



# Southern Tier Orchid Society

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## September 2011

### NEXT MEETINGS

**September 18, 1:00** First United Methodist Church  
of Endicott (**\*Note: Earlier time!**)

**October 16, 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 1-2!
- Monthly Show Table - helpful and informative!

### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

**Important Note:** The Central New York Orchid Society (CNYOS) Orchid show (Syracuse) will be held Oct 1-2 (setup on Friday Sept 30). We will need members to bring in flowering plants to take to the show!! More information will be provided at our Sept. 18 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month to the editor.

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### President's Message

As summer is drawing to a close, we move into our fall programs at STOS and a great opportunity to both acquire orchids and learn from our very knowledgeable speakers. Please take note of our listings in the newsletter.

Our first big event is Sunday, September 18, when we will be having our annual auction. This is a good opportunity to acquire many lovely orchids that are brought in from vendors we don't normally have access to. Many of the orchids are blooming or budded so you have the opportunity to see what you are getting, if you are unfamiliar with that particular orchid. In most cases, you can acquire your orchid of choice for less than if you ordered it yourself and had to pay shipping on it. Because of the volume of orchids we will be auctioning, we will be starting at 1:00 pm and will be holding the auction downstairs, instead of our regular meeting area upstairs in the church. For the auction, please park in the parking lot behind the church and enter through the door in the back. Once you get in the door, turn left to the downstairs area where we had the repotting session in May. We will need help setting up, labeling plants and recording the sales, so please try to come a little early and give us a hand. This is always a lot of fun and we always have a beautiful selection of auction plants to appeal to everyone.

The CYNOS orchid show will be coming up October 1 and 2nd, with set up on Friday, September 30. This is held at the Beaver Lake Nature Center and we need to have, not only plants to display, but help setting up our display, transporting plants and tearing down our display on Sunday. Please let us know if you would be willing to help out with this in any way.

See you at the auction!

Anne



### Minutes for May 15

The May meeting of the STOS was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President Anne Tinker. Because this month's meeting was a "repotting" session, along with other business, it was held in the basement level at the same venue.

Anne welcomed our newest members and asked them to stand and introduce themselves. They are: Ruth, Andrew, Jim, Robin, Mary, Jane and Julie. Welcome, one and all! It's a pleasure to count you as members of our Orchid Family!

Next, our president thanked all of us for our hard work at the STOS Show, Mother's Day weekend. Many members gave their valuable time to help our yearly show become the continuing success it has been. Those that worked on Thursday (set-up) through Sunday (tear-down) were thanked for their unselfish efforts. Special thanks to Bob Rudin (ordering and buying), LuAnn and Peter (store-front), Colin (brawn). Thanks each and every one!

Peter O'Connell gave his Treasurer's Report. With reference to the Show, lots of checks are going out and we are expecting some to come in as well. We are in good shape.

Anne is targeting 2012 Orchid Show for April 19, 20, and 21; she will keep us posted as more information becomes available.

Members were asked to please pay their dues NOW, if they have not already done so. John Zygmunt was thanked for the beautiful name tags he provided for members. Because we are repotting today, each member in attendance will get a free "starter" orchid (plug). Colin will sell raffle tickets for \$1 each and Peter brought 5 varieties of *Cypripedium* seedlings to sell to interested members.

We are reminded that August 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. a picnic will be held at Anne Tinker's house. More information to follow. After our usual summer hiatus, our September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held, UPSTAIRS, here at the church.

We broke for refreshments while Colin conducted the raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Browne, Secretary

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### Treasurer's Report

The May 2011 financial report states that the total funds available are \$9,799.98 and a CD of \$2,290.63, for a total of \$12,090.61. Last year the total funds available were \$9,991.71, plus a CD of \$2,227.12, for a total of \$12,218.83.

The show income was included but not many of the expenses. Show Income was \$2600 (Mall \$2000, 3 Vendors \* \$200); Other Income was from memberships and raffle for a total of \$100.00. Expenses were refreshments, totaling \$42.91.

Pete O'Connell, Treasurer

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### Annual STOS Auction

September is time for STOS's annual Orchid Auction. This year the date is Sunday, September 18. We will start shortly after 1:00 PM as we need to 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 2011 Auction, Sunday, September 18, 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 poconnel@pall.com, or SouthernTierOrchidSociety@yahoo.com by September 11 (one week before Auction). If you do not have e-mail access, please call Pete at 607-423-1202 to let him know you are mailing a list. The list must be received by Tuesday, September 13.

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, with setup Friday afternoon, September 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 2012 and future shows! So please keep this in mind, and help by providing flowering plants and perhaps offering your time and assistance with set up for the October CNYOS show!

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### Monthly Show Table

Because the auction will fill all of the time at the meeting on Sunday, September 18, we request that you wait until the meeting on October 16 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.

It would be most helpful if you would prepare a list in advance of the meeting. Please start with your name, then list all parts of the name of each plant, including the clonal name (in single quotation marks - for example, 'Sunshine,') and awards, such as AM/AOS. For some hybrids, you may have only the names of parents on your plant's label - e. g., Paph. Ho Chi Minh 'Pink Bubbles' x Avalon Mist 'Sunshine.' - and from this information we may be able to determine whether the cross has been registered.

Before publishing your lists in the following month's newsletter, I consult at least two databases to check for current taxonomy - that is, what your plant is now called. Plant names that appear in the newsletter may reflect corrections found in these databases to the names you provided.

For hybrids, the Royal Horticultural Society's International Orchid Register provides both the accepted genus and registered cross. If you use the internet, you may want to try searching this database yourself. This is fairly easy to use with straightforward directions if you use the name of the cross,

called **grex** in this resource. If you have only the names of the parents, you may also determine whether this cross has been registered. Here's the address:

<http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/>

For species, I google Kew Gardens Monocot List Orchids but have to caution you that this database is very scholarly and quite a bit more challenging to use. If you need more information on this, please see me and perhaps we can work on a name together.

So starting in October, we look forward to seeing what you have in bloom!

Paula Matienzo

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### Upcoming Meetings

**September 18** ~ Annual Auction

**November 20** ~ Glen Decker from Piping Rock Orchids

**October 16** ~ Mary Carol Frier - Phaleanopsis

**December 18** ~ Annual Holiday Party

*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 Anne Tinker know if you can help. Her contact info is on the front page.

Current refreshments list includes:

**September 18** ~ Bob Howe and ??

**November 20** ~ We Need Your Help!

**October 16** ~ We Need Your Help!

**December 18** ~ Everyone!!!!