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February 2015

NEXT MEETINGS

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

****1:30 Board of Directors/Show Committee meet prior to 2/15/15 regular meeting! ****

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

IN THIS ISSUE

- Don't miss our February 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.

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

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President's Message

Happy New Year 2015 to you all!! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday, and wish you a very happy and healthy year ahead! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our 2014 Holiday Party! We owe Pete O'Connell our sincere appreciation for all his efforts to order and deliver beautiful, flowering orchids for us to take home as a special holiday treat! THANK YOU, PETE!

At the December meeting, the membership voted on the 2015 officers. We have a few retaining their office for 2015 (Jane Trey as Treasurer (thank you, Jane!), and myself as President), and also a few new officers taking the helm in 2015: Carol Vargason will serve as Vice President and Carol Brunnabend as Secretary. I appreciate your willingness to contribute to our club, and look forward to working with you in 2015! That being said, we all greatly appreciate the contributions of our two members vacating office; I wish to send a special "thank you", on behalf of our entire club, to Bob Howe who faithfully served as the Vice President and program coordinator, and Carol Browne, who has served faithfully as our Secretary for several years! Thank you so very much for all your hard work and support that you've given our club! We'll miss you as officers, but will look forward to seeing you each month at our meetings!

I would like to encourage all members to participate in future meetings to make our club and also this year's show a success. We'll need to work diligently this year to increase our membership and attendance at our monthly meetings. I welcome your ideas and suggestions for improving our club, and keeping our meetings well-attended.

We will have a Board Meeting and brief Show Committee meeting @ 1:00, just before our next general meeting on January 18th. The bylaws require that we meet no fewer than two times a year--Sept. and Jan. One item on the agenda will be the budget for 2015. The Show Committee and Executive Board meeting is open to the general membership. Anyone who would like to attend the meeting is welcome!

Also—just a reminder to all that the annual dues are due. Annual dues are \$20 per member or family. An application form is available on the website. I will also bring forms at the next meetin

I look forward to seeing you on January 18th! Let's get this year off to a great start!

Respectfully,
Linda Mandeville
STOS President

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Minutes for January 18, 2015

Linda Mandeville, President, called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

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

Jane Trey, Treasurer, gave the report of the STOS financial status which is \$8,571.00

New Business:

Linda told the members the 2015 budget was approved by the Board of Directors. John Zygmunt explained the budget procedure. We did make money in 2014. The balanced budget was submitted, approved and accepted by the members.

The speaker for today's meeting had to cancel due to the icy conditions where he lives. He will be here for the Feb. meeting.

It was announced to the members that per the bylaws, Pete O'Connell was selected to be a Life Time Member for his dedication and hard work for the STOS.

The Orchid Show will be held May 2nd and 3rd. May 1st will be for set up. We are going to try to have 4 vendors .

In February, there will be a Show Time meeting 1/2 hour before the regular meeting.

The April meeting will have the orchid auction.

A discussion continued about getting new members. Some suggestions were to advertise at SUNY etc.; use posters with information of the STOS.

Left over plants from the last meeting will be for sale today.

Show Table:

John Zygmunt and Linda Mandeville favored us with their beautiful orchids.

Refreshments were then enjoyed by the members. Thank you all who brought in the goodies. Raffle tickets were then drawn for the lucky winners.

Presentation - John Zygmunt brought in a nature CD program from 2000 by PBS titled "Obsession with Orchids". Everyone enjoyed the presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Brunnabend, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey, treasurer, reported that we have a balance of \$8,571.00 in the treasury.

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January 18 Show Table

John Zygmunt:

- 1) *Dinema polybulbon*
- 2) *Masdevallia exquisita*
- 3) *Dendrochilum smithianum*
- 4) *Tubecentron* (cross between *ceratocentron* x *tuberocentron*) *Hysinying Girl*
- 5) *Bratonia* (synonym of *miltassia*) Charles M. Finch 'Izumi'
- 6) *Dendrochilum parvulum* 'Golden Gate'

Linda Mandeville:

- 1) *Dinema polybulbon*
- 2) *Schunkeara Big Shot* 'Hilo Sparkle'
- 3) *Darwinara Fuchs Cream Puff* x *ascocentrum miniatum* (not known registered name as of 01/31/15)

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 Big shot - have been checked against the RHS Orchid Hybrid Registry. It is not the hybrid name that changes, but the genus.

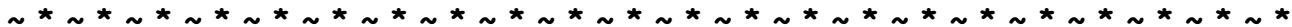
On the other hand, names of species - those which are completely of Greek or Latin origin -- have been searched in the Kew World Checklist of Monocotyledons. Parts of plant names appearing in boldface represent corrections in spelling or additional information found in these databases that may be of interest to the grower.

Paula Matienzo



February Program

Be sure to attend our February meeting! Dennis Sanders will be offering a presentation on "Orchids of Ecuador". Mr. Sanders is from Newburgh, and is an orchid grower; he will be providing a slide presentation of a recent trip to Ecuador, which was guided by Equagenera. Dennis will be bringing orchids for sale, and in addition, will also display some of his plants at our show table.



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The group of orchids now called *Tolumnia* were at one time called *Oncidium*s, and were commonly referred to as "equitant oncidiums".

These orchids are endemic to the Caribbean basin islands. In nature, *Tolumnias* grow on twigs in the higher parts of the tree. These are great compact plants growing well in tiny pots. Leaves grow to heights up to 6-8 inches, so they are ideal for small spaces. The leaves grow upward from the center and overlap each other and are thick strapping leaves, almost like ascocendas. *Tolumnias* or equitants come in many shades of colors.

Tolumnia Hollingsworth Excellence is a beautiful flower, a sienna color with golden yellow markings, with a wonderful richness. Flower shape is the typical dancing lady form, the petals and skirt are flared and flowing. The skirt is wide and split in the center. Upper petals curve outward and slightly inward.

Tolumnias like high light and to promote blooming, providing enough light is essential. These orchids are tougher than you think! Air movement and moisture is also important. Think about their native environment--they are exposed to the high light in trees and receive moisture, rain and humidity. These orchids like intermediate to warmer temperatures (70-80F) and love cool evenings and do well outdoors.

Tolumnia Hollingsworth Excellence adds a bit of zing to any orchid collection and is a petite beauty!

(Article Courtesy of Vivi's Orchid Corner)

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Upcoming Meetings

February 15 ~ Dennis Sanders/"Orchids of Equador"
March 15 ~ TBA

April 19 ~ Pre-Show Meeting/Auction
May 17 ~ Re-potting Clinic

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Refreshment Volunteers

February 2015

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. Her contact info is on the front page.

Current refreshments list includes:

February 15 ~ We Need Your Help!

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May 17 ~ We Need Your Help!