



MEMBER MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 15

2:00PM - First United Methodist Church, Endicott, NY AWARDS AT AN ORCHID SHOW: RIBBONS AND AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY (AOS) JUDGING

If you have ever attended an orchid show or are new to this experience you may wonder how awards are distributed to winning plants. The array of shown plants may contain ribbons, rosettes or other written documents associated with some plants. Orchid shows may consist of two parts: one associated with ribbon judging and another one associated with judging using standards provided by the American Orchid Society (AOS).

This presentation will describe the differences between these events and it will summarize a historic description of their origins and the evolution of judging standards. Because plant hybrids or species are found in these exhibits, they need to be identified correctly. Sources for the proper identification and naming of plants will be illustrated.

Entry classification depends very much on the organization setting up the event. Examples of plant entries into the 2019 STOS show will be shown.

Because only plants of superior quality can be selected by a certified panel of judges for an AOS award, examples of the types of awards that are possible and the sequence of events leading to an AOS will be described.

Finally, some advice is given in order to prepare your plants for competition. An orchid show is only successful with the assistance of its members on the different aspects of this event.

Luis J. Matienzo, PhD has been involved with orchids as a hobby for the past 44 years and has served in many positions in the Southern Tier Orchid Society of New York and he is a virtual member of the Peruvian Orchid Club. As an avid orchid grower, he has special interest in orchid species, miniatures and lady slipper orchids and he raises many plants under lights. He has visited and photographed orchids in their natural habitats in North and South America and has presented lectures to orchid societies and other organizations in the US and overseas.

We will meet upstairs in the First United Methodist Church, located at 53 McKinley Ave. in Endicott, NY.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

All active Members of the STOS will receive an email from the Executive Board on a very important issue. We urge you to read this email carefully, as well as the documents attached to it. We also urge all of you to come to the regular meeting at 2:00 on March 15. We will have time for questions and discussion, and we will be voting on this important matter. We need your participation at this time and hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Carol Bayles, Vice-President

FUZZY SEEDS

by Ben Cabot II

A garden that grows invisible flowers
is planted with fuzzy seeds.

And they need no water for their power
and love kills all the weeds.

Seeing the world through someone's
eyes and feeling the love in their heart.

Makes each day, fill with blue sky,
your glad that this world, you're a part.

The past gets fuzzy, the future too.
we struggle to be fit for today.

Growing and smiling as fuzzy seeds do
ignoring the rocks in the way.

So close your eyes as problems appear,
only cherish the moments of good.

Your love within eliminates fear,
as only a fuzzy seed could.

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Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed! Contributions must be submitted by the 5th of the month to the editor.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Don't forget to pay your annual membership dues for the 2020 club year. Still only \$20!

If mailing your dues, please fill out the attached membership form and return it with your check, made payable to Southern Tier Orchid Society.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting Held at 1:00pm.

Membership meeting started at 2:00pm (Attendance from sign-in Sheet)

Welcome:

- Approval of minutes as printed in the newsletter. Renee's first newsletter. Noted at the meeting that the newsletter was an outstanding job.
- Treasures report ; Jane Trey \$10,025

Board and Committee Reports

- Board report - The board met at 1 pm. Present was Luis, Carol, Bernice, Ben, and Jane. President Tony was absent from his duties. Discussed the show, IRS e-filing requirement, Roberson will allow a 24"x36" poster promoting the Orchid show, Lowe's is willing to put up a poster for the show. Two board members resigned. Sharon Voorhees for ill health, and Pamela Pucci withdrew. Voted to enact special provisions of the Bylaws to protect the society.
- New Website - <https://www.southerntierorchids.org> with a new web name. The webpages were projected and navigated at the meeting. Super great job by Joe Sniezek who put a lot of time into development, and self-funding his endeavor for our group. Joe expressed appreciation to the group for all the input, photos, and helpful suggestions.
- Our spring auction will be on April 19, which is the Sunday right before our show, Pete O'Connell is ordering the plants and shipping them to Jane. The Auction is open to the public.
- Orchid show April 25 and 26 set up Friday, April 24. Carol Bayles is pleased that it will be a greater success than last year. 2 vendors secured, possibly three.

Old Business

- Bus Trip possible 2021 prices for a Coachways bus trip to the Genesee Orchid Society Show March 28th at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. A 49 passenger bus cost \$2,342.40 = \$47.80 per person. + \$7 admission.
- Facebook transition - Pam Pucci withdrew from Facebook management, and recently begun Instagram account.

New Business

Internal Revenue Reporting. Incorporated since 1992 with no reporting. Online registration is being completed for compliance for e-filing form E-990.

Break and Raffle

Fine snacks – great orchid raffle items. Note. If you purchase multiple tickets, please take only one plant if other items are available.

Show Table

Members John Zigmunt, Gail Gunsalus, Laurel Shafer, and Luis Matienzo brought personal orchid collections to show.

Guest Speaker

Gregory Griffis from Longwood Gardens presented "The Wonders of Orchid Roots", a very exciting animated presentation.

Meeting closed at 4:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Cabot, Secretary

STOS 2020 ORCHID SHOW UPDATE

We have a theme! We have decided to call our show 'Orchids at the Museum.' We will have posters available at the March meeting and we encourage everyone to start thinking about 1-2 places (or more) where you could hang one. Please remember that you need permission to hang one at any commercial establishment but most garden centers will be happy to help. Think about community centers, places on the Binghamton University Campus, your work place, coffee shops, etc.

We are beginning to take signups for show volunteers. If there is a time you prefer, sign up at the March meeting. We encourage you all to spend some time at the show beyond your work shift. Of course you will want to see everything, but hanging out for a while provides an opportunity to talk with other members, visitors, and vendors. A lot of knowledge is shared during these times and the social time is fun and rewarding.

Besides manning tables, we will need clerks for the judges. Luis will be talking about this at the March meeting. No experience or knowledge is necessary and this is a chance to learn more about orchids.

Carol Bayles, Show Chair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, 3/15	Meeting	Orchid Show Awards: Ribbon and American Orchid Society (AOS) Judging <i>Luis Matienzo</i>
Sun, 4/19	Meeting	Spring Auction
Sat & Sun 4/25 & 4/26	Show	Roberson Museum and Science Center

CENTRAL PA ORCHID SHOW

The 55th Annual Orchid Show of the Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society will be April 4-5, 10am - 5pm each day, with set up on April 3. One of their members is planning to have a display at our show and if anyone wanted to display at their show, either on your own or with other STOS members, you will need to let them know soon. The show is in State College, PA. Carol Bayles has all the information about registration and orchid classes if you are interested. There are many award classes, like Best Cat, Best Phal, etc.

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UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS

Now - March 22, 2020 - Orchid Extravaganza at Longwood Gardens, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA
More info at www.longwoodgardens.org

February 15 - April 19, 2020 - The Orchid Show at New York Botanical Gardens, Bronx, NY
More info at www.nybg.org

March 26-29, 2020 - Genesee Region Orchid Society Show and Sale, Rochester Museum & Science Center, Rochester, NY
More info at www.geneseeorchid.org

April 3-5, 2020 - Southern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA
More info at www.sepos.org

April 18, 2020 - Mid-Hudson Orchid Society Show and Sale, Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Rd, Newburgh, NY. More info at mhos.us.com



Photos of our member show table at our February Meeting. Photos by Pam Pucci