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NEXT: THE PICNIC! - Sunday, June 24, 2012

Mendon Ponds Park, Pondview Shelter - Noon



Picnic 2012



We find it a bit difficult to fathom, but the GROS orchid season is almost over for another year. We've had a wonderful season of interesting and entertaining speakers, and a beautiful Spring Show.

Our final event of the season, the GROS Picnic, will be back at its "traditional" home this year, the Pondview Shelter at Mendon Ponds Park. In the interests of providing a more timely meal, the Society will be providing Dinosaur Barbecue (pulled pork) for everyone - including veggie skewers for those who

prefer meatless fare. It's also much more convenient: no waiting for the grill to heat up, no cooking, etc. So, you can leave your lighter fluid and funny aprons at home...

Everyone needs to bring a dish to pass: entrées, appetizers, desserts, baked goods, etc. Please call our Picnic coordinator, Fran Murphy (924-7763) or send him an email to let him know how many people you'll be bringing, and kind of dish you'll provide. The GROS will handle the BBQ, beverages, utensils, paper goods and such. The Picnic begins at Noon, with Lunch scheduled for 1 p.m.

The Picnic is open to all members and their significant others, family members, friends, etc. Mendon Ponds Park is a lovely place with lots of open space. Therefore, kite-flying, Frisbee-throwing, soccer-ball kicking and freestyle schmoozing all could occur. The open air Show Table will be holding forth, so please don't forget your flowering plants. Traditionally, members bring their "extra" plants to sell or swap at the Picnic, so be prepared: each member can bring up to 10 plants to trade/sell, and the GROS will not take any commissions. There's lots of free parking and restrooms are reasonably close by. We'll see you there!

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Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2012

Bill opened the meeting with his monologue. He welcomed 2 new members **Mike and Elaine Warner**. He thanked **Bob Pfromm** and **Mike Devito** for bringing refreshments. He thanked **Dave Weiss** for presenting the Beginners Meeting.

We are still looking for an Auction Chair. The auction will be on October 8, and we need someone to step up to fill the position.

Several volunteer opportunities are available. Dave Weiss, and **Tony Gerardi** will give a talk at the YMCA on May 30. There are also options of a weekend display at the Strong Museum. Bill asked if anyone would be interested in an overnight field trip to the NYC Botanical Garden Orchid Show in March or April next year. They offer classes, tours, etc. We'd need about 45 people to fill the bus. (about 25 people raised their hands, opening up the trip to the Syracuse group also may be an option.)

Next years show location: Bill has researched a whole list of places. Most of which have turned into a "No". The Garden Factory is still a possibility, and Bill still has a few more ideas. So, if you have an idea for a space, speak up!

There was a motion made, a second, and a vote taken to approve the renewal of the Bergen Swamp \$20.00 club membership.

The treasures report was discussed for changes in March, and April.

Fran Murphy discussed the GROS summer picnic. It will be June 24th at the Pond View Shelter in Mendon Ponds Park. GROS will supply pulled pork, and veggie skewers from Dinosaur Barbecue. Anyone who attends needs to bring a dish to pass. Please let Fran know if you are planning to attend, so we have an idea of how many to plan for.

Elections were held. These officers are returning: Bill Renick /President, Dave Weiss/ Vice president, Tony Gerardi/Treasurer, and Natalie Auburn/ Secretary. Jackie Witkowski will replace Carol Butcher as Program Chair. (Carol has done an amazing job with not only

finding speakers, but coordinating them with 3 other societies. Syr., Buff. and Albany will need to step up to fill that void! Carol has been a real benefit for us, but we're not losing her, she's just switching hats - and will be next year's Show Chair! (YEAH!) **Jim Marlow** will replace **Molly Weimer** as Member-at-Large.

We discussed Annual Donations. **Jeanne Kaeding** requested a \$700.00 donation for the Judging Centers. (We had 9 judges from the Toronto Center, and 3 from the National Center at the GROS show this year.) A motion was made, it was seconded, and the donation request passed.

The 2012/2013 Calendar was discussed. The following is what is scheduled so far:

Sept.4	Ron McHatton
Oct. 8	Auction
Nov. 5	Fred Clarke
Dec. 3	Holiday dinner
Jan. 7	TBA
Feb. 4	TBA
Mar. 4	TBA
Apr. 4-7	Spring Show
Apr.8	Dr. Patricia Harding
May 6	TBA
June	Picnic - TBA

Carol Butcher introduced our speaker, Gary Meyer from Hawkhill Orchids. His presentation was titled *Dracuphilia: A Gothic Romance*.

- Natalie Auburn
GROS Secretary

AOS Seeks Authors

"Parting Shot" is becoming one of AOS *Orchids* magazine's most popular features. It is the place where we publish insights, inspirations and news tidbits from the orchid world. It is a place where we hope to surprise our readers. And we want you to be a part of it!

Here's an example: ... some years ago a story surfaced about a *Coelogyne tomentosa* in a small Indonesian village. The plant was huge and flowered for the first time in eighteen years! The owner was so excited that he rallied his orchid buddies and they all took the day off of work to drink beer and admire the *Coelogyne*. An account of that story with photo would make a perfect "Parting Shot".

Although photos of unusual or rare orchids, awesome or bizarre plants, in situ shots of interest, cool sightings at orchid shows, will all be considered, "Parting Shots" is not a photo contest despite its name. If you are a poet or author, send us your poems and short essays (under 700 words) for review. This is your page and we would like to feature the weird, the wacky and the wonderful of the orchid world as well as showcase creative works. Send your ideas or submissions to the editor, Jim Watson at jwatson@aos.org.

Acceptance or rejection of all submissions is at the discretion of the editor and Publications Committee.

IPA Regional Speakers' Days Set for September

The New England and NY/Eastern Canada Regions of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA), in cooperation with both the New Hampshire Orchid Society and the North Eastern New York Orchid Society, are presenting two spectacular offerings, in two different locations, of their second annual "Focus on Phals" Speakers' Day for the convenience of everyone in the New England, Tri-State and Eastern Canada areas.

These two meetings will take place on the same weekend in September: Saturday, September 8, 2012 in Bedford, NH and Sunday, September 9, 2012 in Ballston Spa, NY. Each meeting will present the same program which includes these sessions:

- Keynote Speaker, Ron McHatton, PhD, AOS Director of Education and Chief Operating Officer, speaking on "*New Approaches to Pest and Disease Control*"
 - Carlos Fighetti, current IPA President and Past President of the AOS, with his presentation "*Phal. Species and Their Variants - Are They or Not?*"
 - Carri Raven-Riemann, New England Regional Director, past IPA President and owner of the orchidPhile, with her presentation "*The Best, The Brightest, The Smallest - New Breeding Directions for 2012*".
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MAY SHOW TABLE

Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. rothschildianum 2 plants Salzman
Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz (*delenatii* × *malipoense*) Weimer

Cattleya Alliance

C. acuensis De Vito
Lpt. bicolor "
Cattleya unknown Galley
C. Garrett Collins (Little Dipper × Mini Purple) Matt
Rhyncattleanthe (Rct.) Love Passion
(Rlc. William Farrell × *Ctt. Trick or Treat)* Fleischman

Vandaceous

Phal. Unknown 2 plants Laubisch
Phal. Brother Cassangold (Taipei Gold × Cassandra) "
Dtps. Sogo Gotris (*Phal.* Be Tris × Sogo Manager) "
Dtps. Sogo Manager (*Phal.* Brother Lawrence × Autumn Sun) Weimer

Oncidium Alliance

Mps. unknown Fleischman
Miltonidium (Mtdm.) Jerry Lawless
 (Memoria Mary Kavanaugh × *Onc.* Jubilee Volunteer) "
Miltoniopsis (Mps.) Hajime Ono (Martin Orenstein × Pearl Ono) Bloomfield

Miscellaneous

Den. thyrsoflorum Levy
Aërgs. stylosa Salzman
Z. Wilpena (Advance Australia × B.G. White)* Laubisch

Please note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or complete your records. Once the parents are printed, kindly include them the next time you show the plant.

*Every orchid genus used in hybridizing has an official abbreviation.

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- IPA, from p. 2

In addition to the featured speakers, each meeting will also include a mini auction of several select *Phalaenopsis* and other genera, a roundtable discussion on culture, and several plant and supplies vendors. These events are open to everyone, IPA members or not, so we urge you to join us for what is always an informative, fun and relaxing day with both old and new orchid friends.

Please note that our minimal registration fee just covers the cost of providing food for everyone attending – the two IPA Regions are underwriting the expense of the speakers – so this is a prime opportunity to learn from two very special speakers who would not normally be in our area.

Registration forms, and further details of each meeting, are available from four sources:

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Since space at each event is limited, early registration is strongly encouraged. ***So that the co-hosting society can plan on sufficient food and seating for all, we're requesting that you make your reservations early – we would like to have all Registrations in by August 24th.*** These earlier registration deadlines will assure that everyone has a chair and that we will have sufficient food for all. Both societies are already gearing up, planning the menus and making arrangements to help us ensure two fabulous and information-packed meetings!





**NO ORCHID
MEETINGS
IN
JULY
OR
AUGUST!**

**NEXT MEETING:
SEPT. 4
2012**

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**ORCHID
SWAP & SALE
AT THE PICNIC**

Bring your orchids to
trade or sell!
No GROS commission!
(10 plants per member)



Cattleya walkeriana var. coerulea - Photo illustration ©Phil Matt



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