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NEXT MEETINGS

September 21, 1:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott (***Note: Earlier time!**)

October 19, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott

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- Don't miss September meeting - **the Auction!**
- Flowering plants are needed from members for CNYOS Orchid Show Oct 3-5!

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Important Note: The Central New York Orchid Society (CNYOS) Orchid show (Syracuse) will be held Oct 3-5. We will need members to bring in flowering plants to take to the show!! Also need volunteers to set up a STOS Display!! More information will be provided at our Sept. 21 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 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



Minutes for May 18

This afternoon marked the last STOS meeting until the end of summer. We're taking a break until the next regularly scheduled meeting which commences on the third Sunday in September of this year, which will be September 21st.

Linda Mandeville called our meeting to order at 2:15 pm., at which time she welcomed new members and a returning member or two.

Our president gave us a run-down and some positive feedback with regard to our Orchid Show, which was held April 26th and 27th at the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City. Thanks were offered to all who participated in all the hard work, time, energy and volunteerism which made our show the success it was. We got a prestigious American Orchid Society (AOS) award at that show! Many awards and ribbons were also bestowed. Good work, fellow orchid lovers!

Next the minutes of the last meeting were approved and seconded.

Jane Trey, Treasurer, told us that we have \$7,415.00 in the bank. That amount reflects the fact that we came out "a little bit ahead on the show".

Old business was discussed. Peter O'Connell spoke at the Montrose Garden Club, took some orchids to sell and was received warmly by the "30-ish" members in attendance. Peter said that some members expressed an interest in our STOS and both he and the Garden Club were pleased with the experience.

John Zygmunt, at this time, asked if our new and returning members would stand and introduce themselves. We were, as the general membership, introduced to Melissa Vliet, Bonnie Donovan, Jean Mint, Penny Hope and Ruth Herman. Welcome one and all. We're glad to count you as fellow orchid lovers!

John Zygmunt referenced, as two good sources of information for all present, "Orchids for dummies" and "Complete Guide to Orchids" by ORTHO. At this time it was once again mentioned that we have a library on the premises for member use.

As our short meeting was being adjourned, Anne Tinker told us that, she was having a STOS picnic in her yard again, this year, to be held around the last Sunday of August (date to be determined....think he 24th of August. More information to follow.

Peter reminded us that the 21st of September will mark the day for a large number of orchids (about 200 plants) that we will auction for benefit of our society. Please plan on attending and taking some treasures home!

The Show Table was next. Peter, John, Dawn and Linda gave us an "up close and personal" look at some of their favorites from home.

We took a break for refreshments and enjoyed the goodies brought by some members while we had a raffle and prepared for an announced repotting session. We all got to take home one FREE orchid and we

bought raffle tickets that allowed ALL of us (who purchased a ticket) to go home with at least one orchid purchased at the repotting session. Good deal for ALL involved!!

Our May meeting and repotting session ended approximately at 4:00 pm.

See you at the picnic in August!

Respectfully submitted,
 Carol Browne, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey, treasurer, reported that we have a balance of \$7,415.00 in the treasury.

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Annual STOS Auction

September is time for STOS's annual Orchid Auction. This year the date is Sunday, September 21. 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.

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 2014 Auction, Sunday, September 21, 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), or SouthernTierOrchidSociety@yahoo.com by September 7 (two weeks before Auction). The list must be received by Tuesday, September 9.

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 4 and 5 with setup Friday afternoon, October 3rd. 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 2015 and future shows! So please keep this in mind, and help by providing flowering plants and perhaps offering your time and assistance. We will need volunteers to transport plants and set up on Friday, set up the display, and also tear down on Sunday. We will discuss details at our meeting on Sunday; please help if you can!

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Monthly Show Table

Because the auction will fill all of the time at the meeting on Sunday, September 21, we request that you wait until the meeting in October 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.

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Upcoming Meetings

September 21 ~ Annual Auction

November 16 ~ TBA

October 19 ~ TBA

December 21 ~ 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 21 ~ We Need Your Help!

November 16 ~ We Need Your Help!

October 19 ~ We Need Your Help!

December 21 ~ Everyon

