



# Southern Tier Orchid Society

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## April 2012

### NEXT MEETINGS

April 15, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott

\*April 15: Show committee meeting at 1:15 prior to the start our normal meeting\*

May 20, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

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- April 15<sup>th</sup>- Show Preparation meeting! Please plan on attending!

**\*\*Reminder: Our annual orchid show April 20-22! Please spread the word!!**

### April Program Note

This month's meeting will be devoted to preparation for our Annual Orchid Show at the Oakdale Mall; we will have a presentation on how to register your plants for judging and one on how to groom and prepare your plants for display.



### 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. If you have difficulties with the electronic format of this newsletter, please contact the webmaster at: [southerntierorchidsociety@gmail.com](mailto:southerntierorchidsociety@gmail.com)

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**President's Message**

It's show time! Our annual show is just two weeks away now and it is time for our final preparations. Please come and join us and find out how you can be a part of the fun. There are still many areas and times that we will be needing help throughout the show weekend.

Our meeting this month will be devoted to our show. We will have a presentation on how to register your plants for judging and one on how to groom and prepare your plants for display.

There will be a final show committee meeting at 1:15 pm, just ahead of our meeting.

See you next Sunday!

Anne

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**Minutes for March 18, 2012**

Anne Tinker called the March meeting of the Southern Tier Orchid Society to order at approximately 2:15 P.M. There was no treasurer's report today because our treasurer was not in attendance.

Our president went over highlights from the Show Committee Meeting which was held today at 1:15 P.M. Those members who did not attend the meeting were given information regarding discussions from that meeting. The STOS Show at the Oakdale Mall is in the final stages of planning. Our three vendors will be housed with members who volunteered their homes and gracious hospitality. Each and every one of us thank you! There will be a dinner provided for the judges at P S Restaurant on Friday the 20th of April around 6:30 P.M. Any members who wish to attend, please feel welcome. (You will be expected to bear the expense for your own dinner.) As the time approaches, please let Luis Matienzo know so he can make reservations for those members who wish to attend.

Members were asked to think about changing the yearly dues for membership to STOS. We will ask for further input at our next meeting and vote. Please try to attend on April 15th. We need to finalize important issues for our show and we need your help. Time slots are still available for "manning" our information table at the show. Please volunteer to be a friendly face to represent our organization! We need you!

Anne called for a break in the meeting. At this time, raffle tickets were sold and we enjoyed the refreshments provided by our thoughtful members. Thank You!

The Show Table was next on the agenda. John Z, Dave C, Greta and Colin spoke about their treasures as we viewed their orchids.

The raffle was held and our business meeting ended to clear the floor for Ray Barkalow of FIRST RAYS ORCHIDS. Mr. Barkalow spent a few minutes apprising us of the background of his life which led him to being a "lover of orchids". Ray made us aware of the "life choices" which made him pursue an easier and better way of keeping his orchids, healthy and happy during his absences.

Ray told us that, generally speaking, all orchids are "hydroponic". His method provides flow regulation and root system health which allows for waste products to be expelled. Our presenter mentioned several times, for our benefit, that the best time to re-pot is when there is NEW roots showing. He asked: "What is Semi-hydroponics ?" After explaining the process in helpful detail, we understood that water is NOT the cause of root rot. Rot is caused by too much fertilizer, gas exchange (suffocation) and poisoning from fungi and bacteria. Mr. Barkalow reminded us that virtually ALL orchids are suitable for semi-hydroponics. Mr. Barkalow concluded his presentation by asking if we had questions or comments. We applauded his program information and thanked him for his expertise. The website offering for his business is: [www.Firststrays.com](http://www.Firststrays.com).

Our meeting ended at 3:45 P.M. Thanks to our members who stayed after the meeting to help restore the area to it's "pre meeting order"!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Browne, Secretary

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### Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report this month.

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### Show Table

**SUNDAY, March 18, 2012**

Entries in **boldface** indicate corrections to hybrid names found on the RHS International Orchid Hybrid Register website or corrections to species names verified on the Kew Gardens Monocot Checklist website.

With only 7 plants exhibited on our show table this month, we can only hope that all of you are taking extra care of your plants so that they will make a fine appearance in the STOS exhibit at our show. Please don't forget to register your plants early, and bring them in for setup on Thursday, April 19 during the afternoon and evening. Paula

<b>DAVE CLEMENS</b>	<b>Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Firedance 'Patricia'</b>
<b>GRETA DEROCHE</b>	Oncidium (Onc.) Twinkle 'Sunlight' <b>Psychopsis papilio</b> <b>Doritaenopsis (Dtps.) Memoria James McPherson</b> <b>'Omaha,' AM/AOS</b>
<b>COLIN DIMON</b>	Paph. delenatii Den. <b>Aussie's</b> Chip (aberrans x atrovioleaceum)
<b>JOHN ZYGMUNT</b>	Den. Lindleyi



[June 9, 2012](#) -- The Northeastern PA Orchid Society has chartered a bus going to the Shore Orchid Fest at Silva Orchids on June 9, 2012. The cost is \$27.00 per person transportation only. There is no admission to this event. Each person will get a \$5.00 coupon redeemable at any of the vendors. For more information on the Shore Orchid Fest go to <http://www.silvaorchids.com/> . The bus will be leaving from the Pittston PA Park & Lock on Rt. 315. Time to be determined. For further information, please contact Jack Buziuk, 570-824-2961 or email [sibion@verizon.net](mailto:sibion@verizon.net). Reservations & payment due by May 15th.

A request from STOS members: If you should attend any of these shows, talk to vendors and others involved to find out whether they present programs on topics pertaining to orchids. Obtaining business cards from these contacts would be most useful for planning our own programs. This is the way we have located many speakers in the past.

Don't forget to take pictures and share them with us in the newsletter.

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### Upcoming Meetings

**April 15** ~ Our Annual Show Preparation

**April 20-22** Our Annual Orchid Show!

**May 20** ~ Repotting Session

**June-August** ~ Summer hiatus

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

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### 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 Anne Tinker know if you can help. Her contact info is on the front page.

Current refreshments list includes:

**April 15** ~ We need your help!

**June** ~ Summer break

**May 20** ~ We need your help!

**July** ~ Summer break