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NEXT MEETINGS April 6, 2:00 First United Methodist Church ** 1:30 Show Committee Meeting **

April 26/27 STOS Annual Orchid Show! May 18, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

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Don't miss our April meeting, Pre-Show planning and ** ORCHID AUCTION !! ***

Come one and all! Please bring your friends!

Meeting NOTES

This meeting will be dedicated to our Annual Orchid Show preparation; our STOS Orchid Show at the Mall on April 26-27 (and set-up on Friday, April 25).

*We will also have an ORCHID AUCTION!! Any orchids purchased at the auction **may be used** for our STOS Display and also entered for judging at our Orchid Show (except for cultural awards)!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed. Contributions must be submitted by the $5^{\rm th}$ day of each month to the editor.

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President's Message

Hello All!

****HAPPY SPRING**!** I think we've finally made it! Maybe a little more snow and cold here and there, but I think the worst is behind us now!! You should be seeing the promise of better days ahead showing through in your orchids!! They will surely bring a smile to your face! :)

On behalf of our membership, I'd like to send a special "thank you" to John Zygmunt again, for his contribution to our March raffle! John provided many beautiful orchid miniatures, and potting supplies to be raffled off, and made a wonderful contribution to our budget! Also, a special "thank you" to Pete O'Connell, for bringing us our program this month on "Bulldog Paphs"! It was a wonderful (and entertaining!) presentation! We sincerely appreciate all your efforts, Pete! Thank you so much!

Please be sure to mark your calendars this month!! Our monthly meeting will be held the <u>first</u> weekend in April—on **April 6**th, and our annual STOS Orchid Show at the Mall will be the weekend of **April 26-27**th, (with set-up on Friday, April 25th).

We will have a Show Committee Meeting at 1:30 before our April 6th meeting. We will use this time to be dedicated to make sure we have everything coordinated and ready for our show. We'll need lots of "helping hands" at the Show; anyone who can pitch in, with even an hour or two of their time, would be greatly appreciated! No experience is necessary! We also need someone to take the lead in setting up our STOS Display. No special talent required! There will be plenty of our members there to help, but we just need someone to volunteer to take the reins! So please consider offering your help!

After our Show Committee meeting 1:30 on the 6th, we will have a special mid-year auction during our normal meeting time! Pete has graciously volunteered to order flowering plants, and will conduct an ***AUCTION*** for those in attendance!! This will be a wonderful opportunity to obtain some more flowering beauties for your collections!! Please keep in mind that orchids purchased at our auction on April 6th <u>can</u> be registered for judging at the Show (except for cultural awards). We encourage you to please bring your flowering orchids in for our STOS Orchid Display and also judging during the show!! You may go home with some ribbons!!

I look forward to seeing you all on April 6th, and also at the Orchid Show, the weekend of April 26-27! I encourage all members to come, even if you haven't been around in a while. You are always welcome! Seeing a room full of orchids will lift anyone's spirits after a long winter!

Respectfully,

Linda Mandeville

STOS President

Minutes for March 16, 2014

At approximately 1:30 PM this afternoon, we conducted an open Show Committee Meeting, prior to our regularly scheduled meeting for March. We all "caught up" on the progress of the STOS April Show at the Oakdale Mall. We are in good shape and expect the show to be a success. We talked about the number of tables and size, the vendors expected, the store front possible location and the advertising that will commence around April 1st at various venues.

We then moved to the regular location for our scheduled meeting, at which time our President called the meeting to order and asked for acceptance and approval of last month's meeting minutes. When the minutes were accepted and seconded, Linda moved forward. According to Jane Trey, Treasurer, we have \$7,234.00 in the bank. We were reminded that our April meeting will be held on Sunday, the 6th of April instead of the third Sunday of the month, due to our Show on the 26th and 27th of April. Reminder: Plant re-potting at May meeting.

Anne Tinker, our Program Chair Person for the Show, informed the general membership of the details discussed at our committee meeting, earlier in the day. Members were asked to consider providing overnight accommodations to those vendors in need of lodging. Please help if you can.

Louis Matienzo gave the membership helpful details for those who would be willing to help with our display at the Mall site. Several people can work together. A desire to be of assistance is needed. We can, indeed, with a meeting of willing minds (and hands), put a display together that we can be proud of. Please help! Volunteers are needed to work together!

At the conclusion of old business, we took a break to sell tickets for the raffle while refreshments, supplied by our members, were enjoyed. While we partook of "goodies", the members who brought their orchids for the "visual consumption" of other members had the floor. They were: John Zygmunt, Jane Trey, Linda Mandeville and Greta DeRocher.

Lastly, Peter O'Connell, provided members with a delightfully informative screen presentation. Graham, of "Lehua Orchids" in Hawaii narrated and walked us through his Orchid Nursery. His love of orchids was evident in his caring and sometimes, "orchid-type" sensuality. While always a gentleman, our presenter, made us laugh while describing, sometimes poetically, the gallant efforts of...trying to change the genetics of a species.....which sometimes provides interesting results. While touring the "maternity ward", we learned that once a seed strives for fruition, nine months pass and then it takes about two years for his babies to make their way to be ready for sale.

We heard the "Story of Bulldog Paphs"....complex red, and so named for Winston Churchill. Also available in red, yellow and green, white. In trying to perfect the paphs, round... became its' shape (with a miniscule stem), when in fact, the 12 to 15 generations of breeding failed to produce a "big, tall, thick stem". Moral of the story: "Mother Nature is a hard task master"!

The formula for growing the above mentioned beauties is four parts bark to one part pearlite....and his secret is water, water and water! They need loose debris in pots and lots of fresh air circulating. Our nursery speaker said mealy bugs are also a problem, and when attacking fungal problems, keep the air moving. Many times fungicide is in order. Graham also noted that the best way to assure a red paph is to buy one in bud or flower! (It will take about 6 years from fertilization to flower"!)

The owner of the Lehua Orchids ended our tour with a note: Winston Churchill is in its 7th generation.....and STILL breeding!

With our thanks to Peter O'Connell, we ended our meeting of March 16th around 3:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Browne

Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey presented the treasurer's report, stating that indicated we currently have an account balance of \$7,234.00.

Show Table - March 16

John Zygmunt:

- 1) Paphiopedilum Billy Cardalino (philippinense x Susan Booth)
- 2) Phalaenopsis Sogo Yenlin (Phal. Sogo Vivien x Phal. Sogo Berry)
- 3) Oncidesa (syn. Onc.) Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'
- 4) Lepanthes astrophora 'Stalky'
- 5) Lepanthes **martineae**
- 6) Guaricyclia (syn. Epicattleya) Kyoguchi

Linda Mandeville:

1) Miltoniopsis Martin Orenstein 'Shirley P' (Miltoniopsis Eros x Miltoniopsis Violet)

- 2) Brascidostele Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' (Brassostele Summit x Brassidium Gilded Urchin)
- 3) Oncostele (syn. Colmanara) Wildcat 'Yellow Butterfly'

Greta de Rocher:

1) Ornithocephalus krugeri

Jane Trey:

1) Phalaenopsis (syn, Doritaenopsis) Sinica Cherry (Phal. Purple Gem x Phal. Taisuco Firebird)

2) Phalaenopsis **Pisgah Yellow Doll** (Phal. Brother Green Bamboo x Phal. Brother Lawrence)

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 Martin Orenstein – 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.

Paula Matienzo

STOS - Annual Show Information - Important!

Members -There are four attachments to this newsletter which you will need for early registration of plants, as well as information on the show, mall rules, art and photo entry. (The forms are also available on the <u>STOS website</u> under "Annual Show").

Online registration of plants is encouraged by Wednesday evening April 23 (this is the preferred method). All on-site registrations needs to be submitted by 7pm on Friday April 25.

Please check all plants for pests. Plants must be in bloom or coming into bloom. They need to be registered. This is a big job and Pete will be at the storefront and may need help. If you have extra time, please offer Pete some help.

All members at the show should wear their name tags and be available to answer questions about the society and encourage new membership. You don't need to be an expert on orchids! Remember, this is our best opportunity to add new members (and we need new members!). We also offer a 50% off coupon to new members who sign up at the show for the remainder of 2014.

Everything you might want/need to know about the show is also available in our STOS Show Manual (many thanks to John Zygmunt)! The Show Manual is also available on the website! If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact Anne Tinker, myself, or any of the Board members!!

We appreciate all your help and support! I'm sure we'll have a great show this year!

Upcoming Meetings

April 6 ~ Pre-Show Meeting & Orchid Auction" May 18 ~ Repotting Clinic! April 26/27 ~ STOS Orchid Show!

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

Refreshment Volunteers

We appreciate everyone's help in bringing delicious refreshments at each meeting! We haven't needed to have a formal "sign-up" for each meeting, since everyone have been so generous! Keep up the great work! We appreciate all your help and support (and good cookin'!)