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December 2019

*****HOLIDAY PARTY*****

NEXT MEETINGS:

December 15, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott (downstairs)

January 19, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

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HOLIDAY PARTY!!! Downstairs, 2:00pm, at our normal meeting location:

[First United Methodist Church](#)

53 McKinley Ave.

Endicott, NY 13760

Meeting NOTES

Please bring a covered dish to the annual holiday party on Sunday, December 15, with a serving spoon. Dessert, main or side dishes are all welcome! Each paid-up family who attends will get a FREE raffle ticket for an orchid plant. Please bring any in-bloom plants to decorate the tables, to make the party more festive!!

****Note:** In the event of a weather emergency, please check your email the morning of the party! If nothing is received from STOS, the party 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 one of the Board Members.

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 Message

The Christmas Orchid

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Angraecum sesquipedale [/ˌæŋkwɪpiˈderliː/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angraecum_sesquipedale), also known as Darwin's orchid, **Christmas orchid**, Star of



Bethlehem orchid, and King of the angraecums, is an epiphytic orchid in the genus *Angraecum* endemic to Madagascar. The orchid was first discovered by the French botanist Louis-Marie Aubert du Petit-Thouars in 1798, but was not described until 1822. It is noteworthy for its long spur and its association with the naturalist Charles Darwin, who surmised that the flower was pollinated by a then undiscovered moth with a proboscis whose length was unprecedented at the time. His prediction had gone unverified until 21 years after his death, when the moth was discovered and his conjecture vindicated. The story of its postulated pollinator has come to be seen as one of the celebrated predictions of the theory of evolution.

This season of thankfulness, joy, and well wishes, is never dampened by the loss of green mountains; replaced by billowing white beauty of a snowy covering. While some outdoor gardens take a nap during winter, the caretakers of orchids can enjoy their indoor collections all year long. Surely orchid care is less of a chore than caring for a pet. But we the lovers of orchids are perpetuating an endangered species with the rescue plants we cherish.

2PM Sunday, December 15th
The Annual meeting and Pot luck Christmas Party. Meeting is downstairs, enter in the rear door. First United Methodist Church, 53 McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY.

From <https://northamericanorchidcenter.org/>, North America is home to over 200 orchid species, and more than half are endangered or threatened somewhere in their native range. The North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC) was established by the Smithsonian Institution and the United States Botanic Garden to assure the survival of all native orchids in the U.S. and Canada.



Due to a broken heating system in the regular room, our November meeting was held in the Sanctuary of the church where the heat worked. Glen Decker gave a great presentation.



Members brought a good variety of their personal orchids to discuss for the show table. Snacks were enjoyed during the break, and an auction was held making money for the club.

At the December meeting we will have a dish pot luck Christmas party. The meeting will discuss updates for the Orchid Show again at Roberson museum. The show dates are April 25th and 26th 2020. Carol Bayles has stepped forward again for our second annual show there. You can contact her at cjb4@cornell.edu to offer your assistance. It will be larger than last year. Also at the meeting will be election of officers, raffle, show table and regular business items.

It is no surprise that so many people love orchids. The color, variety, and magnificent splendor of the majestic plants is awe inspiring. It is great to come to meetings where you can associate with true orchid experts. As your president I have been humbled. I only come to meetings to accompany my wife Lori. Having served a

second term as President, it is a better suited position for someone that knows a little about orchids. I have enjoyed everyone's participation and the excitement to succeed.

May the best be yours, Ben Cabot



Minutes for November

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Treasurer Report: Jane Trey reported the current balance of our treasury, and reminded members that dues of \$20 for 2020 are due in December.

Committee Reports/Meeting Discussion:

- Library: Paula Palmer, librarian, has categorized all of the STOS books, and has ordered an STOS stamp for the library books; Paula has also laminated the list of books to loan out, and asks that members please leave their phone number when a book is checked out.
- April 2020 Auction: Our annual April auction will be held on April 19, a week before our April 2020 STOS Orchid Show; auction plants can (and are encouraged) to be included in our display for the Show.
- Facebook: Ben Cabot is the Facebook administrator; Rich Thomas asked to be added as co-administrator.
- AOS: Bernice Magee brought in the new issue of the AOS Orchid Magazine—any member may borrow it. Bernice commented that Barbara Schmidt often submits articles for the AOS Magazine that Bernice finds very practical and helpful. Bernice also suggested that perhaps we could incorporate into our monthly meetings input from members on AOS magazine articles that members find useful and would recommend others to read.
- Members' Holiday Party!
 - Our annual December Holiday party will be held during next month's meeting on December 15th, at 2:00, downstairs in the Church. The plants have been ordered; all families with paid-up dues for 2019 will receive a free orchid!
 - Linda will order the deli platter, rolls, and condiments; drinks and place settings will be provided. Members—please bring a dish to share, along with a serving utensil.
 - Volunteers to help set up would be appreciated! Please arrive by 1:30 to help with setup, if you're able!
- 2020 STOS Orchid Show: Carol Bayles, Show Chair, reported that we will be having an AOS-judged orchid show at the Roberson Center on 4/25/20 thru 4/26/20, with set up on Friday, 4/24. Judging will take place at 9:00am on Saturday. We have 3 vendors signed up (Main Street Orchids, Wade Hollenback, and Kim Feddersen). We will need members to host the vendors. If you have a spare room and can accommodate a vendor, please contact Carol Bayles. We will also need someone to do the plant registration, as Pete O'Connell will not be available. Carol thought perhaps it could be done using a spreadsheet. Would need to be someone who is knowledgeable about orchids.

- Nuisance Emails: Some STOS members have been receiving "nuisance" emails that appear to come from Ben. Ben has contacted the FBI, and they are investigating. Ben asks that you forward to him any such emails, so that he may report them for the investigation.
- New Computer Purchase: Our old STOS laptop is no longer operational. Ben has offered to look into the purchase of a new laptop for the club.
- 2020 Elections: The following offices/nominees will be up for election at next month's (December 15th) meeting.
 - President: Open for nominees
 - Vice President: Carol Bayles (returning)
 - Treasurer: Jane Trey (returning)
 - Secretary: Open for nominees (Ben mentioned that Jessica Bebel might be willing)
 - AOS Representative: Bernice Magee (returning)
 - Executive Board Members: Anne Quain; Sharon Vorhees, Luis Matienzo
 - Newsletter Editor and Membership Coordinator: Renee DePrato

Show Table: Members shared some of their flowering beauties on our Show table.

Raffle and Refreshments: We then we broke for some delicious, light refreshments. Thank you all for contributing!

Guest Presentation: After a short refreshment break, Glen Decker shared with us a presentation on Paphiopedilums and their differences. Glen announced that he has sold his business (Piping Rock Orchids) after 40+ years of orchid-growing and, in doing so, has reduced his orchid inventory from 10,000 plants to ~800! Glen's presentation was very enlightening AND entertaining! He provided members with very helpful and practical knowledge that can be used for everything from identifying, growing, repotting, and pest treatment of paphs/phrags. And, did it all in a very enjoyable and often comical manner! Glen also brought in some plants for members to purchase and add to their collection! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Glen's presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Mandeville, Secretary





JOIN US FOR THE 2019 STOS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

DATE: Sunday, December 15th

PLACE: First United Methodist Church of Endicott (Downstairs)

53 McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY 13760

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

Please join us in celebrating the holidays! Bring your spouse, significant other, and other family members to this enjoyable gathering. The holiday party will be **downstairs** in the church, so please park in the back parking lot and use the rear entrance.

The holiday party relies on the active participation of its members, and we ask you to bring a dish of your choice to share and the utensil needed to serve whatever you decide to prepare. We, in turn, will provide a meat platter, rolls, plates, cups, napkins, flatware, and beverages.

Because we need some help in organizing the tables and the goodies, we ask some of you to come a little bit earlier (1:30P.M.) to help with the set up. We would also appreciate your bringing your lovely flowering plants, which will serve as table decorations on this festive occasion. We'd also appreciate your help with cleanup afterwards.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our party. If you can't come, our best wishes for a happy holiday season to you and your loved ones.



December Meeting

On the agenda at our December meeting will be election of candidates for office for 2020.

Slate of Candidates for 2020 STOS Executive Board

STOS is pleased to announce the following candidates for the open positions for Officers and Executive Board for 2019:

- President: Ben Cabot (current) - Position open
- Vice-President: Carol Bayles -- will remain in office
- Treasurer: Jane Trey -- will remain in office
- Secretary: Linda Mandeville (current) - - Position open (Ben mentioned that Jessica Bebel might be willing to cover this office)
- AOS Representative: Bernice Magee - will remain in office

- Executive Board: Anne Quain, Sharon Voorhees, Luis Matienzo
- Newsletter Editor and Membership Coordinator: Renee DePrato

According to the by-laws of STOS, the immediate past president becomes a member of the executive board for one year.

The Executive Board reminds all of the active members of STOS that any member in good standing can be included as a candidate for any of these positions, if desired, before the official vote takes place by the membership at the December 2019 meeting. If anyone would like to become a candidate, please contact Ben Cabot.



Membership Dues

It's that time of year - membership renewal time! The 2020 membership form is included in the newsletter below and, for your convenience, hard copies will also be brought to our December meeting.

Annual membership of \$20 for 2020 is payable now. If you have not turned in your membership dues for 2020, please take this opportunity to do so. January 1st is the due date and dues need to be paid no later than May 31st. We need you! The STOS is a great organization, full of camaraderie and people who are willing to share of their orchid knowledge.

****NOTE:** Those who have not paid their **2019** dues will be dropped from the active membership list and will no longer receive the Newsletter. If you did not pay dues in 2019, you may renew your membership now in order to continue receiving the Newsletter in January.



Let's Grow Together!

www.aos.org



Upcoming Meetings

December 15 ~ Annual Holiday Party
January 19 ~ To be announced

February 16 ~ To be announced
March 15 ~ To be announced

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!!



SOUTHERN TIER ORCHID SOCIETY 2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) annual memberships are \$20 per individual or household, and we ask you to complete the following form to update our membership and mailing lists for the newsletter. Payments are accepted in cash at the meeting or by check or money order, made payable to **Southern Tier Orchid Society**.

Please send this form and your payment to:

Jane Trey, STOS Treasurer
62 Lincoln Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13905

NAME: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

_____ I AM A NEW MEMBER (PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW).

_____ I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP AND MY CONTACT INFORMATION IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S.

_____ I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP AND AM UPDATING MY CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please note: This form can also be found on our website (www.storchidsociety.com)

Received: _____

Date

By: _____

