



# Southern Tier Orchid Society

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## March 2012

### NEXT MEETINGS

**March 18, 2:00** First United Methodist Church of Endicott

**\*Mar 18:** Show meeting at 1:15 prior to the start of our normal meeting\*

**April 15, 2:00** First United Methodist Church

### IN THIS ISSUE

- **Ray Barkalow, First Rays Orchids** will be speaking on semi-hydroponic orchid growing

**\*\*Reminder:** Our annual orchid show April 20-22!  
Please spread the word!!

### March PROGRAM NOTE

#### Ray Barkalow, First Rays Orchids

- Extensive travel lead him to a great deal of experimentation surrounding keeping plants healthy and happy during his absences, and that's what led to the development of Semi-Hydroponics.
- First Rays came into being by accident-literally - courtesy of a greenhouse heater and alarm failure on a 7°F night in January of 1994. His 20-year collection of plants from around the world was a total loss
- "The best part about the exposure that First Rays has given me is the ability to communicate with folks from around the world on the fascinating subject of orchids. Sharing the obsession is second only to growing the plants."

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed. Contributions must be submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:southerntierorchidsociety@gmail.com)

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### President's Message

Isn't this weather awesome! This is great to be having this wonderful mild weather and also knowing that we only have a few short weeks of winter left.

We are just one month from our show and we still have a lot of preparations to do. We will be having a show committee meeting just ahead of our regular meeting this month. Show committee will be at 1:15 p.m. and everyone who would like to take part is welcome. There are many hands needed and many jobs to do to make our show a success, so please consider joining the fun.

This month, we have Ray Barkalow, from First Ray's Orchids to speak to us on semi-hydroponic orchid growing, which is a method of growing orchids that a number of us use successfully. Ray will be bringing supplies, as well as some plants to sell. We hope everyone can come and learn about an alternative way to grow your orchids.

See you at the meeting!

Anne

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### Minutes for February 19, 2012

At 2:15 PM. this afternoon, President Anne Tinker called the meeting of the Southern Tier Orchid Society to order. Reference was made about the committee meeting held at 1:15PM earlier today. A discussion, with our members followed, outlining the progress being made toward organizing the Annual STOS Show at the Oakdale Mall.

Upon Peter O'Connell's direction, LuAnn Myers, the society's new treasurer, proceeded to inform members of the current fiscal state of our organization. Peter spoke next to members about the highlights of the committee meeting. The STOS will NOT be receiving financial support from the Oakdale Mall as we have in the past. We will be starting this year's show with a negative working balance because we will not have the \$2000.00 we received in the past from the mall. Peter called upon members to help with judges' housing needs for the show, thus alleviating one of the largest expenses (hotel accommodations). Several members will consider this possibility. Other cost cutting ideas in general were discussed.

Keeping in mind the date at the end of April for our show (20th, 21st, 22nd); Anne reminded us that workers are needed for setup, tearing down and everything in between. Further discussion will be coming at the next meeting on Sunday March 18th.

Jeff Gould asked members for their input with regard to photography opportunities and other types of orchid related items for the show.

Next we conducted a raffle with the help of Colin selling tickets. We enjoyed refreshments brought by several members Thank you fellow members!

We were treated to a presentation by Joe Kunisch, owner of Bloomfield Orchids, as the first item of business after the break. Complete with a slide show, Mr. Kunisch treated our members to a colorful, well thought out selection of beautiful orchids: Popular Orchids for the Hobbyist. As an added benefit, the owner of Bloomfield Orchids further delighted orchid lovers with a hand-out and gave a talk on: Nutritional Management of Orchid Plants. We thanked Mr. Kunisch for his expert tips and ideas.

As the last item of business, we directed our attention to the Show Table. Items presented for our pleasure were from the homes and gardens of John, Bob, Greta and Linda.

Our monthly meeting ended at approximately 4:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Browne, Secretary

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### Show Table

**SUNDAY, February 19, 2012**

Entries in **boldface** indicate corrections to hybrid names found on the RHS International Orchid Hybrid Register website. If you wish to check names yourself, just google **RHS Orchid Hybrid Register**, and follow search instructions. Paula

<b>GRETA DEROCHER</b>	Coelogyne (Coel.) flaccida
<b>COLIN DIMON</b>	Paph. Neville Anderson (Deperle 'White Conquest' x niveum 'Triplet')
<b>LINDA MANDEVILLE</b>	Oncidium (Onc.) Twinkle 'Red Fire' <b>Rhyntonleya</b> (Rly.,syn Otaara) Hwa Yuan Bay 'She Shu,' AM/OSROC
<b>BOB RUDIN</b>	<b>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</b> (Rlc., syn Brassolaeliocattleya, or Blc). Chia Lin 'New City,' AM/AOS <b>Cattleya</b> (C.) Haw Yuan Angel (C. Orglade's Glow x C.Janet) Zygonisia (Zns.) Cynosure
<b>JOHN ZYGMUNT</b>	Ornithocephalus bicornis Phal.schilleriana Paph. Thunder Hill

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### Treasurer's Report

Total funds available are \$9,288.55. Last year the total funds available were \$7,852.39, plus a CD of \$2,290.63, for a total of \$10,143.02. This is \$854.47 less than last year at this time. The projector was purchased in September of 2010. Income and Expenses details are available upon request.

As reported, the CD matured and was cashed out. Funds are in the checking account. The budget was presented and PASSED at the January meeting. However, since that time, the room rental which was incorrect was fixed, and some adjustment made; and we were informed that the Mall would NOT be supporting us this year with the \$2000. This is a total cut of \$2400 from the support of 2 years ago. This will be discussed and the budget will have to be revised at the next meeting.

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### OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST TO ORCHID ENTHUSIASTS

[March 3-April 22, 2012](#) --he Orchid Show: Patrick Blanc's Vertical Gardens, at the New York Botanical Garden. Hours: 10AM-6 PM, Tuesday-Sunday. Tickets: \$20/adult and \$18/senior or students More information at [www.nybg.org/exhibitions/2012/orchid-show](http://www.nybg.org/exhibitions/2012/orchid-show).

[March 23-25, 2012](#) - Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show, at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA. Hours: 9AM-6 PM. Tickets: \$18/adult, \$15/seniors (62+).

(Please note: Longwood Gardens' own Orchid Extravaganza will be running from January 20 through March 25. This seems to mean that those visiting the SEPOS show will be able to see Longwood's collection at the same time.) More information: [www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org).

[March 31 and April 1, 2012](#) - Genesee Region Orchid Society Show & Sale, at Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum and Science Center, 657 East Ave., Rochester, NY. Hours: March 31, 10 AM-5PM, and April 1, 10 AM-4 PM. Admission \$7/adult, children free. More information: [www.geneseeorchid.org](http://www.geneseeorchid.org).

A request from STOS members: If you should attend any of these shows, talk to vendors and others involved to find out whether they present programs on topics pertaining to orchids. Obtaining business cards from these contacts would be most useful for planning our own programs. This is the way we have located many speakers in the past.

Don't forget to take pictures and share them with us in the newsletter.

Thanks! Paula and Luis

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### MEMBER ORCHID PHOTO CONTRIBUTIONS

Geof Gould: The 'Big Red Catt' was a huge plant in the BU greenhouse, but long since 'passed away' or split up and shared with others than me. Ike Heier, former greenhouse manager, also has passed away. The orchid pictured was one of many from his mother's collection of wonderful plants.



The Cymbidium pictured below (Cym. Tiger Moth x Sinense) was one of the AOS award winners at our spring show of several years ago:



Ken Hull: (Below) This is a NYS endangered species. Very difficult to find and each blossom lasts only one day:



This is also an endangered species of orchid in NYS, very difficult to find and very tiny:



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### Upcoming Meetings

**March 18** ~ Ray Barkalow, First Rays Orchids

**April 20-22** Our Annual Orchid Show!

**April 15** ~ Our Annual Show Preparation

**May 20** ~ Repotting Session

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

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### 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 Anne Tinker know if you can help. Her contact info is on the front page.

Current refreshments list includes:

**March 18** ~ Mary Lidaka

**May 20** ~ We need your help!

**April 15** ~ We need your help!

**June** ~ summer break