid conflicts with everyone's summer schedules (and to give our officers and chairpersons a well deserved break) we do not meet in July or August. The next meeting after the Picnic will be in September, 2010.

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Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2010

President **Paul Batz** called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Paul welcomed members and guests.

A motion was made by **Suzanne Flanders** to accept the April Meeting minutes. A second was made by **Diane Bernard**. The minutes were accepted.

Ron Uhlig, treasurer, gave the financial report for the past month. The show last month did give us a profit of \$4,000. Ron reminded us that the new year for our society begins July 1st. He invited members needing to renew their membership to use the form put on everyone's chair this evening and either see him tonight or mail it in. A motion was made by **Cheri Dills** to accept the Treasurer's report. A second by **Mike DeVito** was followed by a unanimous vote to accept. Ron's report will be in the June newsletter. Paul read the slate of officers to be voted upon:

President – Paul Batz
Executive Vice-President – Kim Hober
Treasurer – Ron Uhlig
Secretary – Sandi Uhlig
Program Vice-President – Carol Butcher

Per the Bylaws, since there was only one name submitted for each office, the secretary casts the vote to accept the names.

This being the annual meeting, a call for nominations from the floor for the position of Member at Large was made. Two names was submitted – Alan Salzman and Jeremy Bechelli. Alan declined. In Jeremy's absence, we were assured by the president that he has agreed to this nomination. A vote was taken and Jeremy is our new Member at Large.

Kim Hober, interim Librarian, reminded us that library books need to be returned no later than the June picnic.

The annual picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, June 27th. Rather than rent a park pavilion this year, it will be held at Paul Batz's house in Avon. Meat, paper products and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to pass (appetizer, casserole, salad, or dessert).

There will be a show table as usual and members can also sell plants.

Jeanne Kaeding made a motion to make donations this coming year (2010-2011). For a total of \$700, they are as follows:

\$75 to Great Lakes Judging Center
\$125 to National Capitol Judging Center
\$500 to Toronto Judging Center

A second was made by Diane Bernard. All were in favor.

Jeff Snyder thanked the executive board for the past year's work. He said there has been better organization and attention to details of the society.

Program Chair **Diana Polle** introduced tonight's speaker, Inge Poot. Tonight's program was about the genus *Stanhopea*. Inge has grown orchids for 45 years and presented a very interesting and educational look at these beautiful orchids.

Toronto Judging Center Chairman Peter Poot thanked the GROS for their donation. He said that the AOS needs help and needs more members. *Orchids* magazine was a wonderful publication and is improving again. If you once were a member, please consider joining again.

After the raffle, the show table was presented by Peter & Inge Poot.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by
Sandi Uhlig, Secretary*

Membership Dues Now Due!

All members should have received e-mail notices about dues by now. Beginning at the May meeting, we encouraged members of the Genesee Region Orchid Society to renew their memberships. The official membership year runs from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Membership allows you to support the activities and goals of the Society (including a discount on our Awards Reception dinner and

Treasurer's Report for April, 2010

Income details

Show income	11,720.50
Dues	650.00
Raffle	60.00
Commissions	20.94
Total:	12,451.44

Expense details

Show expenses	5,367.22
Program	255.00
Office supplies	26.40
Checking account fee	6.48
Total:	5,655.10

Summary

Date	Income	Expense	Balance
4-1-2010			9,147.21
Changes	12,451.44	5,655.10	
4-30-2010			15,943.55



free grazing at the Picnic), and to receive the Society's newsletter.

If you will be at the Picnic, please print the form you received in your email, and bring it with you, along with your check or cash for \$20 (individual) or \$25 (family). Otherwise you can mail the form (and your check), to Genesee Region Orchid Society, P. O. Box 20606, Rochester, NY 14602.

We ask for your e-mail address on the renewal form so that we can send monthly notices and reminders for our upcoming meetings. It's our policy never to publish email addresses; our yearly directory, which is mailed, contains only name/address/phone - and phone is optional.

For more information about the GROS, visit www.geneseeorchid.org.

*- Ron Uhlig,
GROS Treasurer*

MAY SHOW TABLE

Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Paph.</i> Druid Spring (<i>druryi</i> × <i>primulinum</i>)	Pfromm
<i>Paph.</i> Robinianum (<i>lowii</i> × <i>parishii</i>)	Gillette

Cattleya Alliance

<i>C.</i> Claris × <i>Rl.</i> <i>digbyana</i>	Wischoff
<i>C. mossiae</i>	De Vito
<i>C. intermedia</i>	"
<i>C. aelandiae</i>	Levy
Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Best Friend (<i>C.</i> Drumbeat × <i>Ctt.</i> Love Tradition)	Tandy
<i>Brassocatanthe (Bct.)</i> Yuan Nan Mini	(<i>Ctt.</i> Chocolate
	Jarenko
Drop × <i>Bc.</i> Richard Mueller)	Salzman
Prosthechea (Psh.) <i>vitellina</i>	"
<i>C. walkeriana</i>	"
<i>C. sincorana</i>	"
Catyclia (Cty.) Thumper McClain (<i>C.</i> Little Angel × <i>E. tampensis</i>)	Batz

Vandaceous

<i>Phal. bastianii</i>	Matt
<i>Sed. japonica</i> *	Levy
<i>Vf.</i> Virgil (<i>Neof. falcata</i> × <i>V. cristata</i>)	"
<i>Phal.</i> Chingruey's Black Sesame (Golden Peoker × Petite Snow)	Uhlig
<i>Ren.</i> unknown	Batz

Oncidium Alliance

Rodrumnia (Rrm.) Apple Hollow (Hare Hollow × Sycamore Hollow)	Hober
<i>Tolu. pulchella</i>	Salzman
Psychopsis (Pyp.) <i>papilio</i>	Batz
<i>Tolu.</i> (Wave Dancer × Robsan) × <i>Rrm.</i> Sycamore Hollow	"
<i>Tolu.</i> Maple Dancer × Golden Hollow	"

Dendrobium

<i>Den.</i> Nestor (<i>parishii</i> × <i>anosmum</i>)	Batz
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Pleurothallids

<i>Masd.</i> Keiko Komoda (Copper Angel × <i>constricta</i>)	Bechelli
<i>Masd.</i> Maui Lollipop (Angel Frost × <i>mendozae</i>)	"
<i>Masd. sceptrum</i> (syn. <i>rechingeriana</i>)	"

Miscellaneous

<i>Bif. inodora</i>	Levy
<i>Lyc.</i> unknown	Pfromm
Bulb. purpureorhachis	Gillette
<i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	Batz
<i>Spa. kimbaliana</i>	"
<i>Gga. aromatica</i>	"
<i>Coel. pandurata</i>	Auburn

* Sedirea is Aërides backwards. This is a popular device among taxonomists to show that a new genus is related to an old one.

“*Oncidium ornithorhynchum* Kunth - a case of mistaken identity.”

The horticultural world has many examples of plants that end up widespread in cultivation under one or more misnomers. This usually comes about because a species is described independently by two different taxonomists without knowledge of the other. Such is the case with *Cattleya tigrina*. However, once in a while, we find familiar species that are victims of completely mistaken identity.

So it appears is the case with that plant most of us have either grown or currently grow – *Oncidium ornithorhynchum*. This plant figures prominently in hybridizing in the *Oncidium* alliance with some 80 primary hybrids including the popular *Oncidium* Twinkle as well as provides the source of the fragrance in the chocolate-scented, ever popular, *Oncidium* Sharry Baby.

While it's true that what we grow with the name *Oncidium ornithorhynchum* is from Mexico and Central America, pink and, to most people, wonderfully fragrant – it isn't *Oncidium ornithorhynchum*. Jimenez and Hagsater, working in Central American Orchidaceae have determined that the taxon described as *Oncidium ornithorhynchum* is actually a South American species distributed from Ecuador, Colombia and Peru, and synonymous with *Oncidium pyramidale* Lindl.; a typically yellow and brown-flowered species. The pink-flowered species we all grow was formally undescribed. In *Lankesteriana* 9(3) (January 2010), they formally describe this species from Mexico and Central America as *Oncidium sotoanum* R. Jimenez & Hagsater. The specific epithet (pronounced soe-toe-ANN-uhm) honors the recently deceased Miguel Angel Soto Arenas, respected around the world for his work in orchids of Mexico.

Ed. note: There was a similar story a few years ago about a *Ficus*. It was cultivated in Florida for 50 years before researchers discovered it had never been identified.

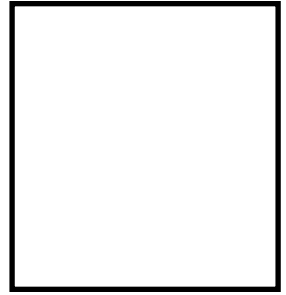
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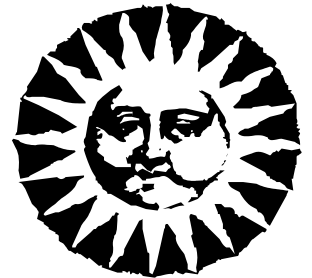
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