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NEXT MEETINGS

January 17, 2:00 First United Methodist Church
****1:00 Executive Board meeting at 1:00****

February 21, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

IN THIS ISSUE

Don't miss our January meeting! Our newly-elected officers for 2016 will 'take the helm'! It will be an exciting year ahead!!

Meeting NOTES

There will be an Executive Board meeting at 1:00, just prior to our normal meeting time of 2:00, at our January 17 meeting. All members are welcome!

Meeting location:

[First United Methodist Church](#)
53 McKinley Ave.
Endicott, NY 13760

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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President's Message

Members of the Southern Tier Orchid Society. May the best be yours in the coming year. I am humbled to have been chosen at December's annual meeting as your President. Prior to my election as president, I was looking forward to a "presidential debate" as to the comparison between the beauty of orchids in bloom, and the dormant weed like structure of those stubborn orchids that seldom bloom. It is my wife, Lori, the clubs new Vice President, that is the Orchidologist in my house. I am but a tag along spouse of an enthusiastic mother to about 50 little works of art she loves. Prior to my taking office, the Oakdale Mall Orchid Show was cancelled this year. I have been mildly involved for 2 years of the Orchid Show. A seemingly labor intensive weekend setting up displays at the center court of the Oakdale Mall. Many people were in awe of the beauty and variety of the exhibits. Through those shows we grew in members. That is what brought me in.

I wish to thank departing officers past president Linda Mandeville, and past vice president Carol Vargason for their great care and leadership provided to our organization. To Anne Quain we wish a restoration to good health and complete recovery from her injuries.

From our by-laws: "The purpose of the Society is to be an educational organization to bring together individuals from the public who are interested in the care and culture of orchids; or who are interested in any other orchid-related endeavor, such as art, education, writing, photography, etc.; in order that experience and knowledge may be shared for the benefit of all."

I work with a gentleman on the board of Roberson Museum. I offered an inquiry as to whether the Orchid Society could have a display / show at the museum. Surprisingly the discussion was well received because the museum enjoys partnering on events, displays, and exhibits that benefit the community. I will work with our executive board to analyze the opportunity and its potential benefit to our organization.

Please investigate our Orchid library and see the extraordinary resource of information to expand your knowledge of care and culture of our hobby. From Wikipedia; Orchidaceae is a diverse and widespread family of flowering plants, with blooms that are often colorful and often fragrant, commonly known as the orchid family. Orchidaceae has about 27,800 currently accepted species.

My wife and I, along with the Officers and Executive Board, look forward to serving you in the adventure of making the world a better place through ownership, display, and love of Orchids. We welcome your ideas, suggestions, and undertaking of participation for the benefit of all.

God bless you.
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Minutes for December 20

Linda Mandeville , President, called the meeting to order at 2:15PM. She also wished all the members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

First order of business was the approval of the November minutes, which were approved and seconded by the members.

Old Business:

- Dues for 2016 are now due
- A Questionnaire is now available as well as a membership form. They can be handed in at this meeting or in the January meeting.
- Election of Officers: candidates for 2016 are: President - Ben Cabot; Vice President - Lori Cabot; Treasurer - Jane Trey ; Secretary - Carol Brunnabend. The Executive Committee consists of Anne Quain; Sharon Voorhees and Luis Matienzo. As past president, Linda Mandeville will be added to this committee in 2016.
- A motion was presented to the members for approval of officers, which was approved.
- A reminder that Carol Vargason is the Librarian and can introduce members to the contents of the library. Items in the library can be found on the STOS Web site.

New Business:

- Luis was thanked for ordering the orchid plants to be auctioned off free to members. Everyone was given a raffle ticket for them to pick out their free orchid.
- There will be a Board Meeting at 1:00PM at the January meeting. To be determined at the meeting will be: 1. Projected budget for 2016. 2. A list of speakers and dates to be decided. 3. Decide to have 1 or 2 auctions with 60 plants and what months to have the auctions.

Several members brought in their blooming orchids for decorating the food table. We then enjoyed appetizers, entrees and desserts provided by the members.

The Raffle tickets were drawn and everyone was able to select a free orchid. Orchids that were left over could then be purchased.

The Christmas party continued until 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Brunnabend, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey presented the treasurer's report, stating that indicated we currently have an account balance of \$8,905, but some additional expenses for the Holiday party are yet to come in.

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Monthly Show Table

Due to the holiday party, there was no "formal" Show Table for our December meeting, but several members brought in their beautiful, flowering orchids to adorn our tables!

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January Meeting

Don't miss our January 17th meeting! Our new President, Ben Cabot, will be sharing his photographs taken at the 2013 New York City Botanical Garden Orchid Show. Members will be free to share their knowledge and have a discussion of the various orchids.

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Upcoming Meetings

January 17 ~ General meeting/discussion

March 20 ~ Kim Fetterson

February 21 ~ Isabel Lopatin

April 17 ~ to be announced

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