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## NEXT MEETING: Monday, Nov. 6, 2017

Orchids 101 - 6:00 p.m. ❁ Social "Hour" 7:00 - 7:15 p.m. ❁ Meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.  
Louis S. Wolk Jewish Community Center, 1200 Edgewood Ave., Rochester, NY



*Oncidium gloriosum*, photographed in the wild in Columbia.  
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The Fall weather has been strangely warm and wet of late, providing a more or less typical Rochester/western NYS roller coaster of wild temperature fluctuations and vigorous winds. It's no secret that another "season" is on the way...

For our November meeting, accredited AOS judge John Dunkelberger will be our speaker, presenting "Andean Oncidium Breeding - Some New Directions and Thoughts". John has degrees in both Biochemistry and Bacteriology, and has worked as a chemist, chemical engineer, lumberman, logger, and consultant.

John has been an American Orchid Society judge since 1972 and has served as a judge at our Spring Shows many times. He has been an avid grower of orchids for more than 50 years, and currently specializes in Cymbidiums and Odontoglossums/Oncidiums.

Prior to the meeting, we will be taking the Dunkelbergers to dinner at Mamasans on Monroe Avenue in Pittsford at 5:00 p.m. If

you'd like to join us (everyone pays for his or her own meal) please contact Kim Hober by Saturday, Nov 4th. The Show Table will be back, of course, so "batten down your orchid hatches" and bring in your flowering plants for everyone to admire.

We'll see you there!

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## GROS Meeting Minutes - Oct. 2, 2017

President Jeanne Kaeding called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. She began by thanking those who brought refreshments: Bob Pfromm, Denis Monefeldt, Jonathan Jones and Diane Bernard.

Jeanne then welcomed new members: Marie Anselm and Annette Rathman.

The 2017-2018 budget as presented to all members by email. This is a deficit budget. There being no questions, Diane Bernard made a motion to accept, seconded by Margery Greene. There were no opposing votes, and the budget was accepted. Jeanne noted that the bylaws don't actually require the members to approve the budget presented by the Board, and if we want this to be mandatory we will need to amend the bylaws. Anyone wishing us to make this amendment should contact the board.

There was not a quorum present at the June picnic to vote on a proposed John Ellenberger memorial donation of \$100.00 to the American Orchid Society Conservation Fund. Dean Edwards motioned to make this donation, Fran Murphy seconded. The motion carried.

Since only 20 people were at the picnic, and this is the second consecutive year with low attendance, discussion of whether to continue to have the picnic ensued. There was not a lot of enthusiasm shown for it. Bill Renick said if we are doing it we need to reserve the pavilion at the park before the new year, optimally by November. Jonathan Jones and Dean Edwards both suggested we table this until next month. Phil Matt said the pavilion reservation cancellation policy is not too bad. Diane Bernard has organized the picnic for the last few years. If we do decide next month to have the picnic is anyone else willing to do it?

Jeanne asked anyone having any club property to contact Secretary Margery Greene, who is in charge of maintaining an inventory per our bylaws.

Phil Matt, our webmaster, received an email from a high school teacher in Syracuse who has built a flasking box with a HEPA filter and wants to sell it for \$40.00. Anyone interested should contact Phil and he will provide the seller's contact information.

Carol Butcher thanked Carolyn and Dean Edwards for setting up the GROS exhibit at the Central New York Orchid Society Show in Syracuse last weekend. Thanks also to those who lent plants to the exhibit: Margaret Follwell, Carolyn and Dean Edwards, Allan Sowiński, Kim Hober and Jeanne Kaeding.

Treasurer's Report from Denis Monefeldt:

Total cash (checking & savings):	\$20,591.71
Income	\$ 1,798.05
Expenses	\$ 2,314.49
Auction income	\$ 741.13

Jean Ikeson, our guest speaker, had several suggestions regarding the auction for maximizing income, including having it in December before Christmas. This was a very successful at the Nova Scotia Orchid Society when she was its President.

Fran Murphy has John & Dody Ellenberger's orchid library and plants. He is bringing in boxes of books to each meeting for sale. Those that don't sell will be donated to Sonnenberg (Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion State Historic Park.) Fran brought in the first lot of books. He repotted the plants, and will start bringing them in December when they are more established. He also brought in pots designed for growing in lava rock or Aliflor and old orchid catalogs, both free.

Kate Recard brought in several plants for sale. Jeanne brought free cyclamens.

Bob Pfromm sold raffle tickets assisted by Dough Fleischman.

There being no further business, Kim Hober motioned to adjourn the business part of our meeting, seconded by Diane Bernard. The motion carried.

Next our guest speaker, Jean Allen-Ikeson, who is an AOS Judge, presented *Oncidium fuscatum* (formerly known as *Miltonia warszewiczii*) and its use in breeding.

After the program, we had a ten minute break with more raffle tickets sold. After the raffle, Fran Murphy and Jen Lang presented the show table.

Meeting concluded at 8:45 p.m.

- Margery Greene  
GROS Secretary

## IN MEMORIAM

Long-time GROS member Catherine (Cathy) Buggie passed away on October 15, 2017. She is predeceased by her husband, Joe, who also was a member of GROS for many years.

Cathy served as President of the GROS in 1991. Her interests included photography and gardening, and especially growing orchids in the beautiful custom redwood greenhouse that her husband Joe built for her behind their Brighton home.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 435 E. Henrietta Rd., Rochester 14620. To share a memory of Catherine or send a condolence to the family visit [www.anthonychapels.com](http://www.anthonychapels.com)



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Above: GROS exhibit at Central NY Orchid Society Show 2017, September 30th/October 1st

Below right: Carolyn Edwards received a special award for this *Lycaste* and it took first place as well. (*Shonan Harmony* × *Auburn 'Red'*)

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# GROS Show Table - October, 2017

Plant	Genus Synonym	seed parent	pollen parent	grower
<b>Cattleya Alliance</b>				
Cattleya (C.) unnamed cross		Lulu (4N)	Summer Spot (4N)	Margery Greene
Laelirhynchos (Lrn.) Sea Urchin 'Betty Matthews'	Brassolaelia (Bl.)	<i>Laelia anceps</i>	<i>Rhyncolaelia (Rl.) glauca</i>	Fran Murphy
Rhynchobrassoleya (Rby.) Hawaiian Leopard 'Mei-Ling'	Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc.)	Rlc. Waianae Leopard	Brassocattleya (Bc.) Richard Mueller	Fran Murphy
Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Egyptian Queen 'Black Diamond' HCC/AOS	Potinara (Pot.)	Rlc. Esther Costa	C. bicolor	Jeanne Kaeding
<b>Cypripedium Alliance</b>				
Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Doll's Kobold		<i>charlesworthii</i>	<i>henryanum</i>	Jeanne Kaeding
<b>Oncidium Alliance</b>				
Brassidium (Brsdm.) Gilded Urchin 'Ontario'		<i>Brassia (Brs.) arcuigera</i>	<i>Oncidium (Onc.) wentworthianum</i>	Fran Murphy
Gomesa (Gom.) Boissiensis (2 plants)	Oncidium	<i>Gom. forbesii</i>	<i>Gom. varicosa</i> <sup>1</sup>	Jeanne Kaeding
Tolumnia (Tolu.) Northern Lights		Di Ciommo Giuseppe	<i>compressicaulis</i>	Kim Hober
Tolu. Northern Lights #4		Di Ciommo Giuseppe	<i>compressicaulis</i>	Kim Hober
<b>Pleurothallid Alliance</b>				
Dryadella (Dda.) elata				Diane Bernard
Masdevallia (Masd.) floribunda 'Pink'				Diane Bernard
<i>Platystele (Pls.) stenostachya</i>				Diane Bernard
<b>Vandaceous</b>				
<i>Angraecum (Angcn.) didieri</i>				Diane Bernard
<i>Cleisocentron (Clctn.) merrillianum</i>				Diane Bernard
Papilionanda (Pda.) Chao Praya Violet	Vanda (V.)	Papilionanda Mamo <sup>2</sup>	<i>Vanda tessellata</i>	Fran Murphy
<i>Phalaenopsis (Phal.) bellina</i>				Diane Bernard
Phal. OX Happy Queen <sup>3</sup>		OX Happy Girl	OX Red Shoe	Diane Bernard
Phal. YangYang Evergreen <sup>4</sup>		Ho's Green Waves	Chang Maw Evergreen	Diane Bernard
Renantanda (Rntda.) Sunrise	Renanetia (Rnet.)	<i>V. falcata</i> (formerly <i>Neofinetia (Neof.) falcata</i> )	<i>Renanthera (Ren.) imschootiana</i>	Kim Hober
<i>Trichoglottis (Trgl.) acutifolia</i>				Diane Bernard
V. Prao Sky Blue 'Phathai'		Bee	<i>coerulea</i>	Fran Murphy
<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
Habenaria (Hab.) Erich's Pink Thing		Regnieri <sup>5</sup>	<i>erichmichelii</i>	Jeanne Kaeding
Hab. Regnieri <sup>5</sup>		<i>carnea</i>	<i>rhodocheila</i>	Diane Bernard
<b>Notes</b>				
<sup>1</sup> RHS accepts <i>Oncidium rogersii</i> as a synonym of <i>Gomesa varicosa</i> , but does not accept <i>Oncidium varicosum</i> var. <i>rogersii</i> at all.				
<sup>2</sup> Papilionanda Mamo is <i>Papilionanthe hookeriana</i> or <i>hookeri</i> x <i>Vanda Tatzeri</i> . <i>Papilionanthe hookeriana</i> used to be <i>Vanda hookeriana</i> or <i>hookeri</i>				
<sup>3</sup> This is the one with the bloom on the keiki				
<sup>4</sup> This is the one with the bellina-ish appearance, although actual composition is over half <i>Phalaenopsis micholitzii</i> , a bit under a quarter <i>violacea</i> , just over a fifth <i>amboinensis</i> , with a smidgeon of <i>lueddemanniana</i> - See Orchid Roots website <a href="http://www.BlueNanta.com">www.BlueNanta.com</a>				
<sup>5</sup> <i>Habenaria Regnieri</i> is completely different from <i>Habenaria regnellii</i> , which is a species with green flowers. Both of <i>Regnieri's</i> parents have pink flowers. (Continued on next page)				

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I was recently reading the Autumn 2017 issue of *Living Bird*, the publication of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and lo and behold, not only orchidists but birders have species lumpers and splitters. The birders seem to have a better grasp of why you can't just sample a small genome segment - an article by Pat Leonard beginning on page 18 "Nine Seed eaters: Visually Different, Yet Genetically Almost Identical" draws on a paper by Campagna et al. *Science Advances* which reports "The new study identified all the points of difference for nine capuchino species, with a surprising result.

The differences consistently fell in areas near color genes in sections of the genome once considered "junk." Scientists have since learned that these areas of the genome, which once appeared to have no purpose, can play a crucial role in regulating genes and modifying their effects. ¶This so-called "junk" DNA does not actually create proteins, but may influence how nearby genes are used." The people working on orchid genetics would do well to take a page from the bird taxonomists!

*- Margery Greene*