



# Southern Tier Orchid Society



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## December 2014

\*\*\*HOLIDAY PARTY\*\*\*

### NEXT MEETINGS

**December 21, 2:00** First United Methodist Church  
of Endicott (downstairs)

**January 18, 2:00** First United Methodist Church  
\*\*1:00 Board/Show Committee Meeting

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## DECEMBER PROGRAM NOTE

Please bring a covered dish to the annual holiday party on Sunday, December 21, with a serving spoon. Dessert, main or side dishes are all welcome! Each family who attends will get a FREE raffle ticket for an orchid plant. Please bring any in-bloom plants to decorate the tables, to make the party more festive!!

**\*\*Note:** In the event of a weather emergency, please check your email the morning of the party! If nothing is received from STOS, the party is on. Likewise, those who receive the newsletter by regular mail will receive a call from one of us. If any questions, members may also call one of the Board Members.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed. Contributions must be submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month to the editor.

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## President`s Message

Happy Holidays everyone!!!

I want to send a special "thank you" to Vice President, Bob Howe, who very thoughtfully and capably covered for me at our October meeting, while I was in California visiting my daughter (who I had not seen in two years!) Thank you, Bob! You did an outstanding job conducting the meeting! (Are you sure we can't talk you into running for President in 2015?!)

As we are nearing the holidays, I ask that you please join us for our December meeting and annual holiday gathering on Sunday, December 21st at 2:00 p.m. We will have a brief meeting and hold our 2015 elections, followed by a delicious holiday feast and merriment! We will hold our December meeting/holiday party in the lower level of the church (so please park in the back). We will need to set up the tables for the meeting/feast, so if anyone can come a bit early to help set up (~1:30), your help would be greatly appreciated!! (Many hands make light work!!) Everyone--please bring a dish to pass; the club will be providing a meat platter and beverages. Also, please bring your blooming orchids to adorn our tables while we eat. We will be having a FREE raffle, and every family will take home a free orchid, compliments of our club. This is always a fun event and we hope you can join us.

I look forward to see you at the meeting!

Linda



## Membership Dues

It's that time of year - membership renewal time! The 2015 membership form is included in the newsletter above and, for your convenience it is also available on our website:

[Southern Tier Orchid Society - Membership Form](#)

Annual membership dues of \$20.00 for 2015 is payable now. If you have not turned in your membership for 2013 or 2014, please take this opportunity to do so. January 1st is the due date and dues need to be paid no later than May 31st. We need you! The STOS is a great organization, full of camaraderie and people who are willing to share of their orchid knowledge.

**\*\*NOTE:** Those who have not paid their **2013** dues will be dropped from the active membership list and will no longer receive the Newsletter. If you did not pay dues in 2013, you may renew your membership now in order to continue receiving the Newsletter in January.





## SOUTHERN TIER ORCHID SOCIETY 2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) annual memberships are \$20 per individual or household, and we ask you to complete the following form to update our membership and mailing lists for the newsletter. Payments are accepted in cash at the meeting or by check or money order, made payable to **Southern Tier Orchid Society**.

Please send this form and your payment to:

Jane Trey-Treasurer  
62 Lincoln Ave  
Binghamton, NY 13905

OR

Linda Mandeville-membership coordinator  
1515 Walker Rd.  
Endicott, NY 13760

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM A NEW MEMBER (PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW).

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP AND MY CONTACT INFORMATION IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S.

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP AND AM UPDATING MY CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please indicate if you would allow your contact information to be released to other members: (Y/N)

**I would like to receive the newsletter (please check one). \*Please help us conserve – if you have email, please let us send your newsletter to your email:**

By e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

By mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** This form can also be found on our website ([www.storchidsociety.com](http://www.storchidsociety.com))

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_



## Minutes for November 16, 2014

The Southern Tier Orchid Society held its November meeting without the presence of our esteemed President, Linda Mandeville. She was enjoying a much needed break to spend time with family members via a long distance trip. Way to go, Linda! We missed your presence, but, having said that, we were privileged to have Mr. Bob Howe, Vice-President, conduct the meeting in your absence! At approximately 2:10 pm, Mr. Howe called the meeting to order, explained why he was taking Mrs. Mandeville's place. Last month's meeting minutes were approved and seconded.

Next Bob, asked Jane Trey, secretary, for a balance in our account. The treasury holds \$9,277.00. Old business was next. The members for officer candidates for the 2015 season are: President, Linda Mandeville, Vice President, Carol Vargason, for Secretary, Carol Brunnabend; Jane Trey for Treasurer and for the only vacant board member position, Anne Tinker Quain. We, the membership will vote our choices, at the beginning of our Holiday Party which will be held downstairs (parking lot entrance of the church) on Sunday, December 21st at 2:00 pm. Please come early with a "dish to pass" in hand and a willingness to help set up for the party. We invite members to bring a guest and IF your quest joins, he/she will be given a growing orchid as a holiday gift! So come join the festivities...and EAT, DRINK and BE MERRY!!!

The dues for 2015 membership are due (only \$20 for the year). You can bring a membership form, (print from the STOS site), fill it out and turn it in to Jane, our treasurer at the party and wallah you're a member and YOU can also go home with an orchid!!

Next the membership was asked, by Paula Matienzo, if we want the information, about our show table orchids, to be printed monthly, in the newsletter, as it was in the past. A casual vote was taken and it was decided, that if members came with their orchid information, identified same on a sheet of paper on the table, it would indeed be part of the newsletter. Those members who brought orchids for viewing were: Bob R, John Z, Carol V, Dave C, Donna C and Dawna C.

We next took a break and enjoyed the goodies brought by many of our thoughtful members. Thank You!!!

At about 2:20 pm, Vice President Howe, brought the meeting back to order. At that time he introduced our guest speaker, Ms. Isabel Lopatin hails from Cold Springs, New York. She is a member of the Mid Hudson Orchid Society, Vice President of Glinwood, and a former Binghamton University graduate. Ms. Lopatin presented a very entertaining and informative slide presentation entitled: "Gleaning Hints from Orchid Morphology". Ms. Lopatin reminded us that the outward appearance of an orchid can tell you about its needs! Our presenter touched on Sympodial and Monopodial orchids.

Sympodial orchids have many growing points. As she was showing slides of particular orchids, she talked about its' features. Sympodial orchids need to be fertilized all the way around the roots. If a plant does not have pseudo bulbs, it needs to be watered more frequently. A phal needs low light and a vanda needs high lights. If your plant sends out more roots, it needs more water.

Monopodial orchids push up from one growing point. A classic example is a phal. It needs moisture and lets you know that. Monopodials have multiple growths. Canes bloom only from the leaf apex. Canes produce "keikes".

Ms. Lopatin posed a question: "Which came first in terms of evolution, the sympodial or monopodial orchid?" After no member volunteered an answer, Isabel said, she was going to research further, when she could.....and "stay tuned" for an answer...from somewhere. Next, our presenter asked her audience, what are leaves for? Of course several murmured, to convert sunlight into food. It was noted that the more surface a plant has, the more photosynthesis it can perform. Orchid leaves can be thick, thin, flat pleated, thick, pliable, or cylindrical. Deciduous orchids all have thin leaves. Dendrobium Onosmum should not be watered when blooming. It was noted that orchid roots are covered with velamen.

Our presenter asked if we had comments or questions. Mr. Howe led a round of applause while he thanked Isabel for coming.

Our meeting was concluded about 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Browne, Secretary



### Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey presented the treasurer's report, stating that we have a balance of \$9,277.00 in our account. We have a few additional expenses that will change the balance, and will be presented at January meeting.



### JOIN US FOR THE 2014 STOS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

**DATE: Sunday, December 21**

**PLACE: First United Methodist Church of Endicott (Downstairs)**

**TIME: 2:00 P.M.**

Please join us in celebrating the holidays! Bring your spouse, significant other, and other family members to this enjoyable gathering. The holiday party will be downstairs in the church, so please park in the back parking lot and use the rear entrance.

The holiday party relies on the active participation of its members, and we ask you to bring a dish of your choice to share and the utensil needed to serve whatever you decide to prepare. We, in turn, will provide a meat platter, plates, cups, napkins, flatware, and beverages.

Because we need some help in organizing the tables and the goodies, we ask some of you to come a little bit earlier (1:30P.M.) to help with the set up. We would also appreciate your bringing your lovely flowering plants, which will serve as table decorations on this festive occasion. We'd also appreciate your help with cleanup afterwards.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our party. If you can't come, our best wishes for a happy holiday season to you and your loved ones.



### Show Table (was not included in last month's Newsletter)

SUNDAY, October 17, 2014

#### John Zygmunt:

- 1) *Masdevallia floribunda*, var. *pink*
- 2) Den. Enoby Splash
- 3) Rlc. Shining Harmony 'Volcano Queen'
- 4) Brs. Memoria Fritz Boedecker"
- 5) *Masdevallia ophioglossa*
- 6) *Lepanthes calodictyon*
- 7) *Lemboglossum ehrenbergii*?

#### Linda Mandeville:

- 1) Brassocathon Aka's Aloha 'Dream Dust' ... Not registered in RHS listing of hybrids
- 2) Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Blue Bird'
- 3) *Oncidium* hybrid (no name)

#### Luis Matienzo:

- 1) *Paphiopedilum charlesworthii* 'Big Top' AM/AOS

#### Robert Rudin:

- 1) Lc. Frosty Pink

#### Robert Howe:

- 1) *Dendrobium oligophyllum*
- 2) *Phalaenopsis amabilis*
- 3) *Aerangis biloba*

#### Carol Brunnaben:

- 1) *Aerangis luteoalba*
- 2) *Paphiopedilum* hybrid (no name)

#### Colin Dimon:

- 1) *Paphiopedilum spicerianum*

#### Chris Guidelli:

- 1) Den. Tropic Blue
- 2) Bc. Richard Mueller

#### Carol Vargason:

- 1) Zygo. **Jumpin** Jack
- 2) *Cochleanthes flabelliformis*
- 3) Phal I-Hsin Bango Jazz
- 4) *Psychopsis*. Kalihi alba 'Green Valley'

Changes in taxonomy, as well as difficulties with spelling, necessitate that authorities in the study of orchids be consulted. Hence names of hybrids - those which are not of Greek or Latin derivation, such as Frosty Pink - have been checked against the RHS Orchid Hybrid Registry. It is not the hybrid name that changes, but the genus.

On the other hand, names of species - those which are completely of Greek or Latin origin -- have been searched in the Kew World Checklist of Monocotyledons. Parts of plant names appearing in boldface represent corrections in spelling or additional information found in these databases that may be of interest to the grower. Please notice that species are listed in italics.

Paula R. Matienzo



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### John Zygmunt:

- 1) *Masdevallia ventricosa*
- 2) *Masdevallia coriacea*

### David Clemens:

- 1) Onc. Sharry baby
- 2) Paphiopedilum Jacqueline's moon
- 3) Paphiopedilum Charmingly wood
- 4) Paphiopedilum Odette's blush

### Robert Rudin:

1. **Rlc.** Hunting Island 'Hawaii'

### Carol Vargason:

- 1) **Rlc.** George King 'Southern Cross' AM/AOS
- 2) *Brassavola nodosa*
- 3) **Bc.** Hoku Gem 'Sunspots'
- 4) *Schunkeara* Big Shot 'Sparkle'

### Donna Coleman:

- 1) Brassidium **Nittany** Gold 'Dr. John' AM/AOS
- 2) *Phal equestris* 'Geno' **JC**/AOS
- 3) Gomesa Jorge Verboonen x (*Oncidium x charlesworthii*) (**Unregistered cross**)<sup>(\*)</sup>

(\*) **Notice here that** *Oncidium x charlesworthii* is not a species but a **natural hybrid** of *O. crispum* × *O. marshallianum*. This is why the plant name contains an additional x to indicate it is a hybrid but it was originally described as a species by the person registering the plant.

- 4) Paph. Hsinying Alien
- 5) *Galeandra bueri*
- 6) Dendrobium Peng Seng
- 7) Dendrobium Burana Gold
- 8) Dendrobium Baby Pink 'Mini Nagasaka'

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### Upcoming Meetings

**December 21** ~ Annual Holiday Party  
**February 15** ~ To be announced

**January 18** ~ To be announced  
**March 15** ~ To be announced

*Please remember that these are tentative and subject to last minute change.*



### Refreshment Volunteers

More than one person may sign up for an individual meeting so that the cost and work can be shared among members. Please note that volunteers are still needed for several upcoming meetings, so be sure to sign up if you haven't already. Just let Jane Trey know if you can help.

Current refreshments list includes:

**December 21** ~ Everyone!!  
**February 15** ~ We Need Your Help!

**January 18** ~ We need your help!



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!!**

