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NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 3, 2011

“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 echinolabium, grown by Lorri Bayer.
Exhibited at our 2011 Spring Show.
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As we move closer and closer to something resembling “Fall,” there’s still not much to remind us of the coming change of seasons. The tomatoes are still growing, and the morning glories and dahlias are still in fine shape, having survived both the blistering heat and soggy downpours that made up the summer weather. If your orchids spent their summer “vacation” outdoors, they must surely think our natural habitat consists of both desert and rainforest, alternatively.

Our October 3rd speaker will be Tom Nasser, owner with his wife Shan, of Carolina Orchids. The topic will be “Favorite Unusual Orchids.” Tom has spoken internationally on various topics including *Angraecums*, *Bulbophyllums*, *Lycastes*, and of course, Favorite Unusual Orchids.

The Nassers started their orchid business in Clemson, SC as Clemson Orchids. After moving to Fort Mill, SC in 1992, they renamed their business Carolina Orchids. Their three greenhouses contain over 7000 sq. ft. of orchid plants; orchid species are a specialty at Carolina Orchids, with collections of *Paphiopedilums*, *Phragmipediums*, *Bulbophyllums*, *Lycastes*, *Angraecums*, and *Cattleyas*.

Both of the Nassers have been growing orchids since the 1970’s. Tom is previous vice president of NC Piedmont Orchid Society and although his doctorate is in Polymer Chemistry, he is Adjunct Professor at UNCC to help & advise growing orchids at UNCC greenhouses.

The Nassers will be bringing plants for sale; the pre-ordering deadline has passed as of the publication date of this newsletter. Hopefully, those interested in pre-ordering were able to take advantage of this offer via our website links. Plans for taking Tom and Shan to dinner (all members who want to attend pay their own way...) prior to the meeting are still uncertain; please check the website for late-breaking details.

The Show Table will be back, so please don’t forget to bring in your flowering plants. We’ll see you there!

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Meeting Minutes for Sept. 12, 2011

President **Bill Renick** opened the meeting with his monologue. We welcomed one new member. We discussed whether we should proceed with becoming Tax Exempt, and paying the one-time registration fee. A sign up sheet for refreshments was sent around.

Ballots were passed out for a vote on the GROS Picnic date.

We discussed having a booth at Gardenscape. Ten people said that they would commit to volunteer. We discussed several options for cutting down on the expense. Members working longer shifts, a 20-ticket package, or having members who only want a one-hour shift purchasing their own ticket.

Carol Butcher has volunteered to set up and take down the display for the Oct. 1 & 2 Syracuse show. **Jeanne Kaeding** will help with plant registration. We still need volunteers for the Buffalo Show.

Josh Vince presented the treasurer's report.

A call was made for volunteers for the following positions:

- Raffle chair (**Jeff Snyder** will chair it, but will not store the plants.)
- Auction chair (Jeff Snyder has volunteered to co-chair, and train someone for this position.)

Carol Butcher introduced our guest speaker, Jason Fischer from Orchids Limited. Jason spoke on Phrag. Breeding.

After the raffle, Bill Renick presented the Show Table.

- *Natalie Auburn*
GROS Secretary



GROS Membership Directory Online

The 2011-2012 GROS Membership Directory is now available on our website. You will need to sign on to navigate to the Membership Tools section off the main menu. As you all know, we no longer publish this membershi roster in this newsletter, as all newsletters are posed online and as PDF files, the information in them is not secure.

The GROS Auction: In Jeopardy?

I have some sad news. No one has volunteered to be the Co-Chair for the GROS Auction. The Auction is scheduled for November 7th and that is little more than 5 weeks away. There is enough time to comfortably pull off a very successful Auction - but time is running out. If we do not get a Chairperson for the Auction, we will have to cancel it. The Auction is an important money-making activity for GROS. Without the Auction, we will have to consider what to cut out of the budget.

Jeff Snyder has volunteered to be a co-chair and the auctioneer. He has participated in many of the past GROS Auctions and is willing to teach someone the fun and exciting job of Auction Chairperson. We just need someone to raise their hand (or send me an email.)

The sooner you become the Auction Chairperson, the less stressful a task it will be. We will be discussing this problem at the October meeting.

Thank You,

Bill Renick
GROS President

SEPTEMBER SHOW TABLE

Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Paph.</i> Armeni White (<i>delenatii</i> × <i>armeniicum</i>)	Tandy
<i>Paph.</i> Wössner Supsuk (<i>supardii</i> × <i>sukhakulii</i>)	Fleischman

Cattleya Alliance

<i>C.</i> Dream Catcher (Bright Angel × Beaufort)	Auburn
<i>C.</i> Mini Purple (<i>pumila</i> × <i>walkeriana</i>)	"
<i>Guaricattonia</i> (<i>Gct.</i>) Keepsake (<i>C.</i> Precious Stones × <i>Grt.</i> Why Not)	Fleischman
<i>Gct.</i> Renate (<i>C.</i> Frenchy's Cheek-La × <i>Grt.</i> Why Not)	Kaczynski
<i>Cattleya coccinea</i>	DeVito

Vandaceous

<i>Plmths.</i> <i>caudatus</i>	Salzman
<i>Angcm.</i> <i>distichum</i>	Uhlig

Miscellaneous

<i>Cym.</i> Solar Flare (<i>insigne</i> × <i>dayanum</i>)	?
<i>Cym.</i> <i>dayanum</i>	?

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.

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

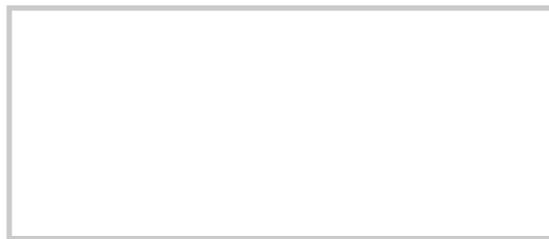
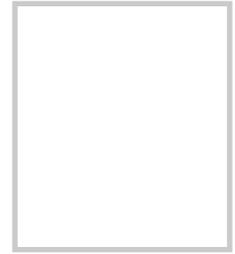
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