



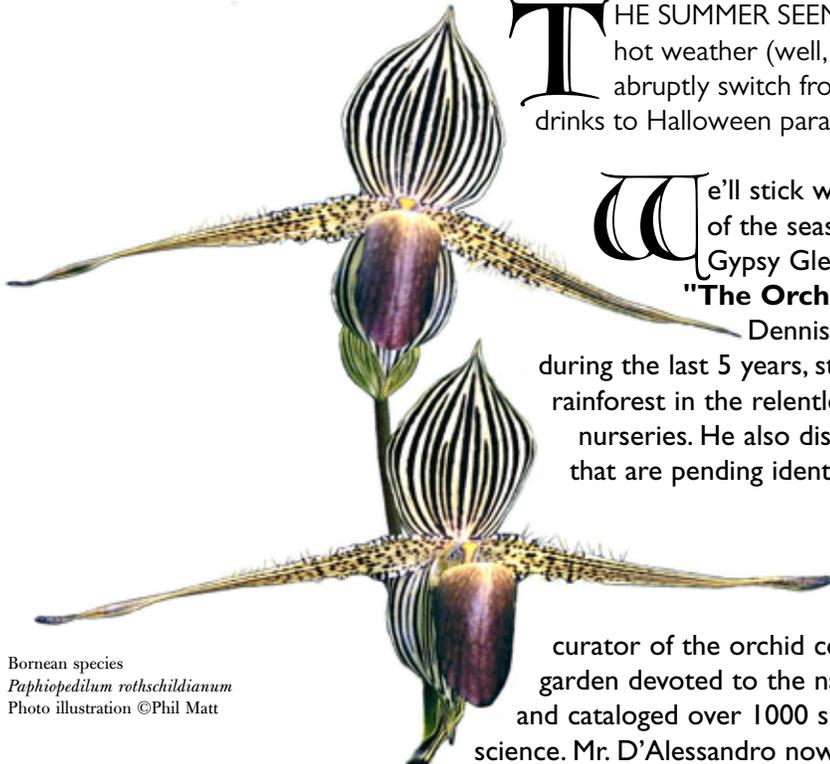
The Orchid Collection

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Beginners Meeting 6:30 p.m. * Social "Hour" 7:00 - 7:15 p.m. * Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.
Senior Adult Lounge at the Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester, NY

NEXT MEETING: SEPT. 10, 2007



Bornean species
Paphiopedilum rothschildianum
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THE SUMMER SEEMS TO BE SLIPPING AWAY, as the last of the hot weather (well, maybe...) fades away and the store displays abruptly switch from melons and little paper umbrellas for your drinks to Halloween paraphernalia (or was that in July?)

We'll stick with what our calendar tells us. The first meeting of the season kicks off with Dennis D'Alessandro from Gypsy Glenn Orchids, presenting a program on "The Orchids of Borneo." No mere armchair adventurer, Dennis has spent a total of about 6 months in Borneo during the last 5 years, studying orchid habitats, trekking through the rainforest in the relentless heat and humidity, and visiting orchid nurseries. He also discovered a number of new *Bulbophyllum* species that are pending identification.

Dennis began growing orchids over 25 years ago and in 1977 moved to southern Ecuador where he was curator of the orchid collection at Orquideario Predesur, a botanical garden devoted to the native orchid species of Ecuador. He has collected and cataloged over 1000 specimens, of which over 80 species were new to science. Mr. D'Alessandro now divides his time between Ecuador, where he maintains an orchid nursery in the town of Vilcabamba, and the U.S., where he is the owner of Gypsy Glen Orchids in Beaver, PA.

Dennis will be bringing plants for sale from Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru, as well as an assortment of *Paphiopedilums*. Pre-orders are welcome, but you'll need to arrange for them on your own from the Gypsy Glen website, (<http://gypsyglenorchids.com>). We will be taking Dennis to dinner at 5:15 p.m. (before the meeting) at Mamasan's Noodle Caboodle, 2800 Monroe Avenue; if you'd like to join us, (everyone pays for his or her own dinner) please call Program VP Jim Marlow at 585-889-7983 to make sure we'll have enough space.

The Show Table, dreaming of cruising the Straits of Gibraltar, will be back, so please don't forget your flowering plants! We'll see you there!

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President's Message

Welcome to the 2007-2008 program year for the Genesee Region Orchid Society. I'm very happy to be your new president.

I think that we will have an interesting and exciting year. Jim Marlow, our Program Chairman, has put together a good selection of speakers and other programs for our meetings. From the club calendar, you can see that there are shows and other activities almost every month. Our annual auction is this October, and our own Spring orchid show will be next April.

I'd like to introduce (at least) two new initiatives this year. The first initiative is the concept of "the apprentice." (Note that this has nothing to do with the reality TV show starring Donald Trump.) What it does have to do with is the reality of how to make our club better for everyone. My goal is to encourage everyone to get involved in club activities. Many of you might have what I call "fear of volunteering". To counteract this, I have asked each club officer and activity chairperson to find an "apprentice" to help them with his or her duties. The apprentice is a person who follows the leader around, at least figuratively, and learns about what it takes to lead the activity from a "safe" distance. The responsibilities still rest with the officers and chairpeople. However, the apprentices will get a chance to see what the activity is all about. I am hoping that this takes away a little of the "fear of the unknown" that comes with volunteering to lead. The goal is to be able to draw volunteers next year from a larger pool of people who feel comfortable with the job they are accepting. I encourage you to make it easy for our club officers and activity leaders by volunteering to be an apprentice.

A second initiative was proposed at a meeting I had with club officers in August. Reggie Coleman, our new secretary, mentioned that new orchid growers have had at least two problems as GROS members. The first is that sometimes, our programs are too complex for new members. The second problem is a lack of immediate solutions to problems new growers might experience. To solve these problems, members of the Executive Committee have decided to produce a booklet that would serve as an introduction to orchid growing for our new members. The hope is that this would

not be a rehash of the AOS beginner's guide, but that it would serve as a supplement to our current Beginner's Meetings. If you are interested in this activity, please see me or another club officer.

So, in summary, my first message is to volunteer! It makes for a stronger and more enjoyable club for everybody. The other message is to have fun out there!

- Jeff Snyder
GROS President

Library Delinquents

Uh-oh. Some folks failed to get their library materials back to the GROS library before the summer hiatus. Our librarian reports the following books still due from last season. Please bring (or send with a friend) your overdue books to the September meeting. See or call the Librarian, Mark Gillette, for any questions.

Darla Hawryshkio	Orchids as House Plants
"	Beginner's Guide to Growing Orchids
Anna Lewandowski	Growing Classic Orchids
"	Taylor's Guide to Orchids
Susan McCartney	Phalaenopsis Kingdom
"	Home Orchid Growing

Sandi Uhlig	African Orchids
Alex Haber	Illustrated Survey Orchid Genera
"	You Can Grow Cattleya Orchids
Ed Masel	Orchid Pests & Diseases
Karen McKay	Field Guide to Wild Orchids Thailand
"	Miniature Orchids
Jennifer Van Schaick	Orchid Growing for Wimps
"	Orchid Seedling Care
Nuri Steiner	I've Got Spikes
Carol Beitcher	Growing Orchids #1 Cymbidiums
Diane Bernard	Guatemala & Its Orchids; book & CD



GROS Releases '07-'08 Budget

Show	9600
Programs	4000
Newsletter	2800
Auction	1450
JCC Rental	1300
Donations	1300
Library	750
Raffle	700
Insurance	500
Beginner's Meetings	300
Out of Town Travel	200
GardenScape	150
Office Supplies	150
Web Site	60
Membership Brochures	25

- Jeff Snyder

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GROS Auction Questionnaire

1. Did you attend the 2006-2007 GROS Auction? Yes No
2. If you did *not* attend the 2006-2007 Auction, please tell us why.
 - schedule conflict
 - plant list uninteresting
 - don't like the location
 - didn't know about it
 - other (please explain) _____
3. When would you prefer to hold the auction?
 - Fall (Sept., Oct., Nov.,)
 - Winter (Dec., Jan., Feb.)
 - Spring (March, April, May)
 - Summer (June, July, August)
4. What day/time do you prefer for the GROS Auction?
 - Saturday afternoon
 - Sunday afternoon
 - Monday evening (or some other weekday evening)
 - other _____
5. Would you prefer that the auction be held at a regular GROS meeting? Yes No
6. Would you be inclined to attend the GROS Auction regardless of the scheduling or details? Yes No
7. Are you happy with the plant offerings at previous auctions?
 - Yes No

8. Are there specific growers/vendors you would like to see represented? (please list) _____
9. What types of plants would you like to see offered at the auction?
 - species
 - hybrids
 - a little bit of everything
 - specific genera (please list) _____
10. Do you plan to attend this year's GROS Auction?
 - Yes No
11. Would you be willing to help with this year's auction?
 - Yes No

Please provide name/phone number/e-mail if you'd like to help. _____
12. Please provide any other information/suggestions for improving attendance or other aspects of future GROS Auctions. _____

Please take a moment to fill out this form and hand it to Kim Hober at the September meeting. You can also mail it to Kim c/o the GROS:

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GROS Annoucness First Schedule for 2007-2008 Season

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| 10-Sep-07 | <i>Meeting at JCC</i> - Program: Orchids of Borneo - Dennis Delsandroi, Gypsy Glen Orchids |
| 21-Sep-07 | Syracuse Show - Central New York OS - (Sep. 21-23) - Jeanne Kaeding will organize GROS participation. |
| 28-Sep-07 | Buffalo Show - Niagara Frontier OS - (Sep. 28-30) - Jeanne Kaeding |
| 08-Oct-07 | <i>Meeting at JCC</i> - Program: Vandaceous Orchids, Miami WOC - Robert Fuchs, R. F. Orchids |
| 21-Oct-07 | <i>GROS Annual Auction at JCC</i> - Kim Hober, Auction Tsarina |
| 05-Nov-07 | <i>Meeting at JCC</i> - Program: Bulbophyllums (or Angraecoids) - Tom Nasser, Carolina Orchids |
| 09-Nov-07 | St. Catherine Show - Niagara Region OS - TBA |
| 03-Dec-07 | <i>Meeting at JCC</i> - Program: TBA |
| 07-Jan-08 | <i>Meeting at JCC</i> - Program: Mounting Seminar - Jim Marlow, Marlow's Orchids |
| 04-Feb-08 | <i>Meeting at JCC</i> - Program: TBA |
| 15-Feb-08 | Dutch Connection at George Eastman House - GROS participation TBA |
| 08-Feb-08 | Toronto Show - Southern Ontario OS -TBA |
| 03-Mar-08 | <i>Meeting at JCC</i> - Program: Show Technology - TBA |
| 13-Mar-08 | GardenScape, Dome Center - GROS participation TBA |
| 04-Apr-08 | GROS Spring Show (Apr. 4-6) |
| 07-Apr-08 | <i>Meeting at JCC</i> - Program: New Trends in Miniature Phal. Breeding - Carri Raven-Riemann, The Orchidophile |
| 25-Apr-08 | Binghamton Show - Southern Tier OS - GROS participation TBA |
| 05-May-08 | <i>Meeting at JCC</i> - Program: TBD - Mario Ferrusi, Marsh Hollow Orchids |
| 07-Jun-08 | Picnic - date tentative, Mendon Ponds Park |

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