

The BAILEYAN

<http://www.hort.cornell.edu/LHBGC/>

The Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club of Ithaca meets each month on the Second Tuesday at the Horton Room in the Floriculture Greenhouse, Tower Road Cornell University Ithaca, New York. The Club is open to all gardeners. Visitors are welcome.



Winter Aconite, photo courtesy of Ed Cobb

Chionodoxa, photo courtesy of Ed Cobb

Save the date!

March 10th

An Introduction to the Orchid Family: their history, taxonomy and cultivation

Alfonso Doucette (amd94@cornell.edu)

The Board of Directors will meet at 7 PM. The regular meeting will begin at 7:30 PM



Epidendrum cochlioda, photo courtesy of Alfonso Doucette

April 14th

Forest Farming at the MacDaniels Nut Grove
Dr. Kenneth Mudge

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From the President's corner

Dear Members:

The calendar indicates that by the time we have our next meeting on March 10, there will be 10 more days until the first day of spring and I am sure we are all looking forward to that event. Remember that Daylight Savings Time starts on March 8 so be sure and "Spring Ahead" one hour with your clocks. According to the Lab of Ornithology, there have been sightings of flocks of robins, red winged blackbirds and other spring birds and that provides us with another harbinger of spring to look for.

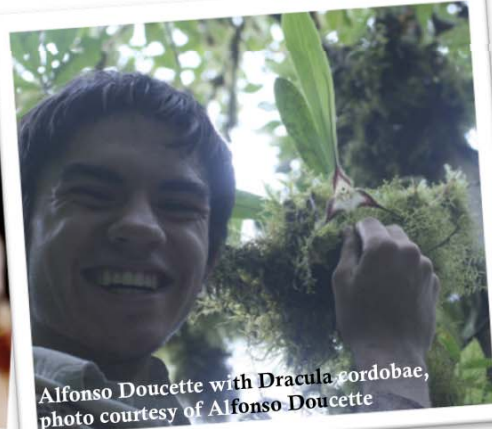
Remember that we still need volunteers for some of our committees and would appreciate each one of you giving some thought to what you might be able to do to help. One special volunteer effort is the seedling geranium planting that is led by Bob Parlett. These plants will be distributed to local VA facilities and will provide a cheerful presence to those who visit and those who are ill. Another necessary function that has to happen is a financial audit of the 2008 records. Helen Swank has let me know that three or five people are necessary to conduct this function.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting in March.

Ken Devine, President



Holcoglossum wangii, photo courtesy of Alfonso Doucette



Alfonso Doucette with *Dracula cordobae*, photo courtesy of Alfonso Doucette



Masdevallia leucantha, photo courtesy of Alfonso Doucette

February '09 Meeting Minutes

Incoming President Ken Devine called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm and made the following announcements:

- A list of upcoming plant exhibitions (Syracuse, Philadelphia, Rochester) will appear in the next newsletter.
- A sympathy card for Ray Fox, who recently lost his wife, will be passed around for members to sign.
- The 2009 refreshment schedule and committee sign-up sheet will be circulated; members are encouraged to participate.

Old business

Treasurer's Report (last report Nov 11): Helen Swank reported that as of Jan 31st the Club had \$1,313 in checking, \$1,020 in savings, and \$1,059 in a CD that will mature soon. Helen also announced that there were still three calendars available for sale and she passed around copies of the 2009 membership list for corrections.

The March 10th meeting will feature a presentation by Alfonso Doucette, a Plant Biology undergraduate who has studied orchids in Ecuador and Florida.

New Business

It was proposed that the refreshment schedule be posted in the newsletter.

Bob Parlett described a plan for growing geraniums for Memorial Day distribution by the Garden Club to Nursing Homes at several regional Veteran's hospitals. Two thousands seeds will be started in rented greenhouse space on or around Feb. 14. Transplanting will be required 6 weeks after planting and members will be asked to participate. Rob will have a firm date by the next GC meeting. Cost to GC is minimal (\$110 for space and plant watering throughout duration).

The Ithaca Falls project was discussed with Dave Farmer reporting that he had visited the site and talked with the Finger Lakes Independence Center about possible designs for the GC-sponsored hand-rail that is proposed. Dave has determined that a group of Civil Engineering students are interested in working on the project. Concerns were expressed about high water (the Hillmans have volunteered to take a photo of the site) and "trash trees" that impede/limit access and views. Helen mentioned an Ithaca Journal "dart" in this regard. Anna volunteered to talk with City Forester Andy Hillman to determine if there are any plans to remove the unwanted trees.

Ed showed four short videos on grafting while we enjoyed the delicious cake that Ken's wife made.

Meeting was adjourned at ~8:30 pm.

Garden shows

The 2009 Philadelphia Garden Show "Bella Italia"

Sunday, March 1st through Sunday March 8th at the Pennsylvania Convention Center 12th and Arch Steets, Philadelphia www.theflowershow.com/showinfo/index.html

CNY Blooms

March 5th - 8th at the Convention Center at Oncenter, Syracuse www.cnyblooms.com/

GardenScape, the Rochester Flower Show

March 12th - 15th www.rochesterflowershow.com/



Eria sp., photo courtesy of Alfonso Doucette

Cornell Extension Activities

<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/events/index.html>

Unless another location is listed in the entry, events are held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca NY

Food Gardening Panel Discussion

Monday, March 9, 6:30-8:30 pm

Don't miss this panel discussion by several experienced food gardeners! Master Gardeners and others with years of food growing experience will highlight some advanced ways to maximize your crop and extend the growing season.

This workshop will assume that attendees have had some growing experience.

For a more basic discussion of how to get started, see the February 26 class

described above. Pre-registration recommended. Fee: \$5. For more information about gardening classes, contact Pat Curran, Horticulture Program Manager, at 607-272-2292, or pc21@cornell.edu

Local Foods Volunteer Gathering

Thursday, March 12, 6:00-8:00 pm

Are you enthusiastic about growing, eating, preparing or preserving locally grown foods? The Local Foods Network is looking for new volunteers to join a fun team of farmers, chefs, gardeners, nutritionists and many others working together to promote local foods and farms in the community. Come to this volunteer gathering to meet others interested in local foods and find out more about how you can put your talents to great use with a project underway, or start your own! For more information or to rsvp, contact: Liz Karabinakis at 272-2292 x190 or evk4@cornell.edu

Growing Roses – It's Simpler Than You Think

Thursday March 19, 6:30-8:30 pm

Roses are beautiful, but not all varieties will thrive here in central NY. Learn which roses will flourish in your garden. Find out about planting, fertilizing, watering, and pruning. It's really not any more complicated than the care of other woody plants. Lee Ginenthal has been growing roses for almost 30 years and is the owner of Der Rosenmeister, a local nursery specializing in cold-hardy, disease-resistant roses from all over the world. Lee has selected the best for our area from the thousands of varieties available. Pre-registration recommended. Fee: \$5. For more information about gardening classes, contact Pat Curran, Horticulture Program Manager, at 607-272-2292, or pc21@cornell.edu

Community Beautification Program Volunteer Training

2 Tuesdays, March 24 & 31, 6:00-8:30 pm

The Beautification Brigade takes care of all the public flower plantings in Ithaca. Have fun, learn gardening techniques, and help keep Ithaca gorgeous. Free dinner provided at the trainings. Free and open to anyone who wishes to volunteer with the program. Email dek22@cornell.edu, or call 272-2292 extension 123, for more information or to request a volunteer application



Masdevallia notosibirica, photo courtesy of Alfonso Doucette



Pleurothallis hemirhoda, photo courtesy of Alfonso Doucette

Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club 2009 Meeting Schedule

January 13th: Meeting cancelled

February 10th: Fruitwise apple tree grafting – YouTube

March 10th: An Introduction to the Orchid Family: their history, taxonomy and cultivation – Alfonso Doucette (amd94@cornell.edu)

April 14th: Forest Farming at the MacDaniels Nut Grove – Dr. Kenneth Mudge

May 12th: Plant Auction

June 9th or 13th: McLean bog habitat tour of native orchids

July 14th: Picnic?

August 11th: RPM Trees Dryden tour?????

September 8th: Plant exchange Horton Room

October 13th: Dish to pass dinner

November 10th: Election

December 8th: Holiday decorations



A Wild Orchid (by Lanie Alexandria Costeas)

We are all flowers in the garden of the world.
 Some of us are daisies dainty and bright.
 Some of us are poppies, with sweet contagious laughter.
 If there was a flower for you,
 You'd be a wild orchid,
 So full of life, colors alive,
 Sprinkled with scarlet and purple,
 Explosions of colors racing through your petals.
 I was walking in a garden,
 Looking for a flower with a soul like yours,
 A free spirit, so intense and vivid.
 There were many flowers,
 The tulips were always telling me to stand up straight
 and not open up too much.
 The violets were deep but when watered with love closed up.
 The rose was too perfect in every aspect.
 Then there was you so unique and wild.
 A orchid with a soul different from them all
 different to touch, to hold, to look at.
 You took my wild colorful side, and let it live.
 Set me free with your fire
 I dream of finding you again,
 discovering you again,
 There's far too many daisies in life.

Websites of interest (provided by Ed Cobb)

- ❖ <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/events/index.html>
- ❖ <http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/>
- ❖ <http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/homegardening/>
- ❖ http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/woody_plants/



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