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NEXT MEETINGS

April 17, 2:00 First United Methodist Church
****Meeting is Downstairs for auction!****

May 15, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

IN THIS ISSUE

Don't miss our April meeting:

**** ORCHID AUCTION! ****

****Note:** we will meet downstairs for the auction, so please use the rear entrance and parking lot!

Meeting NOTES

Meeting location: April 17th, we will meet **DOWNSTAIRS** in the First United Methodist Church (please use rear parking lot and rear entrance):

[First United Methodist Church](#)
53 McKinley Ave.
Endicott, NY 13760

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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President's Message

Dearest lovers of Orchids,
Spring may be on the calendar, but the chill lingers. It is difficult to be patient for milder weather. However patience is a requirement for caring for orchids. Our last guest speaker talked of a particular orchid he has that only blooms once every 12 years. That is a lot of watering, feeding, repotting, and tending to for very little return. That is the only part that most love about orchids is the spectacular colors, fragrances, and unlimited varieties of shapes, colors, and styles. Especially when they bloom.

One can almost feel that orchids have personality. They speak in artful elegance, and Godly design. A reminder of the fragile nature of life, and the delicate features we delight in. Although my wife Lori and I have never brought items to the show table, we are in awe of the wonderful variety the members bring, and the thousands of plants in their care. I appreciate the beauty you share at our show table, and the photos you share on our Facebook page. At our last meeting member Joe Sniezek took some fantastic pictures of the show table plants, and loaded them on the Facebook page. To find them on the Facebook page you must click on "Visitor's post" or "Photos posted to STOS page". There are many photos there, and you can put yours on directly. Unfortunately they do not show up on the "timeline" page like a standard Facebook page.

A while ago I presented an idea to the Executive Board of getting STOS involved with Roberson Museum for a possible show of some type. Recently we received a poster that the Genesee Region Orchid Society does an Orchid Show & Sale on a Saturday and Sunday at the Rochester Museum & Science Center, their admission \$7.00. It appears such an idea is successful in other parts of New York State. Our local Roberson Museum has received a very large grant, and is looking for ideas for displays. I have an idea that we could put a big screen orchid presentation on display along with some of the educational posters we have, as a permanent display promoting our organization, and the beauty of orchids.

The Southern Tier Orchid Society shirts have been ordered and hopefully will arrive in time for the April Meeting. Thirteen people ordered shirts to wear there orchids proudly.

Pete Oconnell has confirmed that inventory is on order and our auction is on schedule for April 17th at 2PM. I hope to see you all there.

May the orchids be with you,
Ben Cabot - President



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Minutes for March 20

Ben Cabot, President, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved by the members.

The guest speaker Mr. Kim Feddersen was introduced. He, along with his wife Carolyn, are from Fair Orchids of Maplewood New Jersey. His topic was how to grow Vandas in the northeast. He presented his lecture with a video of these orchids.

- Vandaceous - 1425 species 10,123 hybrids
- Phalinopsis - 78 species 31,031 hybrids
- They grow in the Himalayas , SE Asia and the Philippines.
- Some grow high up and some are cool growers
- Light has a direct impact on the flowers color and quality
- They can be grown in empty baskets - must water daily
- Inside they will grow in an empty vase (clear) fill with water for 15-30 minutes then release the water. Biweekly water with fertilizer.
- Night temp. - 65 degrees F.
- They grow from small, medium to large. Philippines have the largest flowers

Mr. Feddersen also brought in many orchids for sale.

Refreshments were then enjoyed. Thank you to those who brought in the goodies. Raffle tickets were sold after which the raffle was held. A big Thank You to John Zygmunt for the wonderful items.

Show Table: There were numerous orchids on display. Reminder to sign the book when you bring in an orchid. Paula Matienzo gave a brief talk on knowing the plants correct names and species. It is important if the orchid is to be shown in the future at a show. Vendors for the orchid show is the issue. We will have 2 vendors for next year. The mall is still be best place -it is free with a lot of exposure.

Jane Trey, Treasure, gave the report of the STOS financial status of \$8,766.

Old Business:

- A plant auction will be held April 17th at 2 PM. A discussion about getting smaller compact type orchids , more varieties and fragrant ones.
- Members can bring in one plant to donate in the auction.

New Business:

- The society is getting publicity from WBNG. A reporter would like to talk to some of the members.
- **WSKG** - Renee Albaugh had an orchid picture posted.
- **Face book** - We now are on face book, so go on and post a picture of your orchid.
- **STOS shirt orders** - Polo shirts for men and women are ready for ordering. They are \$18.00. We should have by the April meeting.
- The survey was discussed. A copy of the survey will be sent to Pete O'Connell for his review and comments.
- Members were asked to volunteer to help clean up the room after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Brunnabend, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey presented the treasurer's report, stating that indicated we currently have an account balance of \$8,766.

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March Show Table

John Zygmunt:

- 1) *Paphiopedilum delenatii*
- 2) *Paphiopedilum* Angela
- 3) *Bulbophyllum* Daisy Chain
- 4) *Zygopetalum* hybrid
- 5) *Odbrs.*(synonym *brassidium*) Fangtastic Bob Henley

Robert Rudin:

- 1) *Dendrobium* hybrid

Christine Guidelli:

- 1) Two *Phalaenopsis* hybrids

Linda Mandeville

- 1) *Epidendrum* Princess Valley ‘Highlight’
- 2) *Epidendrum radicans*

Carol Brunnabend:

- 1) *Phalaenopsis* Little Orange Stripes
- 2) *Phalaenopsis* hybrid

Jane Trey:

- 1) *Ctt (cattianthe)*.(synonym *slc.*) Ann Komine ‘Breathless’ AM/AOS

Bernice Magee:

- 1) *Bulbophyllum species*

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 – 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.

Luis and Paula Matienzo

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April 17th Meeting—Orchid Auction!!!

Be sure to attend the April 17th meeting for our mid-year auction! 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 flowering beauties for your collection!! Feel free to bring a friend or tw!!! We will be meeting downstairs, so please park in the church back parking lot, and use the back door.

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Bill O'Connell's Coelogyne (Bill commented: "The coelogyne really smells, and it's not all that attractive an odor!")

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Upcoming Meetings

Date	Program		Date	Program
17-Apr-16	Orchid Auction	***	18-Sep-16	Annual Auction
15-May-16	Repotting Session	***	16-Oct-16	Luis Matienzo
June-August	Summer Hiatus	***	20-Nov-16	John Dunkleberger
		***	18-Dec-16	Holiday Party

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

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