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Editor's Note:

Contributions to the Orchid Enthusiast by members of the CNYOS are welcome. Articles, pictures, or ideas for discussion subjects should be submitted by the first week of the month before the next meeting to:

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**It's time to renew
your membership!
Individuals \$20
Family \$22**

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Next Meeting: Sunday April 11. There Will Be no Formal Meeting. We Will Meet at 11AM at the Parish Hall for a Brief Business Meeting and Then Car-Pool to Rochester for the GROS Show and Sale.

Remember – April 11 at 11AM

GROS Show

The GROS (Genesee Regional Orchid Society) Show will be held from Friday, April 9, 2010 through Sunday, April 11, 2010. Setup will take place on Thursday, April 8, and teardown on Sunday, April 11, at 4PM. Friday is devoted to judging. There is an awards reception from 5:30 to 7 on that day. A registration form can be downloaded from their website <http://geneseeorchid.org/geneseeorchid/show.html>. The show is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. It is located at the RSMC Eisenhart Auditorium at 657 East Ave, and admission is \$7!! A \$1 discount coupon can be downloaded from the above web-site. Send plant registration information ahead of the show to Iris Cohen for any plants you will be entering in this show in the CNYOS Show Display. Indicate whether plants are windowsill grown. For Phals. and Cattleyas, also include the color. Plants can be dropped off at Sue & Jerry Finger's house, or at the church on Tuesday or Wednesday from 9 to 5. Charles Ufford will collect plants for anyone in the Utica area and bring the plants to setup on Thursday. Jan Woodworth will handle the setup, Dave Ditz, Judi Witkin and Charles Ufford are in charge of take down.

President's Message

April is around the corner and with that comes SPRING!! The days will continue to get longer and we should be seeing more growth in our plants and hopefully blooms. We had a great March meeting, and a big Thank You goes out to Iris for doing an awesome presentation on the propagation of orchids using Keiki paste. We will be entering an exhibit at the GROS and STOS shows in April. Please consider sending your flowering plants. The GROS show set up is April 8th, and Jan Woodworth is taking the lead on show set up. The STOS orchid show is April 23rd, and Jan Woodworth and Barbara Weller are doing the show set up. Please read the meeting minutes for more details on the shows. Because our next meeting coincides with the Rochester show, we will be holding a brief business meeting at 11am, so that those who wish to go to the show may do so. Thanks to all who attended our March meeting. See you on April 11th.

Lori

STOS Show

Our club will also have a display at the Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) which will take place at the Oakdale Mall, Center Court, at Exit 70N off Route 17 in Johnson City. Set up is Thursday, April 22 starting at 3PM. Judging will be on Friday, and the show is open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with take down at 5PM Sunday. Our display will be set up by Jan Woodworth and Barbara Weller. Plants can be dropped off at Charles Ufford's or Eva Galson's house on Tuesday and Wednesday April 20 and 21. Please call first : 446-0224 (Eva) and 768-7466 (Charles).

March Show Table

Please note all names and abbreviations in boldface. Kindly **update your records** with registered names or parents.

Cypripedium Alliance

<i>Phrag.</i> Cape Sunset (Eric Young × <i>schlimii</i>)		Braue
<i>Paph. primulinum</i>	"	
<i>Paph. delenatii</i>		Ditz
<i>Phrag.</i> Paul Eugene Conroy (<i>longifolium</i> × <i>warszewiczianum</i> syn. <i>wallisii</i>)		"

Cattleya Alliance

<i>Rl. glauca</i>		Capella
Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Betty von Paulsen (<i>C. Hazel Abel</i> × <i>Gur. aurantiaca</i>)*		Corey
Ctt. Chocolate Flirt (<i>C. Flirtie</i> × Ctt. Chocolate Drop)*		"
Ctt. Trick or Treat × <i>C. lawrenceana</i>		"
Ctt. Hazel Boyd (<i>C. California Apricot</i> × <i>Ctt.</i> Jewel Box)		Burritt
<i>C. intermedia</i>		Finger
Ctt. Secret Love (Candy Tuft × <i>C. Mini Purple</i>)		"
<i>Bc.</i> Rustic Spots (Richard Mueller × <i>C. Landate</i>)		Cohen
Cattlianthe Exotic Mini Treat (Trick or Treat × <i>C. Seagulls Mini-Cat Heaven</i>)		Coleman
<i>Lc.</i> Angel Love × Gur. skinneri		"
<i>Ctt.</i> Exotic Mini Treat		?

Vandaceous

<i>Phal.</i> Brother Lawrence × Melodious Bells		Burritt
<i>Phal.</i> Talin Gold × <i>Dtps.</i> Sunrise Star		"
Dtps. Melody (Casablanca Joy × <i>Phal.</i> Join King)		"
<i>Dtps.</i> Sogo Vivien (Sogo Alice × <i>Phal.</i> Zuma's Pixie)		"
Darwinara (Dar.) Charm (<i>Neof. falcata</i> × <i>Vasco.</i> Tham Yuen Hae)†		Corey
<i>Phal.</i> Deventeriana (<i>amabilis</i> × <i>amboinensis</i>)*		Braue
<i>Dtps.</i> Sogo Vivien		Cohen
<i>Phal.</i> Timothy Christopher (Cassandra × <i>aphrodite</i> ssp. <i>formosana</i>)		"
<i>Phal.</i> unknown		Stevener
<i>Phal.</i> unknown, 2 plants		Galson
<i>Phal.</i> Baldan's Kaleidoscope (Hausermann's Candy × Daryl Lockhart)		"
<i>Phal.</i> unknown		Finger
<i>Rhy. gigantea</i>		Capella
<i>Phal.</i> Timothy Christopher		Coleman
<i>Phal.</i> Baldan's Kaleidoscope		"

Oncidium Alliance

<i>Hwra.</i> Lava Burst (Mini-Primi × <i>Rdza. lanceolata</i>)	Burritt
<i>Onc.</i> Twinkle (<i>cheirophorum</i> × <i>ornithorhynchum</i>)	Galson
<i>Brsa.</i> Memoria Bert Field (<i>Ada aurantiaca</i> × <i>Brs. verrucosa</i>)	Coleman
<i>Onc. brunleesianum</i>	"

Pleurothallid Alliance

<i>Masd.</i> Memoria John Schwind (June Winn × <i>exquisita</i>)	Capella
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Dendrobium

<i>Den. striolatum</i>	Capella
<i>Den. aberrans</i>	Stevener
<i>Den.</i> Aussie's Chip (<i>aberrans</i> × <i>atroviolaceum</i>)	Capella

Miscellaneous

<i>Prom.</i> Chameleon (Limelight × <i>guttata</i>)	Finger
<i>Bulb. blumei</i>	Capella

*This cross has been looked up before. **Please update your records.**

†Names of complex hybrid genera named after people always end in -ara.

Iris Cohen

If you have any questions, you can always call 315-461-9226 or e-mail

<mailto:iriscohen@aol.com?subject=Show Table>

Minutes – CNYOS Meeting March 7, 2010

Lori Hoffman opened the meeting at 2:20 PM by welcoming the club members and visitors:

1. Lori reviewed the minutes from the February meeting and asked if there were any corrections or additions. There were none. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Charles Ufford and seconded by Rick Braue and passed by a show of hands.
2. Lori reminded the club that we are still looking for a 2nd Vice-President to work with Charles. Any interested person should contact Charles or Lori.
3. GROS (Genesee Regional Orchid Society) has been notified that our club will set up a display table at their April 2010 Show. They asked if we needed any special orientation for our display and how many tables we would need. Per Judi Witkin and David Ditz, in the past we have only needed one table and that table could be set against the wall and viewed directly from the front. They told Lori to tell GROS that we would need electric connections for the table's lights.
4. GROS Show Chairperson also notified Lori that there would be an awards reception Friday night and that if any of our members would care to attend, they were welcome. Information about the reception is on the GROS website.
5. Iris Cohen will handle plant registration for any CNYOS member sending plants to the GROS Show. Please send your plant list to her.
6. Charles Ufford will collect plants for the GROS Show for anyone in the Utica area and bring the plants to setup on Thursday, April 8; please contact Charles to arrange a drop-off time. Iris Cohen will also collect plants at her house; contact Iris to arrange a drop-off time. Plants may also be dropped off at St. Augustine's Church, on Tuesday, April 6, and Wednesday, April 7, between 9A and 5P.

7. Take down for the club display at the GROS Show will be handled by Judi Witkin, David Ditz, Charles Ufford and Jan Woodworth and any willing CNYOS members at the show. If you can not be at the show to help with take down and to pick up your own plants, please notify Judi, Jan, David or Charles to arrange collection of your plants after the show.
8. The club will also set up a display at the STOS (Southern Tier Orchid Society) Show but we do not have any details about the display space requirements or received registration forms yet. Iris is planning to handle plant registration for this show also. This show will be held April 23, 24 and 25, with set up on Thursday, April 22. Jan Woodworth and Barb Weller will set our club display up. Plants can be dropped off at Charles Ufford's or at Eva Galson's home on the Tuesday, April 20, and Wednesday, April 21, before set up (on Thursday, April 22). Barb Weller will collect the plants from Eva's house; Charles will bring the plants from his house to the show setup. Please contact either Charles or Eva to arrange a plant drop off time with them. *(Note from secretary: Please note dates have been changed to reflect actual show dates on the STOS website and are different from dates in February minutes and discussed at CNYOS meeting).*
9. CNYOS 2010 Show – David Ditz reported on preparations for our 2010 show. Beaver Lake has no problem with CNYOS charging a \$2 admission fee if we call this a donation and do not advertise the admission price. It was suggested that we set up a collection box labeled “Suggested Donation.” David held a brief show meeting prior to today's meeting and the show committee is making progress on setting up vendors and judges for the show.
10. Dickman Farms contacted Judi Witkin about the club participating in their “VA-VA Blooms” event on April 17 and 18. Judi said we would participate as we have in past years and will order plants to be sold at our club table there. She asked for volunteers to help man the club sales table. Please contact Judi if you are interested in volunteering.
11. Iris Cohen announced that March 13-14 is the weekend for the Rochester Flower Show.
12. The CNYOS Auction will be held at the May meeting on May 2. Judi Witkin and Carlo Haskell are contacting vendors for plants. Lori will ask Tom Dailey if he is willing to act as auctioneer. Eva Galson reported that she has a copy of Orchid Wiz to be auctioned at the May Auction
13. Carol Haskell presented the Treasurer's Report. Currently, the club has a balance of \$3660.65 in our account. Carol reported that club has received \$467.15 income to date. She also reminded all members that it's time to pay 2010 membership dues, if they haven't done this already.
14. Lori closed the meeting by introducing our speaker, Iris Cohen, who spoke on “How to Use Keiki Paste and How to Pollinate Phalaenopsis.”
15. Thanks to Sue and Jerry Finger and Eva Galson for providing refreshments for the February meeting!

Pat Cotter, Secretary, 3-14-10

Treasurer's Report

Assets as of 3/7/10

Cash Account	254.50
Key Bank	<u>3,406.15</u>
Total	3,660.65

Summary Report 1/1/10 – 3/7/10

Inflows	696.50
Outflows	<u>229.35</u>
Net Inflows/Outflows	467.15

Refreshment Volunteers

April	No refreshment needed – Rochester Show	
May	1. David Ditz	2. Pat Cotter
June	Spring Picnic	Everyone Contributes

Events Calendar

April 9-11	GROS (Genesee Regional Orchid Society) Show & Sale (set-up 4/8)
April 11	Meet at 11AM at the Parish hall for a short business meeting and then to car pool to the GROS Spring Show & Sale in Rochester
April 17-18	Dickman Farms “Va Va Bloom” Open House
April 23-25	STOS(Southern Tier Orchid Society) Show & Sale (set-up 4/22)
May 2	CNYOS meeting Orchid Auction
June ?	CNYOS Picnic Details TBA
July & August	No Meeting
September 12	CNYOS Meeting TBA (second Sunday of the month because of Labor Day)
October 1-3	CNYOS Show and Sale

Orchid Diversity

One of the most fascinating things about orchids is their incredible diversity. They can be found on all the continents except Antarctica and in all kinds of environments from lowland bogs to high mountain forests. They come in all sizes from microscopic to giants that weigh several tons when mature. As a result of the discovery of a bee in amber with pollinia from an orchid, the age of the orchid family is now estimated to be approximately 80 million years making it one of the oldest flowering plants. That has given the family a long time to diverge and mutate and evolve into a large number of species in all kinds of habitats.

It is estimated that there are between 20,000 and 30,000 different species of orchids and more are being discovered and named every day. This variety gives the hobbyist an almost unlimited choice of what to grow if he is interested in species, depending upon the conditions available for culture. Or if you can provide different conditions using artificial means the choice can be expanded.

The largest genus in the orchid family contains over 1500 species and is around the world. Most are found in Asia and Africa in moist tropical forests in which flies and have developed flower attract them. One of the most famous produces a scent of rotting meat on a dead animal.



Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis

is that of *Bulbophyllum* which is found throughout tropical regions Asia, Australia, Papua New Guinea shaded areas. Many are pollinated by flies and have developed flower fragrance of rotting materials to attract them. One of the most famous is *Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis* which flowers that from a distance resemble

Dendrobium is the second largest genus after *Bulbophyllum* with over 1200 species ranging through all parts of Asia and the Pacific and is the second most common orchid genera in cultivation after the Cattleyas. Characterized by a cane-like, epiphytic and sometimes lithophytic, sympodial, pseudobulbs that can be any size or shape, with flowers that last for 1 day to months. They are found from India east through all of Asia and up into China and then out through all the Pacific islands including Australia to the south. It is a very diverse group and potting and cultural requirements need to be customized for each species individual environment, in order to be successful in growing and flowering them. Most *Dendrobiums* have pseudobulbs which resemble canes and some species can grow quite tall. In general, they will flower best when grown in small pots where they are allowed to become root bound. These orchids have become very popular as cut flowers and are bred extensively around the world for this purpose.

Here are a few examples of the variety of species, just beginning with the letter “a”:



Den. albosanguinea



Den. alexandrae



Den. agathadaemonis



Den. amethystoglossum

The genus **Epidendrum** is generally thought to be the next largest one, with over 1000 known species throughout tropical Americas and the Caribbean. It is distinguished by a slit rostellum and has the lip united with the column creating a nectary tube that continues through the pedicel. Many members of this genus have reed like stems but they also can have thickened pseudobulbs. This is a genus on which much work needs to be done to make it more uniform. Culture for this group is as diverse as the climates in which they occur, from tropical lowlands to high alpine cloud forests, but as a rule most appreciate intermediate conditions and an even watering and fertilizing schedule. There are many terrestrial species in this group as well as epiphytes so culture is important. The only common factor is good drainage. This genus is part of the Cattleya alliance and is often used in breeding plans.



Epidendrum gastropodium



Epidendrum cauliflorum



Epidendrum cottoniflorum



Epidendrum laucheum

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Car Pool to GROS Show in Rochester After Brief Business Meeting***