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April 2013 NEXT MEETINGS

April 20-21 STOS Orchid Show at Oakdale Mall!
(setup on April 19th)

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

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April PROGRAM NOTE

- There will be no "regular" meeting in April. Our Annual Orchid Show will be held at the Oakdale Mall, April 20-21, with set-up on Friday, April 19.
- ****Note: In the event of a weather emergency,** please check your email the morning of the meeting! If nothing is received from STOS, the meeting 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 me before 12:30 PM Sunday: Linda (607)-227-1563.

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



President's Message

March's meeting was a busy one. We started off with a board meeting to discuss the finances of the club. I presented a budget for 2013. The loss of the stipend from the Mall did affect our bottom line over the past few years. We had a discussion about how to cut expenses and increase income. It will be necessary to do both in order to stay solvent. The Board elected a new treasurer Jane Trey. I will be training Jane to take over the recording of income and payment of bills over the next month as well as creating a budget for 2014 in the fall.

In the regular meeting we had a pre-show meeting. Plans are well under way for the upcoming Show in April. We will need all members who can to come at around 3:00pm on Fri. April 19th to help skirt tables and help with setup, as well as take-down after the show at 5:00pm on Sunday. Thanks to all who volunteered to put up judges at their homes.

We ended with a library meeting. Thanks to Linda Mandeville's husband who helped bring in the new library cabinet. The members sorted through books and magazines and they are now in the cabinet ready to be loaned. The cabinet is in a storage room in the rear of the sanctuary at the church. Dawna Cole is our librarian with Carol Vargason as assistant. They will be in charge of revising the library policy, keeping tabs on the material and making an inventory.

My next project will be to work on a Show Manual. It seems that putting together the show is more complicated than I thought. It involves many different people who seem to have various parts of the show. It took a lot of time and e-mails for me to find out who does what, and who has different equipment, forms, who has contact information, who sends out contracts, what about insurance, who purchases ribbons, who has signs, who orders food etc. I would like to get all this information together as a manual so that future show chairs know what's to be done, who has traditionally done what, and who has supplies and equipment for the show. This will make it easier--especially for someone not as familiar with the process.

Please remember to pay your dues. After May 1 we will be revising the membership list. All who have not paid dues will be removed from the list and will not get the newsletter.

Finally, we expect to have a good show. I encourage all members to come even if you haven't been around in a while. You are welcome back. Seeing a room full of orchids will lift anyone's spirits after a long winter. I am attaching forms for early registration. (see below)

STOS - Annual Show Information - Important!

Members -There are 5 attachments to this newsletter (we also put them on the website under "Annual Show") which you will need for early registration of plants as well as information on members' sales, mall rules, art and photo entry. (If you don't see the forms on the website, you need to clear your browser cache. Try pressing the refresh button. If that doesn't work, help is available at [http://www.wikihow.com/Clear-Your-Browser's-Cache.](http://www.wikihow.com/Clear-Your-Browser's-Cache))

Online registration of plants is encouraged by Thursday evening April 18. All on-site registrations need to be submitted by 7pm Friday April 19. Please check all plants for pests. Plants must be in good

shape and 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.

Hard water spots on leaves can be removed with lemon juice (or diluted if not too bad -from a real lemon). Anyone who wants to set up an exhibit should contact southerntierorchidsociety@Yahoo.com and me at ziggy798@msn.com as soon as possible with size of exhibit (6 or 8 foot table) and what is in the exhibit. Please see also Mall rules regarding displays.

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 in orchids. I will have a supply of business-size cards with information about the orchid society and the website to be given out to interested people. Remember, this is where we can get 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 rest of 2013. If anyone needs a name tag, or would like a new one, let me know and I will make you one. I will bring the box of name tags on Fri. Hope to see you at the show!

John Zygmunt

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Minutes for March 17, 2013

A Board of Directors was held at 1:00, prior to the regular meeting.

- The board discussed the Treasurers' position, as LuAnn Myers is going to take a break from it. A motion was made to remove LuAnn from the checkbook; Jane Trey seconded the motion. Since LuAnn is willing to pass responsibility to someone else, a motion was made to elect Jane Trey as Treasurer beginning in September. Jane is willing to sign checks, and will be working under John's direction.
- John presented the 2013 budget at the Board meeting. It was agreed to go with the simpler format budget report.
- John encouraged members to make donations for the 2013 Show Raffle. It was suggested that perhaps we could also give away a couple of memberships for the Raffle.
- Geof Gould asked for "orchid subjects" for his photography club to photograph next Sunday (March 24). The photographs will be used by his club for the cooperative gallery

John Zygmunt purchased a cabinet for our library books. Before the meeting was called to order, Jack Mandeville assisted us by carrying in the cabinet so we could get it set up.

The regular meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

- **A motion was made to approve the minutes** from last months' meeting. John noted that there was a mistake in the previous minutes---there will be 3 Vendors at our Show, rather than 4. The minutes were then approved with that correction.
- **Treasurer's Report:** We have roughly \$8000 in the treasury; John completed the 2013 Budget, which was discussed at the Board Meeting. The budget has listed the Income and Expenses for 2013. John noted that we are losing money each year (~\$800+). We need to increase our income and decrease our expenses. Could we consider eliminating the Judge's dinner next year?
- **2013 Show Discussion:**

- We need to push for more members; please try to encourage people to join at the Show.
- John printed up “business cards”; please circulate to friends
- Show information should go up on website; we should post the Show banner with dates.
- John will remind Pete to send Son the Registration Forms, Banner, and Info
- John suggested we find someone to volunteer to show up at the Mall early Saturday and Sunday to save money on Security
- Perhaps we could keep a “donation cup” for member refreshments?
- **The Board meeting** was held at 1:00 to discuss budget; LuAnn needs a break from being treasurer. Jane Trey volunteered to be treasurer. John will train her for the next few months, and then Jane will take over beginning in September.
 - Do we need someone on the Board to replace Jane? We will defer this to next meeting.
 - Membership Dues are due; please check list and get caught up
 - Do we still need to print and send Newsletter?
 - Carol Vargason has volunteered to be Library Assistant, to help Dawna Cole.
- **Break with held with some delicious refreshments!** Thanks to all those who brought in goodies for our enjoyment!
- **The Raffle** was held; we had some lucky winners!!
- **Show Table:** Only one item this month for Show table:
 - Dave Clemens: Leptotes bicolor
- **Show Committee Meeting:**
 - Judges:
 - All judges have responded; Thank you to everyone who volunteered to put up judges in their homes
 - Dawna Cole has room, and has offered to take more judges, if necessary
 - Those putting up judges are welcome to attend the judges’ dinner
 - We need clerking volunteers. If you can help with the clerking during the judging event Saturday morning, please be there @ 9:30am on Saturday
 - Vendors: contracts need to be sent out. We will have the same vendors as last year minus Main Street Orchids
 - Club Table: Are we doing a club table this year? Yes! John offered to do a club table with supplies; members may bring items for sale to the show
 - Judges Dinner:
 - Dawna Cole has offered to coordinate the Judges’ dinner. Typically its’ held at the PS Restaurant at ~7:30 pm.
 - Members are welcome to attend, but they must pay for their own dinner; it is an enjoyable experience, and a nice opportunity to get to know the judges a little better. Please contact Dawna ASAP if you are interested in attending.
 - Saturday afternoon luncheon (for STOS workers, judges, etc.):
 - Dawna Cole will coordinate the luncheon again with Phil’s Chicken House this year. Thank you, Dawna!
 - Storefront: We will be using the same storefront as last year—the bank store front across from Ruby Tuesday’s

- Insurance: A copy of the insurance needs to go to Courtney at the Mall. Anne/John to coordinate
- STOS Display: Gary Stensland has offered to do our display again this year. Members are encouraged to bring their flowering beauties to add to our display (and also for judging!) Please bring them Friday afternoon/evening to the storefront at the Mall.
- Show Sign-up Sheet:
 - Bob Rudin is coordinating the hospitality table. Please try to support the club and work at the hospitality for a few hours during the show, if possible.
- Plant Registration: Pete and LuAnn will be doing the plant registration for the Show. Registration will be set up in our storefront.
- Show Set-Up:
 - We will need volunteers for Show Set-Up on Friday afternoon. More hands make lighter work! If you can spare an hour or two, please come to help with the show set up. Also, we'll need help tearing-down on Sunday afternoon.
- **Library Set Up**
 - John handed out copies of our current Library procedures (which are also available on the website) to members for their review. Please take some time to read them over, and we'll discuss any suggestions/improvements to our current procedures at our next meeting.
 - Dawna Cole and Carol Vargason will be our Library coordinators—thank you, Dawna and Carol!
 - The remainder of the meeting was spent in setting up our collection of books and magazines in the library cabinet.
- The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Mandeville filling in for Carol Browne, Secretary

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Show Table

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2013

DAVE CLEMENS: *Leptotes bicolor*

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Treasurer's Report

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Upcoming Meetings

- April 20-21 ~ STOS Orchid Show!
- May 19 ~ Repotting Clinic
- June-August ~ Summer Hiatus

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 Jane Trey know if you can help.

Current refreshments list includes:

- April 20-21~ STOS Orchid Show
- May 19 ~ We Need Your Help!
- June-August ~ Summer hiatus

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