



# The Orchid Keiki



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## Photo and Article

### Credits:

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- Leon Glicenstein
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## **"Jewel Orchids** by *Leon Glicenstein* *Sunday, May 16th at 2:00 pm*

Leon Glicenstein joined Hoosier Orchid Company in September 1998 which unfortunately closed its doors a few years ago. He began growing orchids in 1954, and became assistant to the curator of orchids at the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens—then Carl Withner—from 1957 to 1960. He has advanced degrees in Chemistry and Horticulture, with an emphasis on plant breeding, cytology, and cytogenetics. Working as a plant breeder for five years at Linda Vista S.A. in Costa Rica, he photographed, in the wild, approximately 80% of the then-



known orchid species of Costa Rica. He also found new species such as *Telopogon glicensteini*, *Macroclinium glicensteinii*, *Pterichis leo* and *Lepanthes glicensteinii*. He has photographed many of the orchids in the Northeastern United States, Florida, and all of the orchids in California, where he located some taxa not formerly known to exist there. He has given numerous conservation-oriented lectures, both nationally and internationally, showing orchids growing in their native habitats and was a speaker at the World Orchid Conference in Vancouver.

## Members Corner "Volunteers Needed"

As many of you are aware, our Society is a volunteer driven group and every activity and event is planned, organized, and setup by your fellow society members. A large portion of this is done by your elected Board of Officers. However, with all of our great events, it can become overwhelming for a few people to manage. But with a small effort from multiple members, the job is quickly and easily accomplished.

### Some possible ways you can help are:

- Meeting set up (show table)
- Manning the welcome table
- Putting together the newsletter (or just contributing photos or articles)
- Mentoring new members
- Helping sign-up volunteers for plant sales and repotting clinics



As the new season approaches, it is the perfect time to think about how you can help. Just a small contribution on your part can make a tremendous difference in the ease of managing these events. Contact Valerie, Garland, or Betty Jo if you feel you have a few hours to give.

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## President's Message

2009/2010 has been a good year.... Our attendance and revenues are up thanks to the quality of our speakers and programs, an annual show that gets better and better, and the dedication of our members to make the whole thing work!

With the installation of the new board members at our upcoming May meeting, a list of committee chairs will be available for VOS members to fill. Most are low-impact responsibilities that require minimum effort yet fill an important function for our club. I would like to encourage each of you to consider one of the upcoming positions. It's YOUR club and the only way it works for us all to pitch in!

Here is a sampling of committee chairs that will be available:

**Club Library**-Maintain list of periodicals. Bring them to the meeting when they are requested by members.

**Newsletter**-Take information and articles provided by the membership, place them in an established electronic newsletter template and email! You'll need knowledge of MS Publisher (easy to learn) and an email account.

**Judging Chair**-Organize plant judging at general meetings. Record results and tally at the end of the year. Results currently recorded on MS Excel.

## Nominating Committee Results

As per our club Constitution and By-laws, a nominating committee was appointed by the VOS President to find board member candidates for the upcoming year.

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following members to hold board positions for the 2010/2011 season:

President-Garland Hanson  
 President Elect-Valerie Thacker  
 Vice President-David Sombach  
 Treasurer-Patti St. Clair  
 Recording Secretary-Mary Anna Marshal  
 Membership-Betty Jo Fulghum  
 The membership will have the opportunity to meet the nominees at the May meeting and vote on acceptance.



## Welcome—New Members!!!

We would like to welcome our new members to the Virginia Orchid Society!

Anne Wright  
Sue Fulghum  
Patricia O'Berry  
Sylvia Halberg

Please take a moment to welcome these new members at the next event that you have the opportunity! Mentoring one of these members is simple. You just need to contact them by phone a couple of times over the summer reminding them about the summer picnic, the first September meeting and offer to “show them around” a meeting to make them feel more comfortable. If you are interested in being a mentor for one of these enthusiastic members, please contact Betty Jo Fulghum at [jofulghum@comcast.net](mailto:jofulghum@comcast.net).

## Spring Auction and LGBG Parking Lot Sales Report

Two of our main fund-raisers were again very successful! The Spring Auction was again dominated by blooming hybrids, an impressive show of species and cutting-edge Cattleya hybrids! This year's species vendor provided a sizeable number of Cattleya Alliance species. Something we had never seen before. They proved very popular with discriminating bidders!

The Spring Lewis Ginter Parking Lot Sale is a wonderful 3-day event that runs Thursday-Saturday. There is a distinctly different clientele each day! We are lucky to have our sales tent located just outside the entrance of the Ginter sales tent, a very popular place. Most all plants were in bloom and were offered in 2" to 6" pots! Many of the unsold plants will be available through the raffle at the May meeting!

Thanks to all VOS volunteers that helped make each sale a success!



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### Schedule of Virginia Orchid Society Events

Sunday, June 20th

### Virginia Orchid Society VOS Picnic

Mary Lange's has graciously opened her home to the VOS for their summer picnic. Due to the excessive heat in August we have decided to move the picnic to June. Mary is an excellent grower of cymbidiums and other cool growing orchids so this will be an excellent opportunity to see her greenhouse and growing conditions.

Please be sure to put this date on your calendar. Stay tune for further information.



**Virus testing continues to be available at minimal cost at each of the general meetings. Bring plants to the meeting for testing or purchase your own testing kits. See Mike Mealy for additional information and testing.**

#### VOS Committee Chairs

Affiliated Societies  
Empty

Newsletter  
Valerie Thacker

Website  
Jerry Rogers

Continuing Education  
Empty

Programs  
Valerie Thacker/Shannon  
Reber

Endowment  
Charles Gardner

Hospitality  
DJ and Jerry Merski

Membership  
Betty Jo Fulghum

Librarian / Archives  
David Sombach

Publicity  
Shannon Reber

Show Committee  
Valerie Thacker

Judges Forum  
David Sombach

Auctions  
Garland Hanson

Ad Hoc  
David Sombach  
Dick Burch  
Valerie Thacker

## Native Orchid Tour a Bust for 2010....Maybe Next Year!!

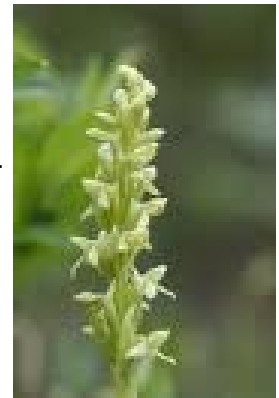
A native orchid tour for VOS members had been proposed for Saturday, May 8. Allen Black happened to tour the main site a week early and found the orchids to already be beyond their peak bloom. I was in the area four days after Allen and drove to the site only to find a few ragged, faded blooms. Perhaps the cold and snowy winter encouraged the plants to emerge and bloom early!



Better luck next year...stay tuned!

## NEW Strange's Gardening Forum (ORCHIDS TOO)

Strange's has begun a new, all encompassing online gardening forum! This "online community" is special in that it focuses only on gardening in central Virginia. Sections are included on trees, perennials, hydrangeas, roses, composting, etc. However, the BEST feature is the Virginia Orchid Society section! Yes, the VOS has a club section where you can read and post. Current sections are "discussion" and "events". You can post photos and discuss anything related to orchids and their culture. We can add additional sections if needed. Check out [www.centralviriniagardeners.com](http://www.centralviriniagardeners.com)!



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