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## NEXT: THE PICNIC! - Sunday, June 23, 2013

Mendon Ponds Park, Pondview Shelter - Noon



The orchid "season" for the GROS is rapidly approaching its end for this year. Looking back, we've enjoyed many good programs, a typically beautiful Spring Show, and lots of orchid-related fun with our fellow members.

ur final event of the season, the GROS Picnic, will be back at its "traditional" home this year, the Pondview Shelter at Mendon Ponds Park. Gone are the days of pyrotechnic wonders at the charcoal grill, as we once more will let the local Dinosaur Barbecue do the protein cooking (pulled pork) for everyone. We'll also have plenty of veggie skewers for those who prefer meatless fare.

No waiting for the grill to heat up, for the flames to die down, etc. So, you can leave your lighter fluid, fire extinguishers and funny aprons at home... well, maybe bring the funny aprons anyhow. Especially if they have funny orchid taxonomy jokes printed on the front.

veryone 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 I 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, Frisbeethrowing, soccer-ball kicking and freestyle schmoozing all could occur. The once-a-year 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 may 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 6, 2013

President Bill Renick opened the meeting with his monolog. We welcomed 4 new members. He thanked Bob Pfromm and Mike DeVito for bringing refreshments. He thanked Carol Butcher for being Show Chair! We appreciate all her hard work in coordinating everything. Bill thanked Ron Uhlig for providing Sonnenberg Gardens with a photo of their AOS-award-winning orchid. Thank you to Orchiata. We received samples of Orchiata bark for members to try.

If you are interested in purchasing a flask from a cross made during one of the beginners meetings, you need to contact either Jeanne, or Bill.

Membership money is due now. Andrea Niessen is our speaker in September. The deadline for pre-ordering plants for her to bring is June 30.

Bill presented the list of nominated officers:

- President: Bill Renick
- Vice President: Tony Gerardi
- Treasurer: Caren Rudin
- Secretary: Natalie Auburn
- Program Director: Noel Krzesinski

He then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There was a motion to nominate the group. The vote was taken, no one opposed. Those officers were elected. Nominations were taken for Member at Large. **Dwaine Levy** suggested Mike DeVito. He declined. **Mark Gillette** was suggested, and nominated. A vote was taken. Mark was elected, and will be the new Member at Large.

Jeanne Kaeding made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Toronto judging center, and \$100.00 to the national Capitol Judging Center. A discussion about other options began. It was proposed to donate \$200 to both Lamberton Conservatory, and Sonnenberg Gardens. That was not in our budget. We voted on the initial vote, it passed. Doug Fleischman proposed an additionl donation. After another discussion, we voted to donate \$100 to both Sonnenberg Gardens (to purchase summer blooming Cattleyas) and to the Conservatory (to purchase hangers, and

misc. supplies) We voted, the motion was approved.

Bill briefly went over the current budget. This years show income was \$11,957. So far this year our show expenses were \$7,854. We had a profit of approximately \$4098. It was pointed out that the society has made several purchases this year. We now have both a laptop, and OrchidWiz software. We hope to have OrchidWiz available before meetings for members to use.

Carol Butcher talked about the Spring show. She was excited about the number of new members, and thought the reception was great. There were 5 AOS awards, and some amazing plants to see. She also mentioned that she will not be returning as Show Chair next year. (Anyone interested?!)

Bill introduced our speaker, Dr. Harding. She spoke on the Oncidiums of Brazil.

The show table was loaded, and presented. The meeting was adjourned.

> - Natalie Auburn GROS Secretary



#### The AOS Corner

Updates from AOS Headquarters

Save the date – November 14-16, 2013 - for the Fall Members and Trustees meetings to be held at the new AOS home at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens in Coral Gables, Florida. Plans are underway for speakers and a show and as information becomes available, I'll pass it along. Having the fall meeting there provides us all perfect opportunity to visit Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden - one of the top two tropical gardens in the world.

Changes to Orchids production. Jim Watson, the long-time editor of Orchids, has left due to budgetary constraints of the AOS. Ron McHatton will be taking over Jim's editorial roles in conjunction with the Publications Committee.

The Veitch Memorial Medal Recipients. Peter R. Furniss and Dr. Alec Pridgeon, Ph.D.

were among six individuals honored with the The Veitch Memorial Medal by the Royal Horticulture Society. The Veitch Memorial Medal may be awarded annually to persons of any nationality who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the art, science or practice of horticulture. For more information on the recipients and the award, see the AOS website.

13th Supplemental Issue for 2013. The 2013 supplemental issue will be distributed with a Fall issue of Orchids magazine and the topic is the genus Cattleya. Donations (however small - \$2.00 minimum) are now being accepted on the AOS website. The publication of these supplemental issues is underwritten entirely by membership donations.

Throughout the remainder of the spring and summer, I hope you all will support your local societies' events and shows.

- Lynn Fuller, Chair AOS Affiliated Societies Committee



## IPA Symposium Set for Austin, Aug. 8-9

The 19th Annual International Phalenopsis Alliance (IPA) Symposium is scheduled to be held at the Austin, Texas Hilton Garden Inn Downtown/Convention Center on August 9th and 10th.

There will be four featured speakers – Olaf Gruss, Dr. Yin-Tung Wang, Rob Shepherd, and James Rider.

Olaf Gruss will be coming from Germany to speak on what's new with Phal species. He will bring growers up to date on recent discoveries and taxonomist terrorism (reclassifications of orchid species).

Dr. Yin-Tung Wang has that rare combination of theoretical experience at Texas A&M and real world experience as a commercial grower. Dr. Wang will share his knowledge and experience about Phal culture. He will also to host a Phal culture workshop.

Rob Shepard is a boutique breeder of blue Phals and owner of Sapphire Dragon Orchids. Rob recently wrote the wonderful article published in the IPA Journal about his experience breeding blue Phals.

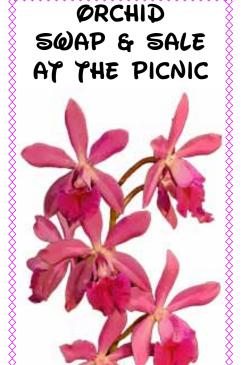
James Rider will speak on how to photograph your Phals using smartphones, point and shoot cameras, and the latest digital SLRs. You can now register for the Symposium on-line using this link:

http://www.phal.org/symposium2.htm

For more information, please visit the IPA website: <a href="http://www.phal.org">http://www.phal.org</a>

### Orquideas del Valle Pre-orders Possible Until June 30th

For those of you who may not have seen the email notice sent to members, please remember that you may pre-order plants from the Orchideas del Valle catalog for delivery at he September meeting. Our speaker, Andrea Nissen, will be able to bring ore-ordered plants



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

with her to the meeting from her nursery in Colombia.

### NENY To Host IPA Event in Sept. 2013

The International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) "Focus On Phals" Day wil be co-hosted by the North Eastern New York & Mid-Hudson Orchid Societies on Sunday, September 15, 2013 in Ballston Spa, NY.

This event, which is the IPA's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Speakers' Day, will be a day-long event. Keynote speaker Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids will delve deeper into the secrets of growing successfully in New Zealand Moss. Joining him will be Tom Harper of Stones River Orchids in Tennessee. Tom's

presentation will focus on the top six Phal species influencing today's modern hybrids. Carri Raven-Riemann, past IPA President & current Regional Director, will update us on some of the cutting edge directions in breeding from the Taiwan 2013 TIOS Show and from some new young hybridizers.

The day will also include a roundtable discussion and a mini-auction of select plants. The Registration Fee covers just the cost of morning refreshments and a light lunch. All all orchidists, IPA members and non-members alike, are invited to attend this very special Speakers' Day. Guest vendors will include: Norman's Orchids, Stones River Orchids, the orchidPhile and Kelley's Korner Orchid Supplies.

Registration for NENY & Mid-Huson OS Members Only is \$15. Registration for non-NENY/Mid-Huson OS Members is \$18. All registrations **must** be received & paid for by August 30th.

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Additional information will also be available on the IPA Website (www.phal.org)





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#### MAY SHOW TABLE

#### **Cypripedium Alliance**

Paph. Ho Chi Minh × glaucophyllum	Pfromm
Paph. Avalon Love Stone (Stone Lovely × Avalon	Mist)

Laubisch

Paph. Dollgoldi (rothschildianum × armeniacum) Heerkens

*Paph.* Saint Swithin (philippinense × rothschildianum)

Muphy

#### **Cattleya Alliance**

C. coccinea	De Vito
C. wittigiana	"
Rlc. Memoria Grant Eichler	
(James Hausermann $\times$ C. Irene Finney [1964])	Murphy
C. Park Ridge (Spring Comet × mossiae)	"
C. Carl <b>Hausermann</b> (Bob Betts × Diane Sato)	"
<i>Rlc.</i> Yen Corona	
(C. Brazilian Treasure × Mem. Helen Brown)	Galley
C. intermedia 'Aquinii'*	Uhlig
Epi. schlechterianum	"
C. intermedia 'Orlata Coerulea'*	Matt

#### **Vandaceous**

Aër. houlletiana	Sauger
Phal. bastianii	Laubisch
Ascda. Orchidom Sapphire (Karen Ono ×	Princess Mikasa)
•	Uhlig
Neof. falcata	Gillette

#### **Oncidium Alliance**

Onc. lineoligerum  Miscellaneous	Anglin
Angcm. sesquipedale	Weimer
Maxillariella (Mxl.) tenuifolia	Uhlig
<b>Pabanisia</b> Eva's Blue Amazon ( $Agn. cyanea \times Pab.$	jugosa) ''
<b>Dendrobium elongatum</b> var. orientale Pleione <b>formosana</b>	Gillette
Bifrenaria harrisoniae	?

<sup>\*</sup> Many atypical variations, in numerous plant families, that were once botanical varieties are now considered cultivars.

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

Don't forget. If you need help looking up a name in advance of your upcoming show, don't hesitate to contact me.

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