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NEXT MEETING: Monday, Sept. 9, 2013

“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



Cattleya dowiana v. aurea 'Abril' courtesy of Andrea Niessen

It's been a strange summer: lots of rain followed by lots of heat. With Labor Day behind us, there's a different sensation - a definite stirring of Fall is in the air. Our Fall orchid season begins with a visit from Andrea Niessen of Orquídeas del Valle, Ltda. in Cali, Columbia. Ms. Niessen, a native Columbian of German ancestry, has a BA in Biology from the Universidad del Valle, Cali, Columbia, and a Master's of Science with a major in Electron Microscopy and minor in Virology from the University of Florida in Gainesville. She worked as a research associate at the International Center for Tropical Agriculture in the Pastures Entomology Department and later in the Virology Unit., and has been a dedicated hobbyist orchid grower all of her life.

Andrea has served as a board member and president (1992-1997) of her local orchid society, Asociación Vallecaucana de Orquideología and is a judge of the Colombian Orchid Committee.



Andrea Niessen

Andrea has lectured about Colombian Orchids all over the world, including visits to Colombia, USA, Canada, Belgium, Italy, Ireland, Spain, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden, Nederland, Singapore and Germany. With her husband Juan Carlos Uribe, she has maintained her own orchid nursery, Orquídeas del Valle Ltda., since 1989. It now includes two retail shops, one in downtown Cali and the other in the town of Ginebra, two nurseries, (one warm-growing and the other for cool-growing plants) and laboratory facilities for seed flasking. Orquídeas del Valle has attended many National and International Shows and also six World Orchid Conferences and European Orchid Conferences exhibiting and selling the beautiful and diverse orchid species from Colombia.

Dinner plans for the evening of the meeting have not yet been finalized - please check the website for details. Since Andrea will be bringing orchids to sell at the meeting, please note that members may **not** bring in their own plants for sale that night. The Show Table will be back - so take advantage of the nice weather and bring in your flowering orchids. We'll see you there!

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GROS Board Meeting Minutes for Aug. 27

GROS Open Board Meeting: Full Board present, 0 GROS members present.

Holiday Gathering vs. December Meeting discussed. Motion made to have the Holiday gathering by Karen, Noel seconded the motion, vote taken, and passed. We discussed options for where to have it, possibly Cipriani's.

Picnic dates in June were discussed. Bill made a motion to have it again in Mendon Ponds Park on June 8, Tony seconded the motion, vote taken, and passed.

November Auction: will be held out in the open lobby again. We need a chairperson for the Auction. We talked about approaching Jeff Snyder as auctioneer, and Dianne Bernard for set up.

R.I.T. donated orchids to GROS, two-thirds have been repotted, and cleaned up. We need members that have extra room to house some of these so that we can use them for both the auction, and for raffle plants.

April Show: We need a show chairperson. It will be the 40th show, and will be held at a new location: MCC has been chosen. It is close to the expressway, has easy access for parking, vendor setup, and most of all, is handicap accessible. We talked about advertising. We need someone to work on publicity, contact the D&C, as well as T.V. & radio stations. We talked about the possibility of putting together radio/ticket packages, advertising at local garden stores, and colleges. We need to begin to look for poster art. This will not happen without members stepping forward to work on it.

We discussed the budget line by line. Two areas where it increased were rent and show location.

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*Karen: when insurance renewal comes up in Dec., you need to clarify the change in location for the show, and cancel the Gardenscape location.

*Bill: you need to send a blank form for check request to both Noel and Karen.

- Natalie Auburn, Secretary

Open Board Meeting Dates for 2013

The following dates have been set for upcoming GROS Board Meetings. Please see the website for meeting agendas and locations.

- October 29, 2013
- January 28, 2014
- April 29, 2014



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