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December 2011

NEXT MEETINGS

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

*****HOLIDAY PARTY*****

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

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DECEMBER PROGRAM NOTE

Please bring a covered dish to the annual holiday party on Sunday, December 18, with a serving spoon. Dessert, main or side dishes are all welcome! Each member who attends will get a FREE raffle ticket for an orchid plant. Please bring any in-bloom plants to decorate the tables, to make the party more festive!!

****Note:** In the event of a weather emergency, please check your email the morning of the party! If nothing is received from STOS, the party 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 us before 12:30 PM Sunday: Paula (607)-754-5702 or Carol (607)-724-8015.

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

SOUTHERN TIER ORCHID SOCIETY 2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) annual memberships are \$15 per individual or household, and we ask you to complete the following form to update our membership and mailing lists for the newsletter. Payments are accepted in cash at the meeting or by check or money order, made payable to **Southern Tier Orchid Society**.

Please send this form and your payment to:

Pete O'Connell, STOS Treasurer
PO Box 1043
9531 Old Orchard Beach
Trumansburg, NY 14886

or Linda Mandeville
1515 Walker Rd
Endicott, NY 13760

NAME: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

_____ I AM A NEW MEMBER (PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW).

_____ I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP AND MY CONTACT INFORMATION IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S.

_____ I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP AND AM UPDATING MY CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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Your contact information will not be released.

I would like to receive the newsletter (please check one). *Please help us conserve – if you have email, please let us send your newsletter to your email:

By mail _____

By e-mail _____

Please note: This form can also be found on our website (www.storchidsociety.com)

Received: _____

Date

By: _____



Membership Dues

It's that time of year - membership time! The membership form is included in the newsletter above and, for your convenience it is also available on our website:

[Southern Tier Orchid Society - Membership Form](#)

Annual membership dues of \$15.00 for 2012 is payable now. If you have not turned in your membership for 2011 or 2012, please take this opportunity to do so. January 1st is the due date and dues need to be paid no later than May 31st. We need you! The STOS is a great organization, full of camaraderie and people who are willing to share of their orchid knowledge.

****NOTE:** Those who have not paid their **2010** dues will be dropped from the active membership list and will no longer receive the Newsletter. If you did not pay dues in 2010, you may renew your membership now in order to continue receiving the Newsletter in January.



President's Message

As this year draws to a close, I want to thank all of those STOS members who have worked to make our year a success! Whether it be securing us a new meeting place, working on one of our events, such as the show, auction or repotting clinic, helping with set up and tear down of meetings, keeping a balanced budget that allows us to hire speakers, publishing our newsletter or bringing refreshments for everyone to enjoy at our meetings, it all is important to make our club a success! Also thank you to everyone who brings in their blooming orchids each month for the rest of us to enjoy and learn about each month. We need and appreciate each and every one of you!

Beginning in January, we will start working on our show for next year. Our show is on the AOS calendar for April 20 - 22, 2012 and time will go by quickly between now and then.

I hope to see everyone at our meeting/holiday party on December 18. We always have a good time, good food and everyone goes home with an orchid, courtesy of STOS.

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season!

Anne



Minutes for November 20, 2011

The November 20, 2011 meeting commenced at 2:25PM. Anne Tinker called the meeting to order.

First on the agenda, Peter O'Connell, STOS Treasurer, presented his report and told members that the written report was available for their review.

Paula Matienzo was asked to give a membership update, referencing the work that she, Linda and Carol have been addressing since our last meeting. The work to "clean-up" the current list is moving forward. Paula reminded us that the dues of \$15.00 for the 2012 membership is payable anytime now. January 1st is the due date and dues need to be paid no later than May 31st. Our treasurer clarified information with regard to dues from 2010. After further review by Linda, Paula and Carol, a new list of those who no longer wish to be counted as members, based on failure to pay dues, and thus, acknowledging their desire not to remain members, will be presented for a final count.

Members asked questions with regard to our money-on-hand and suggested some possibilities for use by the membership at large. Suggestions about going to flower/orchid shows, en-masse, were discussed. A mention was made that perhaps we should consider a trip to the OAS Judging Center, near NYC. Glen Decker, our guest speaker, suggested that Spring and Fall are good times for that trip.

Questions and suggestions were entertained with regard to future speakers for our 2012 calendar year. John Sullivan was mentioned and he will be approached.

Linda Mandeville gave us an update regarding elections to be forthcoming in the new year. Members were reminded that we will be voting soon. Please volunteer to be considered if you have an interest. We need members to take an active part in our organization. Please give this serious consideration. We need YOU to make our STOS the best it can be!

Peter has made it known that he will be leaving his post as treasurer, as soon as a replacement is found. He will be very happy to stay on long enough to insure a smooth transfer of duties.

Our Holiday Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 18, 2011. Please come and bring a dish to pass and the appropriate utensil with which to serve it. Family is welcome! Come and share your holiday wishes!

Peter O'Connell got us up to date with the health issues and progress of his 92 year old father, Harry. His dad is home and doing well. Please remember him in your prayers.

Next we took a break for refreshments and time for Colin to sell raffle tickets.

Our guest speaker, Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids, was introduced. Mr. Decker has been an orchid enthusiast for 35 years. His hobby and love of orchids started as a 15 year old boy and bloomed to the point of "green-housing" 10,000 to 12,000 plants. His career choice and ensuing love of orchids has taken him all over the United State and some foreign countries; he travels and speaks on a regular basis. He loves slipper orchids the best. He told us that a temperature of between 58 and 85 degrees is optimum. One of his hints is to deal with hybrids; stay away from species; hybrids are easier to grow. Slippers do best in low light and in an east window. Water and fertilize less in winter. Mr. Decker spoke of the best formulas (nitrogen, phosphate and potash) and the usefulness of Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap. He told us he shies away from chemical use to clean and maintain his orchids. Our speaker then asked if we had questions. They were asked and answered. We thanked our speaker with heart-felt applause.

The show table was next. Peter, Luis, Greta, Jim, John Z and Carol presented their orchids. Our meeting came to an end at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Browne, Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Current balances are as shown below. Total funds available are **\$10,161.98**. Last year the total funds available were **\$8,431.31**, plus a CD of **\$2,290.63**, for a total of **\$10,721.94**. Differences are in Show loss and purchase of projector.

Income and Expenses since the September report are as detailed in the spreadsheet and is available upon request.

The Auction was a great success and will, with the silent auction, net was \$122.00 less than budgeted, with some leftovers which will be in the raffle.

The CD matured and I cashed it out. Funds are in the checking account and I am still shopping around to see what we can get. Maybe US Savings Bonds. The cash out amount was \$2312.45, of which \$30.82 was interest.

Pete O'Connell, Treasurer



JOIN US FOR THE 2011 STOS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

DATE: Sunday, December 18

PLACE: First United Methodist Church of Endicott (Downstairs)

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

Please join us in celebrating the holidays! Bring your spouse, significant other, and other family members to this enjoyable gathering. The holiday party will be downstairs in the church, so please park in the back parking lot and use the rear entrance. A short business meeting to elect officers for 2012 will precede our chance to socialize and enjoy the holiday spread.

The holiday party relies on the active participation of its members, and we ask you to bring a dish of your choice to share and the utensil needed to serve whatever you decide to prepare. We, in turn, will provide plates, cups, napkins, flatware, and beverages.

Because we need some help in organizing the tables and the goodies, we ask some of you to come a little bit earlier (1:30P.M.) to help with the set up. We would also appreciate your bringing your lovely flowering plants, which will serve as table decorations on this festive occasion. We'd also appreciate your help with cleanup afterwards.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our party. If you can't come, our best wishes for a happy

holiday season to you and your loved ones.



Show Table

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011

This month's show table was a lovely display of orchids, thanks to the following growers. Abbreviations for unfamiliar genera are enclosed in parentheses, and names in boldface show corrections based upon the RHS International Orchid Hybrid Register. -Paula

- GRETA DE ROCHER** Bulbophyllum medusae
Ascocenda (Ascda.) Princess Mikasa
Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Miya's Radiance
Oncidium (Onc.) ornithorhynchum ('Sellon' x 'Newberry')
Cattleya (C.) John Mossman x Lc. Esk?
Blc. Lois McNeil 'Ace' x Lc. Floralia's Azul 'Sandra'
Not registered with RHS
Phrag. **Giganteum** (Grande x caudatum)
Phrag. Sedenii 'Rob'
- LUIS MATIENZO** Paph. helenae
Pteroceras semiteretifolium
- PETE O'CONNELL** Masd. Tortoise (4 plants)
Masd. Tiger Bay
Masd. Hampshire Prolific
C. Michelle Fiene - cross of walkeriana as seed parent x
jenmanii as pollen parent, per RHS
- JIM ROWLEY** Stenoglottis (Sngl.) longifolia
- CAROL VARGASON** Neostylis (Neost.) Lou Sneary 'Bluebird'
Paph. (Happy Hill x Wilson's Ocean) -
Not registered with RHS
- JOHN ZYGMUNT** Paph. (Verba Buena 'White Cap x Yosemite Moon)
Not registered with RHS
Paph. Harold Koopowitz
Rhyncholaeliocattleya (Rlc., formerly Blc.) Despentar de Oro 'The Light'
C. Ahmad Sheikhi 'Mendenhall' x C. Kittiwake x C. Memoria Maggie Hood ?



Stenorrhynchus speciosum ([Jacq.] Rich. ex Spreng. 1817):
A reliable orchid for the Holidays

Luis J. Matienzo

If one wishes to enjoy the colors of the holiday season with a plant that offers these attributes, one must grow this species native to Central and South America. The genus *stenorrhynchus* contains members with red, pink or peach-colored flowers and contrasting leaves. The plants grow terrestrially and they can tolerate various temperature ranges and little attention. My favorite species of this genus is the above-listed plant with many cheerful red flowers on a long stock during the month of December. The contrasting leaves contain white spots on a green background which coordinate well with the white edges seen on the tubular lips. The flowering period is quite long and a reduction of water afterwards will start the next flowering growths. A map indicating the habitats for members of this genus is shown below and images of the flowers and leaves of the described species are also incorporated below. If you wonder about the derivation of this plant's name, it combines both Greek and Latin roots that simply describe this plant as the showy orchid with narrow snout-shaped flowers.



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<http://orchid-hunter.blogspot.com/> December 01, 2011



Upcoming Meetings

December 18 ~ Annual Holiday Party

February 19 ~ To be announced

January 15 ~ To be announced

March 18 ~ To be announced

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



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:

December 18 ~ Everyone!!

February 19 ~ We Need Your Help!

January 15 ~ We need your help!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!!

