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NEXT MEETINGS

November 20, 2:00 First United Methodist Church
of Endicott

December 18, 2:00 First United Methodist Church
of Endicott ****Holiday Party**!**

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM NOTE

Glen Decker began growing orchids at the age of 15 and holds the degree of Associate in Applied Science in Ornamental Horticulture. Glen is presently the owner of Piping Rock Orchids in Galway New York. He was the previous chair of the American Orchid Society's Publications Committee and is presently a Director of the Orchid Digest Corporation. Glen has won numerous AOS awards, including the Butterworth Prize, Nax Trophy, WW Wilson Award and the Carlyle A. Luer Award. He has appeared in Martha Stewart's Better Living Magazine and on a PBS TV special "Orchid Delirium". He rewrote the Slipper section of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "The Best Orchids for Indoors" and was the technical editor for the "Orchids for Dummies" book.

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

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President's Message

This beautiful sunshine and warm weather the last few days has been a real joy, especially knowing what will be coming in the not so distant future. Let's enjoy it while we can and hope it lingers a bit longer!

Our sympathy goes out to our fellow STOS member, Christine Guidelli, on the loss of her husband Larry. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers and look forward to seeing you again soon.

This month, we are very fortunate to have as our speaker, Glen Decker from Piping Rock Orchids. Glen will be bringing orchids to sell and sharing some of his wealth of knowledge with us. Please come join us and enjoy this very special speaker!

Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Anne

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Minutes for October 16, 2011

The October 16th (2011) Meeting of the Southern Tier Orchid Society commenced at approximately 2:15 P.M. Anne Tinker, our President, began the meeting by announcing, that today, there would be a silent auction to afford members a chance to go home with some beautiful orchids. As time went by, we sold more than 15 plants in the silent auction.

It was then noted that we needed a committee to nominate officers for next year. Linda Mandeville, Colin Dimon and Andrew Nachbar volunteered. The question arose with regard to members who wanted to be considered for particular offices, to please let it be known to committee members. Some of us will consider returning to offices if the membership votes in their favor.

Linda Mandeville and Jane Trey offered to help Bob Rudin with organizing our 2011 Holiday Party.

Paula Matienzo spoke with regard to "cleaning up" our old membership lists. It was decided that Paula and Carol (Browne) would call members who have not been attending meetings and ascertain whether they still wish to be considered members. That project will be an on-going effort through the end of the year. If anyone has information that will ease the effort it will be appreciated.

Members who want information regarding meeting cancellations due to weather or any other STOS business may call telephone numbers that are listed on the front page of every newsletter that Linda puts out each month. Consider this a standing invitation to call Carol Browne, Secretary, at 607 724- 8015 or email me at cbrowne@stny.rr.com. If I don't have an answer, I'll find it and get back to you.

We took a break to enjoy the tasty refreshments provided by our members. Delicious! Thanks to all!

The Show Table was next. We had eight members who talked about their well-loved and cared for orchids: John, Pat, Dave, Betty, Greta, Linda, Luis, and Carol Vargason.

Glen Decker, of Piping Rock Orchids, will be our speaker next month. You can peruse his website at: pipingrockorchids.com.

Next Luis Matienzo, Ph.D. and a "Co-founding Father" of our STOS gave an informative and insightful presentation entitled: "An Exploration of Orchids". Among the topics Dr. Matienzo discussed were: "What defines an orchid", their history and importance through the ages (medicinal, etc.), and the continents and countries of the world where they are found. He discussed ways, through the years, by which specimens were successfully moved to other parts of the world for pleasure and study. Mention was made that orchids may be found from sea level to heights of 13,000 feet. Dr. Matienzo ended his program with the question: "What's the future? Many more orchids are undoubtedly "unclassified."

Our meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Browne, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Current balances are as shown below. Total funds available are \$8,276.55 and a CD of \$2,290.63, for a total of \$10,567.18. Last year the total funds available were \$8,802.15, plus a CD of \$2,290.63, for a total of \$11,092.78. Differences are in Show loss, below, and purchase of projector.

Income and Expenses since the September report are available upon request.

The Auction was a great success and will, with the silent auction, net about what we budgeted.

The CD matured and I cashed it out. Details in the next report, but interest rates at that bank and our checking account bank are from .03 - .06%, so I have not renewed it. Funds are in the checking account and I am still shopping around to see what we can get. Maybe US Savings Bonds.

Pete O'Connell, Treasurer

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2012 Membership Form

For your convenience, we've updated the 2012 Membership Form and have included it below in this month's Newsletter. Membership forms can be printed and forwarded to us via snail mail, email, or perhaps bring to the next meeting! We've been working diligently to get the membership information updated, and by completing the 2012 Membership Form, it will help us keep up to date so that we can keep you notified of all our meetings and upcoming events.

The Membership Form is also available on the STOS website at: <http://www.storchidsociety.com/>

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A QUICK NOTE ON A RELIABLE SPECIES:

Paphiopedilum barbigerum (Tang & Wang)

This *paphiopedilum* or lady slipper is a plant that was initially discovered in China around 1940. More recently, it was re-discovered in China and it has been available in the market since 1987. Its habitat extends from China to Vietnam. It is an easy plant to flower under lights or a windowsill. In contrast to other *paphiopedilum* species, it is a compact plant with a reliable flowering during the Fall months. The flowers have a dorsal sepal that is mostly white with a touch of pink pigmentation. The pouch has ochre coloration and the lateral petals can contain a mixture of ochre and green pigmentation. This little jewel is worth trying to grow in a collection of orchid plants.

Luis J. Matienzo



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Upcoming Meetings

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

November 20 ~ We Need Your Help! **December 18** ~ Everyone!!!!

SOUTHERN TIER ORCHID SOCIETY 2012 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) annual memberships are \$15 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:

Pete O'Connell, STOS Treasurer	or	Linda Mandeville
PO Box 1043		1515 Walker Rd.
9531 Old Orchard Beach		Endicott, NY 13760
Trumansburg, NY 14886		

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: _____

Your contact information will not be released.

I would like to receive the newsletter (please check one). *Please help us conserve – if you have email, please let us send your newsletter to your email:

By mail _____

By e-mail _____

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

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