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NEXT MEETINGS

February 21, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

March 20, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

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Don't miss our February meeting! Isabell Lopatin, of Equinox Orchids will be our guest speaker at our February 21st meeting!!!

Meeting NOTES

Our Feb 21st meeting will also feature a *SUPER-DUPER* Raffle extravaganza—courtesy of John Zygmunt!! Be there--Aloha!

Meeting location:

[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

Dear Orchid aficionados.

The joy of orchid growing is especially enjoyable when the little creatures bloom. If the only exposure I received was the orchids in our house, I would never appreciate the expansive variety of orchids represented by members in our organization. Our show table at meetings is particularly interesting to see the variety of orchids and their owners' expression of love and pride. At a poll at the last meeting, those in attendance tallied ownership of over 1,000 orchids. An impressive population of exotic plants from around the world, and we keep them alive (mostly).

At the last meeting we discussed, the following:

- 1. Potential for an alternate show place for a non-judged show. Potentially Roberson Museum.
- 2. Researching cost for having Southern Tier Orchid Society shirts. Members to buy their own.
- 3. Producing a tri fold information brochure promoting our organization.
- 4. Using local media resources to promote our meetings.

The results of the recent survey are being tallied.

There was a slide show from the 2013 Orchid show at the New York Botanical Garden. I hoped to expand our raffle to include, not only orchids, but also "white elephant" items. Some unique items you no longer need and are willing to share, orchid related if possible, a raffle table with more items is a more inviting opportunity.

At our meeting on February 21st there will be an interesting speaker, Isabell Lopatin, from "Equinox Orchids", the topic will be "Growing hot and cold". She will also be bringing orchids to sell. I look forward to seeing you there, as we experience orchids, and learn their science.

Ben Cabot
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Minutes for January 17

Ben Cabot, President, brought the meeting to order at 2:15 PM.

First order of business was the Show Table. Bob Rudin had 3 photographs of orchids, one of them a winner. John Zygmunt showed us his unique orchids. Luis Matienzo showed his orchids and discussed watering of orchids. Sharon Voorhees also showed us her orchids. The Raffle was then held and members enjoyed refreshments.

Old Business:
 Minutes of the December meeting were approved by the membership.

New Business:
 Jane Trey, Treasurer, gave the report of the STOS financial status which is \$8,815.00.

