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### NEXT MEETINGS

September 15, 1:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott (\*Note: Earlier time!) October 20, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott

#### IN THIS ISSUE

- Don't miss September meeting the Auction!
- Flowering plants are needed from members for CNYOS Orchid Show Oct 5-6!

# MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Important Note: The Central New York Orchid Society (CNYOS) Orchid show (Syracuse) will be held Oct 5-6. We will need members to bring in flowering plants to take to the show! More information will be provided at our Sept. 15 meeting.

Any contributions, articles, and/or photos for the monthly newsletter are appreciated! Please submit any inputs by the first week of the month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.

#### 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

I hope you all had a good summer. It's over so quickly. We are about to start our fall meetings. First up is our auction. For new members, STOS purchases plants from professional growers to be auctioned off at our September meeting. This is a chance for members to purchase orchids at a reduced price and make some money for our club. The meeting will be held September 15th downstairs at the church starting at 1:00 (park in the back). All members are urged to attend and support STOS. If you can, please bring some refreshments to share. STOS supplies drinks, plate, cups, etc.

For October and November we plan to have speakers (tentatively Paul Sheetz and the Parkside). Thank you, Bob Howe, for you efforts to obtain speakers. October is also the month to have a nominating committee elected by the membership. Their duty is to present a slate of officers and necessary Board members at the following November meeting and again at the December meeting. Officers, the AOS representative, and Board members will be elected by a plurality vote at the December meeting. Officers and Board members will immediately assume their duties upon election.

At our May re-potting meeting there was a post-Show discussion. We reviewed what went well and what could be improved. There was a discussion of whether or not we should even have a show as it is so much work to put on. The purpose of the show is educational and to obtain new members. My opinion and the opinion of several members that I have talked to is that we should continue. This is our premier event and is enjoyed by the membership and the public. I have some ideas about making the show setup run smoother and how we could save money. Many of my ideas are presented in my new Show Manual. I urge all members to read the manual as I will present my ideas at the fall meetings. This manual was the result of over a months' work on my part, with input from many members. The first 10 pages are attached to this message. (I will also bring hard copies to the fall meetings). My main suggestion is to spread the work load of the show to several "coordinators" similar to what we do with the art and photo exhibit. This makes it easier for the president and show chair in those first frantic hours to set up the show. It also defines responsibility so everyone knows who is in charge of what area avoiding conflicts. The second 47 pages, which I will not include, contain all of the forms, contact lists, and equipment lists etc. needed to put on the Show. The manual is made to be continuously revised and updated as needed. I would like the Board and members to review it as I intend to present it for approval this fall. Comments and suggestions are welcome. Anne Tinker has agreed to start the process for next years' Show with AOS, as this needs to be done 6 months in advance. Thank you Anne.

In October, the Central New York Orchid Society in Syracuse has their annual show at the Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville. They have supported us with a display at our show and I feel we should reciprocate. I am asking for volunteers to set up a display representing STOS. Set up is Fri Oct. 4 from noon to 8pm with their show on Oct.5-6. Please let me know if you are interested. Hope to see you all on September 15.

John Zygmunt STOS President

# Minutes for May 19

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, we gathered to conduct the first meeting since the Orchid Show in April of this year. The meeting commenced at approximately 1:30 pm. Our President, John Zygmunt, welcomed new members. We are pleased to announce that there are seven new members and two returning. Our newest member, Paula Giroux, was present at the meeting, and was introduced and welcomed to the STOS.

We then moved on to old business:

• <u>Library</u>: the cabinet is in place in the back room of the sanctuary. Dawna Cole has a list of the books. Members—please review the policy for the library. We discussed placing a clipboard for those taking books out, and posting it on the inside door of the cabinet.

#### New Business:

#### • Show Manual:

- o John Zygmunt has put a lot of effort into creating the Show Manual. He has proposed coordinators for the Information Table, Display, and Art Work
- John brought in two copies of the manual for members' review and comments. Please note any comments you have on the attached sheet of paper, and John will incorporate into the document
- o John wants to complete the manual by the first meeting in the Fall

#### • Show Discussion:

- Security: The club paid \$86 for security Saturday/Sunday. Can we get a member to cover next year?
- o Judges' Dinner: Cost was approx \$200. Is it worth it?
- o Show Trophy: \$110; AOS Fee \$50
- Joe Kunisch (vendor) provided some comments/suggestions for the members to consider for next year's show:
  - Provide more information on the website regarding the show
  - Mini-seminars during the show (e.g. repotting clinics, etc.)
  - Listing of vendors on the website and their links
  - Encourage more exhibits
  - Ask for vendor feedback after the show
  - Provide more speaker info on the website (for our monthly meeting presentations)
- There was discussion on whether we want a show next year? We have few members, and many older.
- o Bob Howe did a great job getting coverage
- o Vendors preferred a shorter (2-day) show; 3 days is too long
- O Next year's show conflicts with Easter (April 20th). We'll have to come up with a new date
- o Perhaps we should cut out the judges' dinner and have breakfast items instead?
- Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be in September; it will be our internal auction, but members are welcome to bring friends; Picnic will be held in August at Anne's house; more info/details to come later
- Speakers for next year: Bob Howe is coordinating (Oct/Nov/Jan/Feb)

Note for new members: The STOS takes a summer hiatus. Our next regularly scheduled meeting
will be on Sunday, September 15th at this same location. (First United Methodist Church of
Endicott)—our annual auction will be held!

We broke for the re-potting segment and sold raffle tickets for \$1 each. We partook of a beautiful array of refreshments provided by our members. Thank you one and all!

Our May meeting concluded around 4:00 PM. Hope to see you in August at the summer picnic!

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Mandeville for Carol Browne, Secretary

# Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey, treasurer, was not present, but John Zygmunt reported that we have a balance of \$7,529.72 in the treasury. We had \$1650 in Show expenses, and \$1040 in Show Income, for a net show loss of \$610.

# Annual STOS Auction

September is time for STOS's annual Orchid Auction. This year the date is Sunday, September 15. We will start at 1:00 PM, as we need to allow enough time to have a meeting prior to our auction, in which we will sell as many plants as possible.

This year's sources will include a variety of growers. Of course there may be plants from our own members as well, many of which are specimen size. If you wish to have some of your plants in the auction, please see the guidelines for this below.

If you have any questions about the auction, please contact Pete O'Connell at 607-423-1202.

#### Member Plants Auction Policy

STOS members who want to donate or sell orchid plants in the 2013 Auction, Sunday, September 15, are invited to do so. All plants must be in good shape and free from pests and diseases. Plants must be registered with Pete O'Connell by listing the following information:

Owner Name

Plant genus and species or given name and clonal name if given
-example Phal Summer Beach 'Sandy'

Any Awards give the clone such as AM/AOS

Size of the plant and pot

Any description of the flower you have

A suggested starting bid

Send the list of plants to Peter O'Connell (petermoconnell@yahoo.com), or Southern Tier Orchid Society@yahoo.com by September 8 (one week before Auction). The list must be received by Tuesday, September 10.

The Auction committee will confirm the receipt of your list and reserves the right to limit the quantity.

Reimbursement: the member can ask for reimbursement for up to 50% of the proceeds of the sale of the plants, if desired. The first plant listed will not be subject to reimbursement (first plant donated).

The auction committee reserves the right to sell purchased plants first. Any plant that is not sold due to time restrictions or no bids must be taken back by the owner or given away as they see fit. No member plants will be held over for the next month's silent auction to sell remaining purchased plants.

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## CNYOS (Syracuse) Orchid Show

The Central New York Orchid Society (CNYOS) Orchid show (Syracuse) is scheduled for the first weekend in October: October 5 and 6 with setup Friday afternoon, October 4th. We are planning to participate in the show by setting up an exhibit to represent our organization. We will need members to begin collecting flowering plants that we can use for our display. It is important that STOS participates in this year's show; if STOS does not participate, it is likely that the CNYOS club will not participate in our 2014 and future shows! So please keep this in mind, and help by providing flowering plants and perhaps offering your time and assistance. We will need volunteers to transport plants and set up on Friday, set up the display, and also tear down on Sunday. We will discuss details at our meeting on Sunday; please help if you can!

#### Monthly Show Table

Because the auction will fill all of the time at the meeting on Sunday, September 15, we request that you wait until the meeting in October to bring along plants in flower for our monthly show table. During meetings in October through May, we'd like to share your pride in those orchids that you have coaxed into blooming, as well as any other information you'd like to present and discuss with fellow STOS members.

## Upcoming Meetings

September 15 ~ Annual Auction

November 17 ~ TBA

October 20 ~ TBA

December 15 ~ Annual Holiday Party

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:

September 15 ~ We Need Your Help!
October 20 ~ We Need Your Help!

November 17 ~ We Need Your Help!

**December 15** ~ Everyone!!!!