



The Orchid Collection

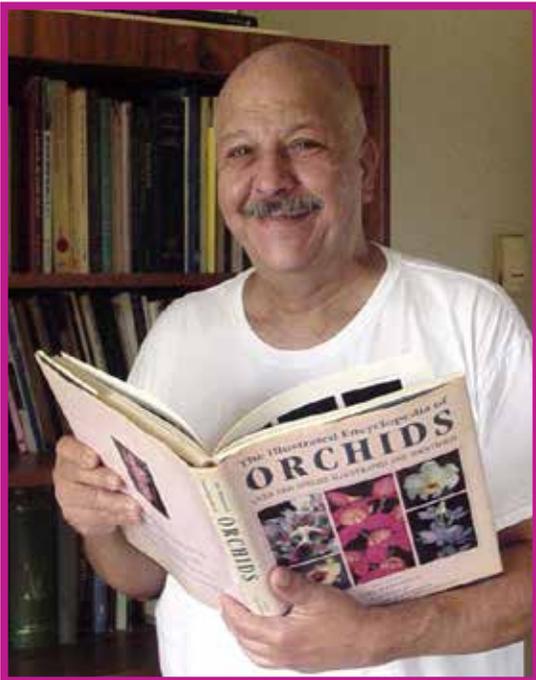
Vol. 40, No. 1 - September, 2019

Genesee Region Orchid Society, Inc.
<http://www.geneseeorchid.org>

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Sept. 9, 2019

“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



As the summer dwindles down to days that are no longer tropical, and periods of blazing heat and torrential rains are just distant memories (mostly), it's time for the orchid season to gather momentum for another year of great meetings and events. We'll kick off September as well-travelled GROS visitor Claudio Rossi of Cloud's Orchids returns to the GROS to present “Nobile Dendrobiums - Past, Present and Future.”

According to Wikipedia, “Nobile dendrobiums have become a popular cultivated decorative house plant, because they produce colourful blooms in winter and spring, at a time when little else is in flower. It is also one of the 50 fundamental herbs used in traditional Chinese medicine. Nobile dendrobiums are epiphytic or lithophytic plants native to southern China (including Tibet), the Himalayas (India, Bangladesh, Assam, Nepal, Sikkim, Bhutan), and Indochina (Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam). The species is also reportedly naturalized in Hawaii. It is also the national flower of Sikkim.”

Claudio Rossi has been growing orchids since 1975 and is usually associated by those in the orchid world with Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums. But, those who really know him know that Claudio

is an aficionado of just about any genus. He is an AOS judge, and regularly judges orchid shows and gives lectures on orchid topics. Claudio has been both a vendor and exhibitor at our Spring shows for many years.

Claudio started Cloud's Orchids in the late 80's with a strong emphasis on species and slipper orchids. Since its birth in a 300 sq. ft. greenhouse, Cloud's Orchids has grown to a nursery operation of 39,000 sq. ft. on Canada's Niagara Peninsula. No longer operating a retail location, Cloud's Orchids focuses on their large nursery facility. They have entered into the wholesale market in a big way and now service a number of nurseries within Canada, the U.S. and even overseas.

Due to the incredible hassles of currently required international plant transport paperwork, Claudio will NOT be bringing plants to sell at the September meeting – so members are permitted to bring in their own orchids for sale or trade. We'll be taking Claudio to dinner at Sticky Lips BBQ, 830 Jefferson Road in Henrietta. As usual, everyone pays for his or her own meal – except Claudio!

The Show Table will be back - so please don't forget your flowering plants!
We'll see you there!

IN THIS ISSUE:

Meeting Minutes ♡2

Board Meeting Min. ♡3

Show Table ♡3-4

GROS Meeting

Minutes May 6, 2019

Jonathan Jones started the meeting at 7:17 pm by checking whether everyone received his email about the meeting. One person did not. Jonathan will check into why and fix it.

Many people paid dues before the meeting was called to order. Margery Greene collected them while Jeanne Kaeding sold raffle tickets.

Jonathan thanked those who paid dues, which are due in the fall.

Show totals: Last year there was a \$4,001.82 net profit. This year it was \$6,537.66. Admissions were up: \$7200 this year vs. \$5900 last year. Vendor table fees were the same. Member sales doubled. Orchid-gami sales and repotting services were up. The GROS contribution to the preview part was roughly half: +/- \$300 this year vs. around \$700 last year. Attendees' tickets covered 90% of the cost.

Treasurer's report: bank balance \$22,275.85.

The September meeting will be the 2nd Monday in September, 2019, not on Labor day.

Picnic date – while Fran Murphy was looking it up, Margery Greene said July 21. Note per ratified minutes of March 4, 2019 meeting, this is incorrect. Correct date is July 20, which is a Saturday.

Election of officers:

Jeanne Kaeding motioned to vote on the slate of officers, Bill Renick seconded. Motion carried.

President:	Fran Murphy
Executive Vice President:	Kim Hober
Program Vice President:	Carol Butcher
Secretary:	Margery Greene
Treasurer:	Susan Ackerman

Margery Greene nominated John Kellas for Member-at-Large. Carol Butcher seconded. Motion carried.

Jonathan thanked all board members with a special shout-out to Carol for arranging speakers.

Carol has several programs already set for next season:

September - Claudio Rossi (Cloud's Orchids).

October - Dr. Kristin Uthus of New World Orchids.

November - Fred Clarke (Sunset Valley Orchids)

December - not definite, possibly a party, possibly an auction.

Annual donations: last year we gave to the AOS judging centers that provided judges for our show, Lamberton, Bergen Swamp Preservation Society, Jay Pfahl's Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia (www.orchidspecies.com), the Smithsonian affiliate North American Orchid Conservation Center (source of the Orchid-gamis), Sonnenberg Gardens, American Orchid Society directed to conservation, and the Orchid Conservation Alliance, which works to protect orchid habitat in several countries.

Last year's donations with amounts:

Judging Centers: \$ 700 (Toronto \$500, National Capital \$100, Great Lakes \$100)

Sonnenberg: \$500 for materials & plants

Bergen Swamp Pres. Society: \$300

Orchid Conservation Alliance: \$300

North American Conservation Center: \$300 (Smithsonian, Washington, DC)

American Orchid Society, for conservation: \$300

Lamberton Conservatory: \$50

IOSPE: \$50

Total: \$2,500

For 2019, Jeanne Kaeding advised there was no judge from the Great Lakes Judging Center so she proposed \$500 to Toronto (our home center) and \$100 to National Capital, total \$600.

Lamberton – Doug Fleischman noted their orchid collection is not diverse. Jonathan has spoken to Noelle at Lamberton, and she

wants our help. Phil Matt suggested we set up a regular schedule. Jonathan agreed there is no point in donating cash without help. Jeanne suggested donating more modern Cattleyas and Cymbidiums. We could give labor not cash. Jonathan will take the lead on setting this up. Jeanne also suggested we get them some neem oil in the fall. Carol Butcher asked whether they need pots. Jonathan said we need to find out what they have.

Bergen Swamp: \$300 suggested again.

Orchid Conservation alliance – our speaker Gary Meyer is very familiar with them and told us that the don't only work in South America, they are also active in southeast Asia. They work with local people in each area. Proposed donation \$300.

North American Conservation Center – Proposed donation \$300.

American Orchid Society – Consensus was \$300 pending more specific information on finding out more specifically how the money for conservation is used. The board will make the final decision as to donating.

IOSPE – Margery Greene explained that frequent users are encouraged to pay annual dues of \$10 for the website upkeep, and she already paid personally so GROS doesn't need to. In response to John Kellas's question, she clarified that anyone can use the website, not just those who pay. Margery said that on the website, Jay Pfahl has indicated he is looking to buy more reference materials for use in keeping the site up-to date. \$50.00 proposed to facilitate that.

Sonnenberg – Fran Murphy provisionally proposed \$500. Last year's \$500 went for plants for display but strictly not for re-sale.

There were no further donations proposed.

Summary of proposed donations for 2019:

Judging Centers: \$ 600 (Toronto \$500, National Capital \$100)
 Sonnenberg: \$500 for materials & plants
 Bergen Swamp Pres. Society: \$300
 Orchid Conservation Alliance: \$300
 N. Amer. Cons. Center: \$300

(continued on Page 5)

GROS May Show Table

Plant	Genus	seed parent	pollen parent	grower
Cattleya Alliance				
Cattleya (C.) Irene Finny (1964) ¹	Laeliocattleya (Lc.)	Cattleya Bruno Alberts (1954) ¹	Cattleya J.A. Carbone	Fran Murphy
Cattleya coccinea	Sophranitis (S.)			Mike DeVito
Cattleya intermedia 'Rio'	Cattleya intermedia orlata ²			Fran Murphy
Cattleya jongheana (v. alba) 'Nakamoto' FCC/AOS				Carol Butcher
Cattleya mossiae 'Blue Boy'	Cattleya mossiae var. coerulea ²			Fran Murphy
Cattleya mossiae 'WCL'		C. mossiae 'Blanca'	C. mossiae 'Aurora'	Fran Murphy
Cattleya Park Ridge 'Thornbridge'	Laeliocattleya (Lc.)	Spring Comet	C. mossiae	Fran Murphy
Cattleya Shenandoah Valley	Laeliocattleya (Lc.)	Easter Bonnet	Shenandoah	Fran Murphy
Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Ladybug		Ctt. Rojo	Guarianthe aurantiaca	Margery Greene
Jackfowlicara (Jkf.) Appleblossom	Iwanagara (Iana.)	Caulaelia (Cll.) Snowflake	Rhyncattleanthe (Rth.) Orange Nugget	Margery Greene
Cypripedium Alliance				
Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Lady Isobel		rothschildianum	stonei	Alan Salzman
Paphiopedilum Saint Swithin 'DiCiomo Flying Eagle' AM/AOS		philippinense	rothschildianum	Alan Salzman
Paphiopedilum William Ambler		rothschildianum	wilhelminae	Alan Salzman
Paphiopedilum Rodney Wilcox Jones		haynaldianum	glaucophyllum	Alan Salzman
Paphiopedilum unnamed cross (3 plants)		Hung Sheng Bay (Shin Yi Heart x Hsinying Web)	Magic Cherry '#5' x Hsinying Rainbow 'Round'	Fran Murphy
Phragmipedium (Phrag.) Jason Fischer		Memoria Dick Clements	besseae	Carolyn Edwards
Oncidium Alliance				
Aliceara (Acra.) Pacific Nova 'Butter Buds'		Brassidium Shooting Star	Miltonia clowesii	Fran Murphy
Brassidium (Brsdm.) Golden Gamine 'White Knight'		Oncidium (Onc.) sotoanum ³	Brsdm. Gilded Urchin	Fran Murphy
Brassidium Golden Ocelot		Oncidium maculatum	Brassidium Nittany Gold	Alan Salzman
Dunningara (Dngra.) Ash Trees 'Everglades' HCC/AOS	Withnerara (With.)	Milpasia (Mpsa.) ⁴ Sandy Gibson	Onc. Tiger Butter	Alan Salzman
Miltonia (Milt.) spectabilis				Carolyn Edwards
Oncidium Lois Posey 'Crimson Fountain' AM/AOS	Cochlioda (Cda.)	noezlianum	strictum	Claire Cordaro
Oncidium naevium				Jeanne Kaeding
Rodrumnia (Rrm.) unnamed cross (3 plants)		Tolumnia (Tolu.) Red Barry	Rodrumnia Beaver Hollow	Jeanne Kaeding
Tolumnia (Tolu.) Jairak Flyer 'Coco Drop'		Tolu. Jairak Firm	Tolu. Jairak Rainbow	Jeanne Kaeding
Tolumnia Pine Hollow 'Sunspots')		Tolu. Sundown Reef	Tolu. Maple Dancer	Jeanne Kaeding
Vandaceous				
Phalaenopsis (Phal.) mariae				Phil Matt

Cymbidium Alliance				
Cymbidium (Cym.) devonianum				Jeanne Kaeding
Cymbidium Stepping Stone		Tiny Tiger	lowianum	Claire Cordaro
Miscellaneous				
Bulbophyllum (Bulb.) falcatum				Carol Butcher
Pelexia (Pel.) olivacea 'Barbara Jean' CHM/AOS				Jeanne Kaeding
Sarcolexia (Slx.) Pewter Glow		Sarcoglottis (Srgt.) grandiflora	Pelexia olivacea	Jeanne Kaeding
Notes:				
<p>Name corrections in bold.</p> <p>¹Dates are part of the name, to distinguish from other registrations with the same name. Duplicates arose with genus classification change from Laeliocattleya to Cattleya.</p> <p>²Royal Horticultural Society, the official orchid registry organization, does not use designations such as 'orlata' or 'var. coerulea'</p> <p>³The lavender-flowered fragrant oncidium many of us knew for years as Onc. ornithorhynchum is actually Onc. sotoanum. It was discovered that the name Onc. ornithorhynchum was used in an earlier publication to describe a yellow-flowered plant. The official Onc. ornithorhynchum is also known as Onc. pyramidale. Onc. sotoanum has no other accepted names. See the Internet Orchid Species Picture Encyclopedia (IOSPE) for photos of each species. http://www.orchidspecies.com/</p> <p>⁴Milpasia = Aspasia x Miltonia</p>				

- Margery Greene

Genesee Region Orchid Society Officers 2019-2020

President	Fran Murphy	924-7763	pres@geneseeorchid.org
Executive VP	Kim Hober		veep@geneseeorchid.org
Program VP	Carol Butcher		prog@geneseeorchid.org
Treasurer	Susan Ackerman		treas@geneseeorchid.org
Secretary	Margery Greene		sec@geneseeorchid.org
Member-at-Large	John Kellas		matlarge@geneseeorchid.org

GROS Committee Chairpersons 2019-2020

AOS Rep.	Dave Weiss	544-3561	aosrep@geneseeorchid.org
Auction	Kim Hober		
Education		<open>	
Community Outreach		<open>	
Monroe Cty. Liaison	David Hayes	782-0112	monroe2@geneseeorchid.org
Newsletter	Phil Matt	461-5977	webnews@geneseeorchid.org
Nominating	Mark Gillette	589-6031	
ODC Rep.	Alan Salzman	377-3213	
Property	(Exec. VP)		
Raffle	<open>		
Show 2020	Jonathan Jones		show2019@geneseeorchid.org
Social	<open>		
Sonnenberg Liaison	Fran Murphy	924-7763	
Webmaster	Phil Matt	461-5977	webnews@geneseeorchid.org
Youth Rep.	Jack Randolph		

For Sale

Unused, in box, commercial quality "fluorescent damp" service 4-tube T5 fixture with four (4) 56W brand new tubes. Super-efficient highly polished reflector. Very light in weight & easy to hang above your plants.

This is just an extra I've had sitting around since I upgraded my basement growing room. Puts out a LOT of light - you can grow Catts and even Vandas under this thing.

First \$100.00

Contact Phil Matt at the September meeting or email me at order3@philmatt.com if you're interested.



The Orchid Collection is a publication of the Genesee Region Orchid Society. It is published ten times per year for our members. Single membership is \$20.00, family membership is \$25.00 annually. Dues should be sent to the GROS at P.O. Box 20606, Rochester, N.Y. 14602. Phil Matt, Editor, P.O. Box 10406, Rochester 14610

webnews@geneseeorchid.org

(- Meeting Minutes, from p. 2)

AOS, for conservation:	\$300
IOSPE:	\$50
Total	\$2,350

Fran Murphy made a motion to approve these donations. Bill Renick seconded. The motion carried.

Jonathan Jones announced that Ann Oaks is selling her home. Anyone wanting her plants, pots and potting media should contact him.

Bill Renick motioned to accept the minutes from our April meeting. Phil Matt seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Jeanne Kaeding motioned to close the business meeting, Bill Renick seconded, motion carried 7:44 pm.

Carol Butcher introduced our speaker, Dr. Gary Meyer, who presented a program about the genus *Dracula*.

Our raffle and plant sales by several members followed the program. Meeting ended with presentation of our show table.

- Margery Greene
GROS Secretary

In memoriam

Joe Kunisch

ROCHESTER - Passed away on June 15, 2019 at age 80.

As one of our members with the longest history with the GROS, Joe is fondly remembered as one of the most talented hybridizers and growers of Paphiopedilum orchids of his time. As an exhibitor and vendor at the prestigious New York OS Show for a number of years, Joe and Bloomfield Orchids operated a world-class orchid nursery from a greenhouse in back of his home on West Bloomfield Road in Pittsford NY, where packages of his prized Paphs were dispatched to growers around the world on a regular basis. Bloomfield Orchids was a fixture at our local shows at regional shows as well, where Joe racked up trophies for his exhibits and AOS awards for his plants. He was quoted in the book, *The Orchid Thief*, where he told author Susan Orlean "You can get off alcohol, drugs, women, food and cars, but once you're hooked on orchids, you're finished. You never get off orchids ... never." As an engineer by trade and owner of PolyPro Inc., Joe invented and manufactured what everyone calls the "Joe Pot," a specialized plastic vessel specifically designed for growing orchid seedlings that had been deflasked - i.e., a compot - still in use worldwide.

In memoriam

Iris G. Cohen, MSW

SYRACUSE - Passed away July 28, 2019 at age 89.

Iris was a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and Syracuse University. She worked as a Psychiatric Social Worker for the Oswego County Mental Health Department. She was a board member of the Syracuse Jewish Family Service, was active at Congregation Ner Tamid and a current member of Congregation Beth Shalom-Chevre Shas.

Iris raised bonsai and orchards and was an officer of the local plant societies. As a GROS member of many, many years standing, Iris served as our Show Table maven/taxonomist, ardently researching plant names and hybrid charts to convert the often mostly illegible Show Table slips into beautifully crafted tables for the GROS newsletters. Iris will be greatly missed by all who knew her and for her giving nature, humor and wit.

Dues are Due!

That's right! To keep the GROS' great programs and speakers coming, we all have to pony up once a year. Now's the time: see our Treasurer Sue at the Sept. meeting and hand her your check:

\$20 single
\$25 family