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NEXT MEETINGS

January 18, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott

****1:00 Board of Directors/Show Committee meet prior to 1/18/14 regular meeting! ****

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

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- Don't miss our January meeting! Our guest speaker will be Dennis Sanders, giving us a presentation on "Orchids of Equador"!

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

****Note:** In the event of a weather emergency, please check your email the morning of the meeting. If nothing is received from STOS, the meeting 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.

Any contributions, articles, and/or photos for the monthly newsletter are appreciated! Please submit any inputs by the first week of the month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.

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.

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ticket to redeem for an orchid as numbers on said tickets were called. Thank you, Peter for all your work this year.

The first order of business today was the approval of last months' minutes. Minutes were approved and seconded by the membership.

Jane Trey, Treasurer, gave a report of our financial status. Currently the STOS has a balance of \$9,142.00.

At this time, Mr. John Zygmunt gave us information on how we are faring with regard to our balance sheet. Changes have been made to the way we secure funds for operating needs. We have kept speaker fees to a manageable number. As an example of member generosity, Pete O'Connell gave a "gratis" speech and donated his fee to the society. Members such as Peter, have also gone out of their way to add whatever expertise they have and expected no reward in return. All of the above (and so much more) have impacted our healthy bottom line and is a good indication of a healthy 2015 and hopefully, many years hence.

Old business continued. The membership, having been well prepared for an election of new officers for 2015, selected the following Board of Directors. None opposed. All approved of the following:

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Board Member	Anne Tinker Quain

President Mandeville reminded us that January's STOS meeting will be an hour earlier than the 2:00 PM start time. An Officers' meeting will be held. All members are invited to attend. Among discussion topics will be the STOS Orchid Show at the Oakdale Mall on the first weekend in May.

Our official meeting ended, with heartfelt wishes for a great 2015. We then commenced with eating all the wonderful, delicious, and lovingly prepared dishes brought by each and every member.

Lastly, we handed in our "winning tickets" for a beautiful orchid as a reminder of our "Holiday Party" of 2014!

Thank you, one and all for a successful 2014! Happy Holidays! See you next year!

The festivities commenced around 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Browne, Secretary

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Your Spider Orchid is relatively easy to care for in relation to other Orchids. Follow our care guide below and you should have no problem at all.

Sunlight

The Spider Orchid prefers low light levels when not in bloom. A shady place that gets a small amount of indirect sunlight during the day is perfect. When it's ready to bloom, give it plenty of indirect sunlight to replicate the increase in sun during the spring.

Water

You will need to water this plant thoroughly, flushing the excess salts out in the process. The amount of time between watering can vary greatly depending on what you are using as a growing medium and how warm the spot is. Allow the growing medium to almost completely dry out before watering your Spider Orchid again.

Humidity

This Orchid needs high levels of humidity if you want it to thrive. You will want to stay between 60% and 70% all day for best results. It might be a good idea to place the pot in a tray of pebbles with water so that the water can slowly evaporate.

Temperature

The Spider Orchid is natural to Central America, so it needs tropical temperatures year round. They like to be around 65 degrees during the day and drop down to 60 degrees at night. Anywhere around this will work fine.

Fertilizer

Feed your Spider Orchid every two weeks with a good Orchid fertilizer. This will help it continue to thrive throughout the year. Stop fertilizing after the blooms die, and then start up again when you start to see new growth

Tips:

- Repot your Spider Orchid every couple of years, when you notice the growing medium starting to break down. When the growing medium starts to fall apart, it holds too much water and can cause rot problems. Find a pot that is only slightly larger than the one you are using. Orchids do not like to expand like most other pots because they are not naturally designed to live in dirt.
- Let your Orchid rest for a few weeks after they are finished blooming. Put them in an area with slightly cooler temperatures and lower light for 6 - 8 weeks. This gives them time to rest and get ready to start growing again.
- Take note of anything different that you find on the instructions that come with your plant. Hybrid species can have additional care requirements that you may have to take into consideration.

