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December 2012

HOLIDAY PARTY

NEXT MEETINGS

December 16, 2:00 First United Methodist Church
of Endicott

****Note: 1:00 Show Committee preceeding our party!**

January 20, 2:00 First United Methodist Church
Endicott

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DECEMBER PROGRAM NOTE

Please bring a covered dish to the annual holiday party on Sunday, December 16, with a serving spoon. Dessert, main or side dishes are all welcome! Each member 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 us before 12:30 PM Sunday: Paula (607)-754-5702 or Carol (607)-724-8015.**

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

If you have difficulties with the electronic format of this newsletter, please contact the webmaster at:
southern-tier-orchidsociety@gmail.com



President Elect's Message

Thanks to all who attended the November meeting. We had a good discussion of issues, nominated new officers for 2013 and had an excellent power point presentation by Luis on growing orchids in the home. The nominees are President- John Zygmunt, Vice President-Linda Mandeville, Treasurer- Lu Ann Myers, Secretary- Carol Brown, Member At Large- Jane Tray, Show Chair- Anne Tinker, Program Chair- Bob Howe, AOS rep- Luis Matienzo, Newsletter and Membership- Linda Mandeville. Pete tells me according to the bylaws we need to re-vote at the Dec. meeting and I will do that. It was gratifying to see some new members. I have been thinking of goals for the coming year. First, I think it important that we try to get more members to attend the monthly meetings. The attendance had been dropping off although the November meeting was better. Without our members there would be no Orchid Society. Linda has given me a list of paid up members. I would like to update the list as members pay dues to make sure information is accurate and members are receiving the newsletter. I also think that inactive members who hadn't paid dues in 2012 ought to be purged from the list. The current number of active paid up members in 2012 is 46 plus 5 lifetime members. If anyone has any suggestions regarding increasing attendance please let me know. As always new members are always welcome.

We are trying to revive the library. The club has books and magazines but they have not been available to members. I will try to track down the material. The church is allowing us to obtain a cabinet and place a library in it. It might also be a good place for raffle tickets, cups, plates etc. to reduce the need to carry in everything each meeting. I have been to several local stores and have some prices. I will discuss this at the December meeting.

I would like to reestablish and update a manual for our mall show. It might include a checklist of things to do, contact information for vendors, judges, the mall, security, insurance, plant registration information etc. I have contacted Anne and Pete about this and hope to work on it this year. This way future show chairs can have a starting point. As we start a new year remember dues. Because the Mall eliminated our stipend for the show, we decided to increase the dues to \$20 per family for the upcoming year.

The Holiday Feast is coming at our scheduled meeting date of December 16 at 2:00pm. For new members we hold it in the lower level of the church (park in the back). Bring a dish to pass and if you have something in bloom an orchid for table decoration. The club supplies a cold cut platter, rolls, plates, drinks, plastic ware, drink cups. In the past we have given out a free ticket to all for a raffle of purchased plants. This year in order to cut the cost a little we have decided to give one free raffle ticket to each active member who attends the feast. Pete has volunteered to purchase around 30 plants which should allow each member to get one free plant. Thanks Pete. Anyone who wants to help set up for the feast please come at 1:30.

Bob Howe is the new program chair. Having done this I know how difficult it is to get speakers. Most end up driving 3 hours to get here. We should help Bob with names and come to meetings to support our speakers who often bring plants to sell. Anne Tinker has agreed to continue as show chair for this year. Remember this year we have reduced the number of show days to 3. Friday will be set up in the afternoon. Saturday is for judging. Our first show meeting will be at 1:00pm before the feast. Please try to come on time so we have time to setup for the party. Anyone who wants to be on the show committee is welcome to attend.

Finally, as winter approaches the days get shorter and darkness descends there is nothing like an fragrant orchid in bloom to cheer you up (be careful with bulbophyllums unless you've lost your sense of smell!) Remember on December 22nd a few short week from now the days start getting longer!

John Zygmunt



SOUTHERN TIER ORCHID SOCIETY 2013 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:

LuAnn Myers, STOS Treasurer or
2339 Valley View Rd
Montrose, PA 18801

Linda Mandeville
1515 Walker Rd
Endicott, NY 13760

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: _____

Your contact information will not be released.

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 (**recommended) _____

By mail _____

Please note: This form can also be found on our website (www.storchidsociety.com)

Received: _____

Date

By: _____



Membership Dues

It's that time of year - membership time! The 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 2013 is payable now. If you have not turned in your membership for 2011 or 2012, 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 **2011** dues will be dropped from the active membership list and will no longer receive the Newsletter. If you did not pay dues in 2011, you may renew your membership now in order to continue receiving the Newsletter in January.



President's Message

Happy Holidays everyone!!!

Please join us for our annual holiday gathering on Sunday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m.. Everyone please bring a dish to pass and the club will be providing a meat platter and beverages. Also bring you 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.

We are beginning our preparations for our annual show this coming April and will be having a brief show committee meeting just ahead of our holiday gathering at about 1:00 p.m.. Anyone wishing to help out with the show this year or curious about what is involved in putting on the show, please join us. It takes many people to put on our annual show.

See you at the meeting!

Anne



Minutes for November 18, 2012

The meeting of the Southern Tier Orchid Society was called to order by Vice President John Zygmunt at approximately 2:00PM this afternoon. The Vice President started off the meeting by summarizing today's agenda and mentioning that our current President, Anne Tinker chose not to run again for that office in 2013.

The first item discussed was the upcoming Holiday Party. Everyone was asked to bring in a dish to pass, volunteers were garnered for room set-up needs and several members will help to get tables ready on the

day of the party. (The date for our Holiday Party is December 16, 2012). Linda Mandeville will pick up a meat platter. Jane Trey will collect needed paper products. Our Holiday Party will be in the BASEMENT of the First United Church of Endicott . Please use the parking lot of the church for ease of access.

Discussion ensued about the lack of members attending meetings and how we could encourage them to do so. More information will be sent out to those listed as members to encourage participation. Members in attendance today were asked to be sure that THEIR contact information is recent AND accurate.

After an enthusiastic discussion by members contributing their thoughts, the members voted and we are proud to announce the NEW officers for the 2013 year:

President	John Zygmunt
Vice President	Linda Mandeville
Treasurer	LuAnn Myers
Secretary	Carol Browne
Members-at-Large	Jane Trey, Paula Matienzo, Robert Howe
A.O.S. Representative	Luis Matienzo
Program Chair	Robert Howe
Newsletter & Membership	Linda Mandeville
Show Chair	Anne Tinker

All officers will receive a current Membership List. Several Officer Meetings will be targeted for the upcoming year.

Some new members were introduced to our current ones. They include Dick and Joanne Englehardt of the Walton area and Carolyn Sanders of N.E. Pennsylvania. We acknowledged and said hello to an old friend, Son Tran.

Next, we took a break for a sale of raffle tickets and to enjoy the generosity of members supplying delicious treats! Members who brought in their orchids for the show table were John Zygmunt, Linda Mandeville, Luis Matienzo and Bob Rudin.

Last on the agenda was a well prepared and beautifully informative presentation by our very own, Luis J Matienzo, Ph.D. Dr. Matienzo started his presentation by describing, using a slide presentation that he arranged, the definition of an orchid. He touched on Psychopsis (butterfly) Krameriana (South America). Our speaker talked about ways to "know" orchids by going to regional and/or international shows, looking at local offerings in places known to us all. Mention was made of the need to "know the grower" in order to be comfortable with local offerings, explaining that some stores sell pot plants and some growers use dyes to color their offerings. Dr. Matienzo showed us the Masdevalia, which grows in high elevations in Columbia, as well as many other orchids that are grown around the tropical countries of the world. He explained the where, why and how they are propagated, informing us of the "basic definition" of an orchid. Perennial flowers: single seed leaf upon germination. An orchid has three petals and sepals and reproductive organs.

Next in Dr. Matienzo's program was a species vs. hybrids presentation. Information was presented with regard to differences between the two categories, highlighting genetic variation, climate differences, humidity and cloning. We saw what is required to make a hybrid. Dr. Matienzo showed us a sample of how

to build a relatively inexpensive out door green house and took us on a slide tour of his own indoor setup, emphasizing the need for proper cultural conditions and good air circulation for the success and longevity of growing orchids.

Lastly, Dr. Matienzo talked about potential enemies of the orchid. He spoke about mealy bugs, brown scale, fungus gnats, spider mites and slugs. He spoke of the need to use environmentally-safe materials which are effective, to spray on your plants.

We warmly thanked our STOS member and speaker and culminated our monthly meeting about 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Browne, Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report will be provided at our December meeting by the Treasurer.



JOIN US FOR THE 2012 STOS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

DATE: Sunday, December 16
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. A short business meeting will precede our chance to socialize and enjoy the holiday spread.

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 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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2012

This month's show table was a lovely display of orchids, thanks to the following growers. Abbreviations for unfamiliar genera are enclosed in parentheses, and names in boldface show corrections based upon the RHS International Orchid Hybrid Register, the Kew Gardens World Monocot Checklist, or spelling as indicated in these resources. -Paula

LINDA MANDEVILLE Dendrobium (Den.) Spring Smile 'Lovely Paradise'
Banfieldara (Bnfd., **now Brascidostele or Bcd. per RHS**)
Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'
Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Angel Heart 'Hihimanu' AM/HOS

LUIS MATIENZO Paph. superbians
Paph. fairrieanum
Paph. tonsum 'David' AM/AOS
Paph. gratixianum 'Harford' AM/AOS
Paph. Winston Churchill 'Indomitable' FCC/AOS

BOB RUDIN C. Everett Dirksen

JOHN ZYGMUNT Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc., **now Rhyncholaeliocattleya
or Rlc. per RHS**) Shining Harmony 'Volcano Queen'
Bulbophyllum **Wilbur** Chang
Masdevallia (Masd.) decumana
Masd. ventricosa
Scaphosepalum **swertifolium**
Cochleanthes (Cnth.) amazonica (**now
Warczewiczella amazonica per Kew**)



FINDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ORCHIDS IN YOUR COLLECTION

Luis J. Matienzo

As your orchid collection grows, you may be interested in finding more cultural details on your plants to ultimately, have them yield blossoms and enhance your surroundings. In some other cases, you may be intrigued about the origins of the name of a hybrid or its provenance. If you have some species, you may want to know more about their habitats or what related members of a genus look like or perhaps, the meaning of some of their names.

The following listing will introduce you to very useful sources to accomplish these goals and I hope, you will find them beneficial in your hobby. Simply paste the links given below into your Internet browser and follow the instructions of each website:

For Hybrids:

RHS (The Royal Horticultural Society, Kew Gardens, U.K): The International Orchid Registry is the depository of all registered orchid hybrids and by following the link you can access it:

<http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/>

SPECIES AND THEIR GROWTH CONDITIONS IN THE WILD

Since orchids are monocotyledons (single leaf plants after germination), you need to access the World Monocot Catalogue at Kew Gardens, U.K. to find out if the species you are looking for is recognized as such:

http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/prepareChecklist.do;jsessionid=A5D292AC8466A69577295FC8B4452F36?checklist=selected_families%40%40311061120120030841

For some orchid species habitats and culture, you can follow the link to:

<http://www.orchidculture.com/>

Note that this listing can be enhanced by subscription to the website

The Internet Orchid Species Encyclopedia can provide you with a pictorial view of orchid species, their names' meanings, their natural habitats and some cultural requirements:

<http://www.orchidspecies.com/>

If you have some questions, please ask me at your convenience. Luis



Some Information on AOS from your Club's Representative

Orchids goes Digital online January 2013



Available to all members: While waiting for ORCHIDS to arrive in the mail, you will be able to access the digital version of ORCHIDS by logging on to the AOS website using your current user name and password. Then click on the link to view Orchids. You can view a sample NOW at:

<http://www.nxtbook.com/allen/orch/81-1/index.php>

AOS Membership Insights - Stats from our COO

Fifty-one of our members represent libraries and 603 are either Affiliated Societies or commercial businesses. Seventy-four are a collection of non-revenue generating memberships that represent various exchanges and complementary memberships. This leaves 8392 hobbyists that make up the balance of our membership. Twelve percent (1090) of our membership reside outside the United States. The distribution of these 1090 members reflects an interesting demographic. Twenty-three percent live in Canada and an equivalent number reside in Non-United Kingdom Europe. Eleven percent is from Australia and New Zealand and an equivalent number come from South America. Nearly equal numbers, 7% and 6% respectively, come from Japan and the United Kingdom. The entire remainder of Asia represents 9% and 4% hail from Africa. The remaining 8% represent the rest of the world. We hope that with our new digital magazine, the number of members outside of the USA will increase. Problems with mail delivery have made it a challenge for these members to get ORCHIDS. Now they will have access before ORCHIDS even goes to print!

Let's take a brief look at the distribution of our South American and European members. South America follows a distribution that effectively mirrors population distribution with Brazil carrying the lion's share at 56%. This is followed by Colombia a distant second and Argentina in third place. Europe, on the other hand, is far from the distribution of population. Population distribution would suggest Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy and Spain in that order. The actual distribution is the United Kingdom at 21%, France at 17%, Germany at 14%, and Switzerland and Italy at 7% each. It will be interesting to see how our global membership evolves with the advent of our digital magazine offering.

Please consider joining AOS

Extracted from the American Orchid Society Newsletter, December 2012



Upcoming Meetings

December 16 ~ Annual Holiday Party
February 17 ~ To be announced

January 20 ~ To be announced
March 17 ~ 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 16 ~ Everyone!!
February 17 ~ We Need Your Help!

January 20 ~ We need your help!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!!

