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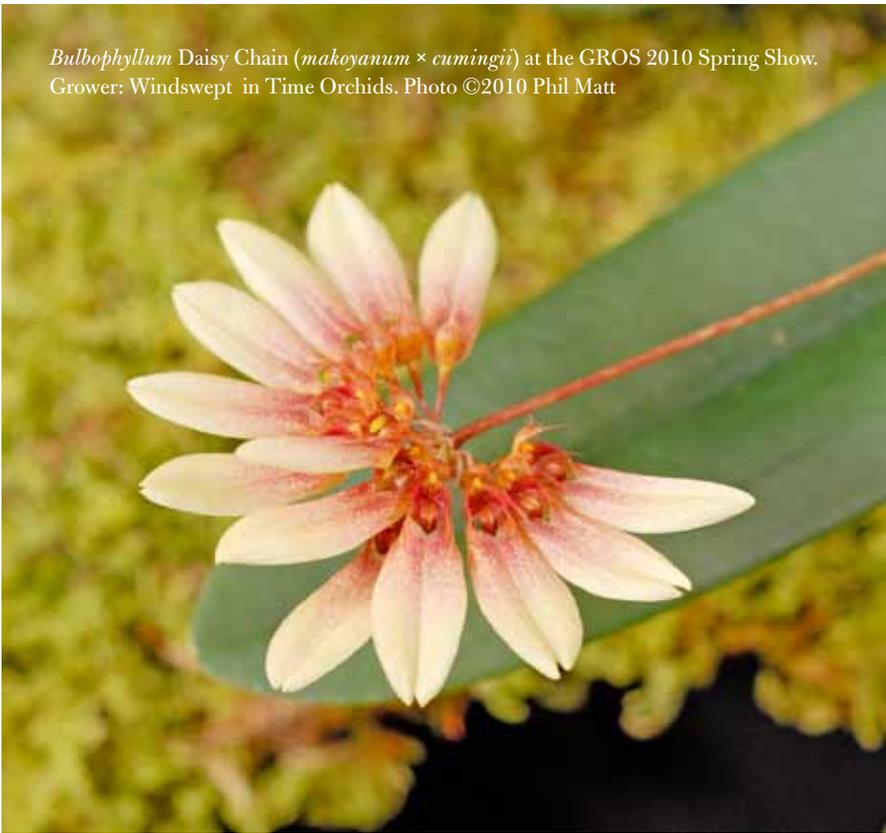
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## NEXT MEETING: **MONDAY, OCT. 4, 2010**

“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

*Bulbophyllum* Daisy Chain (*makoyanum* × *cumingii*) at the GROS 2010 Spring Show.  
Grower: Windswept in Time Orchids. Photo ©2010 Phil Matt



I'm at a complete loss as to what season this is supposed to be. After our really hot summer months, punctuated with bouts of heavy rain, nothing really “Fall-like” seems to be happening. Yet. Oh well. Pull on your Bermuda shorts or your scuba gear or maybe your fleece coat, and join us as we welcome **Bill Thoms** of A-doribil in Valrico, Florida, and his wife, **Doris Dukes**. A renowned orchid grower, world traveler and internationally recognized speaker, Bill will be presenting a talk on “*Bulbophyllums*: “Bizarre and Beautiful.” (*Bulbophyllums* are the largest genus in the orchid world!) Be prepared to learn more about this fascinating group of plants than you ever dreamed possible!

Bill also has written a book, *Bulbophyllums*. Doris and Bill have won 77 Cultural Awards from the AOS in 26 different genera, 31 of which were for *Bulbophyllums*.

Bill Thoms got his first orchid in 1969 when he rescued plants of *Enc. tampensis* in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. After moving to the Tampa area in the early 70's and, after having an orchid nursery for 20 years called Hilltop House, he

and his wife took several thousand of their favorite plants and built their own greenhouse at home. The plan was to retire from the retail business and to continue their hybridizing program (making about 200 crosses a year.) Since then, however, their plants seem to have grown back up to 10,000 in number! Don't miss this great opportunity to learn how to grow these fascinating plants and to hear one of the most knowledgeable, interesting and funny speakers in the orchid world.

Bill Thoms will be bringing plants to sell at the meeting; some will be cuttings. If you are interested in ordering something, please download the plant list from our website's home page and e-mail Bill (his address is at the end of the list) with your choices by Sept 29. There is no pre-sale discount, but of course, there is no shipping charge, either. If you want something specific, Bill will bring it if possible - but if you wait for the meeting, the selection will be limited.

Dinner plans will be posted on the website as they become available. Don't forget to bring your flowering plants for the Show Table. We'll see you there!

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## Meeting Minutes for Tues. Sept. 7, 2010

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

A motion was made from the floor to accept the May Meeting Minutes. A second was made by **Diane Bernard**. The Minutes were accepted.

**Ron Uhlig**, treasurer, gave the financial report for the past month. Due to technical difficulties, the specifics of the report weren't given but will be posted on the website as well as included with October's newsletter. A motion was made and seconded for the financial report to be accepted on the assumption that it was reasonable. With his apology for lack of numbers tonight, Ron stated that the 2010-2011 budget is substantially the same as last year's.

**Jeanne Kaeding** informed us that there will be two local New York orchid shows this fall. She needs people to set up our members' plants in displays the *Friday before* and for people to take down the displays on *Sunday afternoon*. The first show is the weekend of Oct. 2 and 3 in Syracuse (Central New York Orchid Society) at the Beaver Lake Nature Center. The second show is the Buffalo (Niagara Frontier Orchid Society) on October 16 & 17. Volunteers who do this get to see these shows and get first crack at sale plants on Friday and possible bargains on Sunday.

**Paul** announced that our Show Chairlady **Ruth Espinosa-Barone** has retired from this position and there is need for someone to take over for her. She is willing to turn over information regarding Show requirements and will help the person(s) who take this on. Without a chairperson, the Show cannot be done and Paul repeated the need for someone to volunteer as soon as possible.

**Paul** was pleased to introduce our new Librarian, **Mariko Pollock**. She will be available to assist any member who would like to borrow books from our collection of books and magazines.

Another announcement was made by **Paul** for a volunteer to house our October speaker, **Bill Thoms**. He will be speaking on *Bulbophyllums* and needs somewhere to stay for two nights (October 3 & 4). Anyone having a spare bedroom and willing to put him up should contact Paul.

Webmaster **Phil Matt** told us that he has turned off the do-it-yourself member registration due to unwanted attention from Russian spambots. Anyone wanting to register on the website should email him ([webnews@geneseeorchid.org](mailto:webnews@geneseeorchid.org)) or Ron Uhlig ([treas@geneseeorchid.org](mailto:treas@geneseeorchid.org)) for instructions.

Program Chairperson **Carol Butcher** introduced our speaker from Gold Country Orchids in California, **Alan Koch**. We were treated to an informative and entertaining presentation on Mini-Catts and what's new in Brazilian *Cattleya* hybridizing. Culture hints, beautiful photos and plenty of sales plants were available. *Thanks go to Alan and Suzie Salzman for picking up (from Toronto) and hosting our speaker this month.*

After the raffle, the show table was presented by **Alan Koch**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sandi Uhlig  
Secretary

## SEPTEMBER SHOW TABLE

### Cattleya Alliance

<i>Prosthechea (Psh.) brassavolae</i>	Marlow
<i>Psh. vespa</i>	Uhlig
<i>C. dowiana</i>	Levy

### Vandaceous

*V. John Daguia* (Danny German × Kasem's Delight) Levy

### Oncidium Alliance

<i>Milt. spectabilis</i>	Butcher
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### Miscellaneous

<i>Ang. uniflora</i>	Marlow
<i>Hab. erichmichelii</i>	Uhlig
<i>Hab. medusa</i>	"

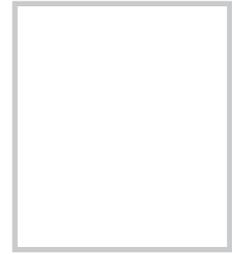
Please note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or complete your records. If you need any information for the Syracuse show, contact me now.

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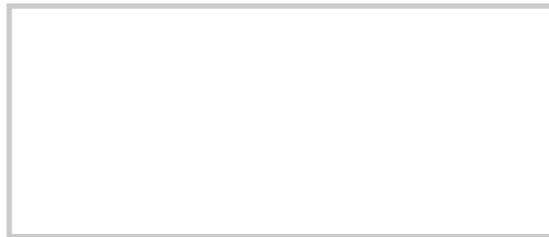
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## 2010-11 Membership Directory

It's that time of year: the new GROS Membership Directory has been published - just not in its usual location in this Newsletter. In keeping with our usual policy of making sure our members' personal information remains private, we have published the Directory to the GROS website in an area that's accessible only to members who are logged in. To see the Directory, just log in and choose "Membership - Join US!" from the main menu. There's a link to the Directory at the bottom of the page that comes up. We will also have paper copies of the Directory at the October meeting.