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NEXT MEETINGS

January 19, 2:00 First United Methodist Church
****1:00 Board of Directors/Show Committee meet prior to 1/19/14 regular meeting! ****

February 16, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

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Don't miss our January meeting! Our guest speaker will be Krum Sotirov, giving us a presentation of the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, London England.

Meeting NOTES

This month's guest speaker will be Krum Sotirov with a presentation of the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, London England, and will include a discussion on Orchid Diseases and Pest Control.

Come one, come all!!! This is a treat not to be missed!

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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The Treasurer's report was given by Jane Trey who spoke about the current financial status of our club. Our treasurer indicated we currently have an account balance of \$8,145, but some additional expenses for the Holiday party are yet to come.

Dawna Cole presented the slate of candidates for officers for 2014. All candidates were voted on and accepted by the club. The new officers for 2014 are: President-Linda Mandeville, Vice President-Bob Howe, Secretary-Carol Browne, Treasurer-Jane Trey, AOS Representative-Pete O'Connell, Board Members-Dawna Cole (2 year term) and Bob Rudin (3 year term), Show Committee-Anne Tinker, Library-Dawna Cole and Carol Vargason, Web Site-Son Tran

New Business was then discussed:

2014 Dues are now payable. John urged members to please try to have their dues paid up either this month or next.

Mr. Zygmunt announced an opportunity for our members to join the Syracuse Orchid Society (CNYOS) in attending the South East Pennsylvania Orchid Show (SEPOS) on Saturday, April 14. CNYOS has chartered a bus, and they have open seats available, and are willing to pick up anyone from our club that is interested in going. The bus will cost \$69 per person, and they would pick us up at the Oakdale Mall at approximately 8 a.m. on April 12. Please contact Sue Finger, jandsfinger@aol.com, (315-458-3040) if you are interested in attending.

Our President, John Zygmunt then continued with the rest of the meeting's agenda. There will be a Board of Directors and Show Committee meeting at 1:00, prior to our regular meeting on Sunday, January 19th. John will present the 2014 budget.

Anne Tinker, our Show Chair Person, gave us an update on this year's Show information. Margaret Bridge (vendor) may not come this year, as she has a conflict with the date. Annie's Orchids may possibly be a vendor that we could have in the event Margaret cannot show.

We ended the official business part of the meeting and proceeded with the "banquet" portion of our meeting, by enjoying the food and drinks provided by society and its members in attendance. Those members whose dues were paid up for 2013 each received a free orchid, courtesy of the STOS. Happy Holidays to our members and their families!

While we enjoyed the Holiday fare, those members who brought their orchid(s) for us to admire, showed them to us and spoke a little about their individual orchids. Those members were: John Zygmunt, Carol Vargason, and Bob Rudin. Raffle numbers were called next and lastly, members who wished to, bid on the "leftover" orchids that were up for auction.

We wished each other "Happy Holidays" and with that, our 2013 Season came to a close around 4:20 PM.

Our first meeting for 2014 is scheduled for Sunday, January 19th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Mandeville for Carol Browne



Cattleya trianae 'Mary Fennel' HCC/AOS is a good example of this winter-blooming species.

Cattleya

Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

Cymbidium

We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

Lycaste

The most glorious of all orchids, *Lycaste*, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

Odontoglossums

Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using *Oncidium* and *Brassia*, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to

