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## September 2019

### NEXT MEETINGS:

September 15, 1:00 Annual AUCTION!!

**\*\*MEMBER AUCTION!! \*\***

(\*Note: Earlier time!\*)

October 20, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

## IN THIS ISSUE

- Don't miss our September 15th meeting:

**\*\* ORCHID AUCTION!! \*\*\***

Beautiful, unique orchids directly from Hawaii to your living room!!

## Meeting NOTES

September meeting is our Orchid Auction!

Meeting location: Sept 15th, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month to the editor.

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## President Message

Auction Fever.... Or "I got to have that!"

From <https://www.sciencedirect.com> : Despite countless anecdotes about emotionally-charged bidding in auctions, there is little research to help understand what causes auction fever and why it persists. Overall, the current research demonstrates how bidders are potentially subject to many different sources of arousal that have nothing to do with auctions, all of which can unwittingly increase individuals' bidding. ... Perhaps nowhere on the planet is the combination of art, power and glamour quite so heady. Attend one of Sotheby's standing-room-only auctions of Impressionist and modern art, and you will feel, if only by association, the adrenalin rush triggered by high-stakes bidding.~~

The first STOS orchid auction Lori and I attended, Lori had quit bidding as the price got higher. But I grabbed her plate and bid again several more times. We (I) bought us a beautiful black slipper in full bloom for \$45. We called it Darth Vader. So began our collection. It is probably dead by now from our early care techniques. But there is nothing like the thrill of the auction. Many much better deals can be had, if it is not something you must own.

Pete O'Connell again has made great selection of imported orchids. Pete lives in Florida now and still comes to our shows, and provides inspiration for our auctions. Treasurer Jane Trey has received most of the orchids and she says they are beautiful. More are arriving this week, we will have 76 items. Resident orchid expert, Luis Matienzo will be the voice of the auction, describing the details of the item for bid. Members are encouraged to bring snack items. Drinks will be available. It will be a beautiful fun event.

Our neighbor club near Syracuse.>> The Central New York (CNY) Orchid Society is having their fall **Orchid Show** and sale on October 5th and 6th at the Beaver Lake Nature Center . 8477 E. Mud Lake Rd. Baldwinsville, NY. 2 Days of everything Orchid! Nationally judged competition, plant vendors info on growing and potting. Saturday noon – 5, Sunday 10-4, Donations accepted at the door. Beaver Lake parking fee. Click here for information.  
<http://www.cnyos.org/2019showfiles/pre2019show.html>

Heads up for possible field trip 2020. The New York Botanical Garden has an extreme Orchid Show from usually late February, to late April. If there is interest we can get a group trip organized.



### Benefits of membership;

- Repotting clinic
- 2 orchid auctions
- Summer picnic
- Christmas party
- Information meetings

We have got many new members filled with questions, and enthusiasm, for the living art that orchids represent. And we have experts that can serve as mentors in a worldwide hobby.

The board updated some minor revisions to the Bylaws, attached in this newsletter. We will discuss and vote for acceptance at the October meeting.

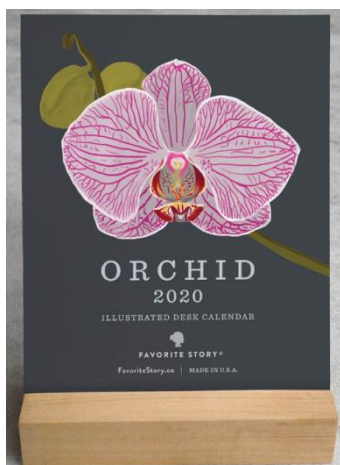


AOS (American Orchid Society) membership. Our organization recently took advantage of a discounted 2-year renewal offer. Bernice Magee is our representative to the organization. Upcoming with that renewal offer is a massive upgrade with the new “OrchidPro Software”. There is a special offer expiring on September 15<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.aos.org/> Join by September 15<sup>th</sup> and get access to over 95,000 photos of award winning orchids. Ben and Lori Cabot joined to get access to the great photos. Digital-only membership is \$75 for 2 years.

STOS Orchid Show 2020-- From last year’s chairperson. Carol Bayles > I was contacted by one of the vendors a month ago, wanting to know details. It would be really good to have the same date every year so people can plan. I think we should try for a judged show. I will be chair again and hopefully get some help. Ask Michael if we could have access on Saturday morning at 8:00 or so for judging and what it would cost. Another option is to have judging on Sat afternoon during the show. Some places do this. I don’t know when the board meetings start, but we should not wait until mid-Oct to start talking about this. I really hope we can use the museum again, it worked out great and everyone loved it. Contact Carol with your support and ideas. [cjb4@cornell.edu](mailto:cjb4@cornell.edu)

I found this interesting Orchid Desk Calendar while searching for inspiration.

2020 Desk Calendar, Orchid | 2020 Calendar with Stand | Floral Desk Calendar 2020 || Favorite Story \$14.00+ shipping. There is a different picture on every month.



<https://www.etsy.com/listing/508326264/2020-desk-calendar-orchid-2020-calendar>

Orchid Kiss 670B-6 **BEHR**



At Home Depot you can get orchid Paint for your house.



May the best be yours  
Every day.  
*Ben Cabot*



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## Minutes for May

Carol Bayles, STOS Vice President presided over today's meeting. Carol called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

### Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made and accepted to approve the April 2019 Meeting Minutes

### New Business:

- Carol Bayles thanked all those that helped with the STOS Orchid Show this year! This was the first year we held the Show at the Roberson, and everyone felt it was a great success! Many positive comments were received from the visitors, and also from the vendors. They did well and were pleased with their sales.
- Bernice Magee gave special thanks to Carol Bayles, for doing an outstanding job as Show Chair.
- Lori Cabot told members that the STOS shirt orders are in! Sweatshirts, T-shirts, Jackets, and many other items can be ordered from Knucklehead Embroidery. They all look lovely!
- STOS August Picnic: Our annual August Picnic will be held the last Sunday in August (Aug 25) at Anne Quain's. All members and their families are welcome!
- NEW MEMBERS!! STOS warmly welcomes the new members!:
  - Mari Delaney
  - Pamela Pucci
  - Steven Hess
  - Renee DePrato
  - Heather DeLorme
  - Cara Blatt
  - Lois Felter

### Old Business:

- For anyone interested, Ben and/or Lori have the order sheets for STOS shirts/jackets; a total of 6 orders are needed to place a custom order.

### Old Business: None

### Show Table:

- Luis Matienzo shared some of his beautiful, flowering orchids!

### Raffle and Refreshments:

- We then we broke for some delicious, light refreshments

### Repotting:

- After a short refreshment break, we conducted our Repotting Session. Luis instructed members on how to repot their plants, and also how to do divisions and also mounting. Everyone went home with at least one nice orchid to add to their collection!

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Mandeville, Secretary

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## Annual STOS Auction

September is time for STOS's annual Orchid Auction. This year the date is Sunday, September 15th. 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.

A variety of orchid genera will be auctioned off. Cash or local check only-- no credit or credit cards, please. We plan to advertise the auction to the public, as well as current members. Please encourage any of your friends or family members to attend! All are welcome!!

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 Auction 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](mailto:petermoconnell@yahoo.com)), or  
[SouthernTierOrchidSociety@yahoo.com](mailto:SouthernTierOrchidSociety@yahoo.com). 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.

**\*\*NOTE from Luis Matienzo:** I have an extra unopened 2 cubic feet of medium sized bark. I am willing to part with the extra bag I have since I have more bark that I need and I am asking \$30 for it. Anyone that is interested can give me a call at 754-5702 or send me email at [lmastienzo@stny.rr.com](mailto:lmastienzo@stny.rr.com) and I will bring it to the next meeting.

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**THE HEAT IS ON** By this time in the summer, deleterious effects of heat will become more pronounced, and you may have to rescue a few orchids. Do your best to cool plants by using combinations of mist, shade and air movement. If portions of your plants have succumbed to heat stress or appear to be rotting, it is always best to remove and discard those necrotic tissues, as the resulting diseases can easily spread to healthier portions of the plant. Treat any cuts you make with an antifungal or antibacterial substance such as cinnamon. Next month, some relief is in sight for your heat-stressed orchids.



This stunning *Maxipedium xerophyticum* 'Moonlight and Star', CCM/AOS received 87 points in August 2014 with 47 flowers and 78 buds on 45 inflorescences. Individual flowers are just under an inch (2.4 cm) and the spectacular plant is composed of 250 growths filling a 28-inch (72-cm) container. Grown by Venk Reddy and photographed by Ramon de los Santos.

*Courtesy of —Thomas Mirenda, AOS Conservation Committee Chair (email: [biophiliak@gmail.com](mailto:biophiliak@gmail.com))*

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