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# **April 2015**

## NEXT MEETINGS

April 19, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott

\*\*1:00 Show Committee meeting prior to 4/19/15

regular meeting! \*\*

May 17, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott

## IN THIS ISSUE

Don't miss our April meeting, Pre-Show planning and
\*\* ORCHID AUCTION!! \*\*\*

\*\*Note: we will meet downstairs, due to the auction, so please use the rear entrance!

# MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

April 19th meeting will be our Annual Orchid Show preparation; our STOS Orchid Show at the Mall on May 2<sup>nd</sup>-May 3rd (and set-up on Friday, May 1st).

\*We will also have an ORCHID AUCTION!! Any orchids purchased at the auction may be used for our STOS Display and also entered for judging at our Orchid Show (except for cultural awards)!

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed. Contributions must be submitted by the  $5^{\text{th}}$  day of each month to the editor.

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# President's Message

Hello All!

\*\*HAPPY SPRING\*\*! I think we've finally made it! It's been a long, tough winter, but I think the worst is behind us, and sunny, warm days ahead!!

On behalf of us all, I'd like to send a special "thank you" to John Zygmunt, for his contribution to our March raffle! John provided many beautiful mounted orchid miniatures, and potting supplies to be raffled off, and made a wonderful contribution to our club! Thank you so much!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our monthly meeting and ORCHID AUCTION, which will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. \*\*Note—the meeting will be held <u>downstairs in the church</u>, to allow us more table space for the auction! So please be sure to park in the back of the church, and use the church rear entrance!!

We will also have a Show Committee Meeting at 1:00, just prior to our regular meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>. We will use this time to make sure we have everything coordinated and ready for our show at the Oakdale Mall on the weekend of May 2-3, (with set-up on Friday, May 1st), We'll need lots of "helping hands" at the Show; anyone who can pitch in, with even an hour or two of their time, would be greatly appreciated! No experience is necessary! We especially need members to help in setting up tables and our STOS Display on Friday (~3pm-6pm). No special talent required! So please consider offering your help!

After our Show Committee meeting, we will have a special mid-year auction during our normal meeting time! Pete O'Connell has graciously volunteered to order flowering plants, and will conduct an \*AUCTION\* for those in attendance!! This will be a wonderful opportunity to obtain some more flowering beauties for your collections!! Please keep in mind that orchids purchased at our auction on April 19th may be registered for judging at the Show (except for cultural awards). We encourage you to please bring your flowering orchids in for our STOS Orchid Display and also judging during the show!! You may go home with some ribbons!!

I look forward to seeing you all on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and also at the Orchid Show, the weekend of May 1-3! I encourage all members to come, even if you haven't been around in a while. You are always welcome! Seeing a room full of orchids will lift anyone's spirits after a long winter!

Respectfully, Linda Mandeville STOS President

## Minutes for March 15, 2015

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

First order of business was the approval of last month's minutes. Minutes were approved and seconded by the membership. Jane Trey, Treasurer, gave the report of the STOS financial status which is \$8,495.00. Anne Quain discussed the Orchid Show for 5/2 and 5/3 and the need for volunteers. Need help especially for Friday 5/1 evening to set up the display. Saturday - set up lunch and Sunday for cleanup.

Old Business. Reminder to members to pay the dues for 2015.

<u>New Business:</u> Bill Rudin made a reference sheet for show duties. Need volunteers to sign up. Linda told the members of the Orchid Care Quick Reference form that Bill O'Connell created (with the help of Luis) and was emailed to members. Hardcopies are also available on the table in the back of the room.

April 19th meeting will be the orchid auction. Pete will be supplying the plants.

A book "Orchids of the World" was shown to the members and can be bought on Amazon.

It was brought up to have a portion of the meeting for questions and answers on problems the members may be having with their plants.

<u>Show Table / Raffle</u>. John brought in orchids for the raffle. Linda Mandeville and Carol Brunnabend showed their orchids.

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

<u>Presentation</u> - Dennis Sandberg then delivered a fascinating presentation on his visit to Ecuador and the wonderful orchids he saw. He was a very good speaker and everyone enjoyed the pictures. He also brought in enough orchid plants to fill 2 tables. Many plants were purchased.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Brunnabend, Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey, Treasurer, reported that we had a balance of \$8,495.00 in the treasury.

#### March Show Table

#### **Linda Mandeville:**

1) Oncostele Wildcat 'Yellow Butterfly'

#### **Carol Brunnabend:**

- 1) Doritaenopsis hybrid (white) 'Vestal Snow'\*
- 2) Doritaenopsis hybrid (white background with purple spots and lines) 'Maggiespring'\*

# **Dennis Sandberg:**

- 1) Paphiopedilum Pinkpong (paph. freckles x paph. Winston Churchill)
- 2) Spathoglottis plicata var. alba

(\*) These two hybrids do not have their known RHS registration hybrid names but only particular varietal names given by the owner of these plants

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

# April 19th Meeting—Orchid Auction!!!

Be sure to attend the April 19th meeting for our mid-year auction! Feel free to bring a friend or two!!! We will be meeting <u>downstairs</u>, so please park in the church back parking lot, and use the back door.

# STOS - Annual Show Information - Important!

Members -There are four attachments to this newsletter which you will need for early registration of plants, as well as information on the show, mall rules, art and photo entry. (The forms are also available on the <u>STOS website</u> under "Annual Show").

Online registration of plants is encouraged by Thursday evening, April 30th (this is the preferred method). All on-site registrations needs to be submitted by 7pm on Friday, May  $1^{st}$ .

Please check all plants for pests. Plants must be in bloom or coming into bloom. They need to be registered. This is a big job and Pete will be at the storefront and may need help. If you have extra time, please offer Pete some help.

All members at the show should wear their name tags and be available to answer questions about the society and encourage new membership. You don't need to be an expert on orchids! Remember, this is our best opportunity to add new members (and we need new members!). We also offer a 50% off coupon to new members who sign up at the show for the remainder of 2015.

Everything you might want/need to know about the show is also available in our STOS Show Manual (many thanks to John Zygmunt)! The Show Manual is also available on the website! If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact Anne Quain, myself, or any of the Board members!!

We appreciate all your help and support! I'm sure we'll have a great show this year!

# Understanding the Ins and Outs of an Orchid Show

If this is your first attendance to an orchid show or you have attended a few of them but you have wondered how the different awards and ribbons are given to plants and exhibitions, the following summary will help you to understand the criteria for awards whether or not it is an American Orchid Society- (AOS) judged show.

In addition to the tasks listed here, many other jobs such as set-up, take-down, advertising or sitting at the information booth require the assistance of members. I hope this encourages you to become an active participant in the upcoming and future shows.

Luis J. Matienzo

## RIBBON AND AOS JUDGING

Judges accredited by the American Orchid Society are invited to the Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) show to evaluate exhibits and individual plants. Using exhibits and plant classifications given in the STOS brochure, the judges decide on what ribbons and special awards will be made to the various exhibits and individual plants properly registered by the exhibitor.

At the discretion of the judges, plants of very high caliber may be selected for consideration of AOS awards. Plants designated for AOS awards will need to be photographed and registered with AOS. If an AOS-awarded plant is part of an exhibit, STOS will cover the cost of photographing the plant. The owner of the plant, however, must pay AOS for the award certificate fee.

### WORKING GROUP PRIOR TO RIBBON JUDGING

CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRATION: Review and comparison of entries according to schedule classifications are made. Verification of information on entry list by the exhibitor is made. Exhibitor is ultimately responsible for the correct classification of an entry.

ENTRY REGISTRATION: Receipt of plant/exhibit entries from exhibitors. Proper entry number is included and added to other entries in the same class. Typically, two or more people share this task which consists of entries into a computerized data base.

## WORKING GROUP DURING RIBBON JUDGING

TEAM LEADER (HEAD): Responsible for the efficient performance of the judging process. Records judges' decisions, awards, and leads judges to next class. This leader can be assisted by at least another person.

RIBBON ASSISTANT(S): Keeps (keep) ribbon supply, adds (add) class, entry number and date to awarded ribbon. Makes (make) sure that ribbons are signed and placed on awarded plants.

SPOTTER: Locates exhibits and plants to be judged in a particular class.

## RIBBON JUDGING AWARDS

**Blue ribbon:** First place in a particular class **Red ribbon:** Second place in a particular class **White ribbon:** Third place in a particular class

**Green ribbon:** Honorable mention (\*)

Note: In any class more than one plant may be given a blue, red or white ribbon

(\*)Honorable mention ribbons are given to a plant or plants with uncommon features or not frequently seen at shows In addition, STOS has some rosette awards described in the show schedule and brochure.

# Upcoming Meetings

April 19 ~ Pre-Show Meeting/Auction May 2-3 ~ Our STOS Orchid Show!!

May 17 ~ Re-potting Clinic

June-August ~ Summer hiatus