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NEXT MEETINGS

April 23, 2:00 First United Methodist Church
****1:00 Show Committee meeting before mtg ****

May 20-21 STOS ORCHID SHOW!!!

IN THIS ISSUE

Don't miss our April meeting:

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

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Meeting NOTES

There will be a Show Committee meeting at 1:00, just prior to our normal meeting on April 23. All members are welcome, and encouraged to attend!

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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- How to defoliate correctly - don't cut healthy roots.
- Let spikes completely dry before cutting. Use sterilized scissors .
- Plants with problems were brought in and members were able to give suggestive answers to the problems.
- Use NEW paint brushes to clean out bugs. Can use alcohol to kill them.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Brunnabend, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey presented the treasurer's report, stating that we currently have an account balance of \$9,263.

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March Show Table

John Zygmunt:

- 1) *Miltoniopsis vexillaria*
- 2) **Pahiopedilum Buena 'White Cap' HCC/AOS**
- 3) Pahiopedilum Billy Cardalino (*paph. philippinense* x *paph.* Susan Booth)

Linda Mandeville

- 1) *Dendrobium kingianum*
- 2) Brassidium Fangtastic Bob Henley (Brassia Rex x Brassidium Kenneth Bivin)

Changes in taxonomy, as well as difficulties with spelling, necessitate that authorities in the study of orchids be consulted. Hence names of hybrids – those which are not of Greek or Latin derivation – have been checked against the RHS Orchid Hybrid Registry. It is not the hybrid name that changes, but the genus. On the other hand, names of species – those which are completely of Greek or Latin origin – have been searched in the Kew World Checklist of Monocotyledons. **Parts of plant names appearing in boldface represent corrections in spelling or additional information found in these databases that may be of interest to the grower.**

Luis and Paula Matienzo

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April 23rd Meeting—Orchid Auction and Pre-Show Meeting!!!

Be sure to attend the April 23rd meeting for our mid-year auction! Pete O'Connell has graciously volunteered to order flowering plants, and will conduct an ***AUCTION*** for those in attendance!! This will be a wonderful opportunity to obtain some flowering beauties for your collection!! Feel free to bring a friend or two!!!

We will have a Show Committee meeting @ 1:00, prior to our general meeting at 2:00/ It is important that everyone assisting with the Show try to attend this meeting, as the Show is right around the corner! The Show Committee meeting is open to all members, and we encourage anyone who can, please attend the meeting! We'll need a lot of helping hands for our Annual Show, so anyone who can pitch in, with even an hour or two of their time, would be greatly appreciated! No experience is necessary!

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SOME USEFUL INFORMATION ON AN ORCHID SHOW

If this is your first attendance to an orchid show or you have attended a few of them but you have wondered how the different awards and ribbons are given to plants and exhibitions, the following summary will help you to understand the criteria for awards whether or not it is an American Orchid Society-(AOS) judged show.

In addition to the tasks listed here, many other jobs such as set-up, take-down, advertising or sitting at the information booth require the assistance of members. I hope this encourages you to become an active participant in the upcoming and future shows.

Luis J. Matienzo

RIBBON AND AOS JUDGING

Judges accredited by the American Orchid Society are invited to the Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) show to evaluate exhibits and individual plants. Using exhibits and plant classifications given in the STOS brochure, the judges decide on what ribbons and special awards will be made to the various exhibits and individual plants properly registered by the exhibitor.

At the discretion of the judges, plants of very high caliber may be selected for consideration of AOS awards. Plants designated for AOS awards will need to be photographed and registered with AOS. If an AOS-awarded plant is part of an exhibit, STOS will cover the cost of photographing the plant. The owner of the plant, however, must pay AOS for the award certificate fee.

WORKING GROUP PRIOR TO RIBBON JUDGING

CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRATION: Review and comparison of entries according to schedule classifications are made. Verification of information on entry list by the exhibitor is made. Exhibitor is ultimately responsible for the correct classification of an entry.

ENTRY REGISTRATION: Receipt of plant/exhibit entries from exhibitors. Proper entry number is included and added to other entries in the same class. Typically, two or more people share this task which consists of entries into a computerized data base.

WORKING GROUP DURING RIBBON JUDGING

TEAM LEADER (HEAD): Responsible for the efficient performance of the judging process. Records judges' decisions, awards, and leads judges to next class. This leader can be assisted by at least another person.

RIBBON ASSISTANT(S): Keeps (keep) ribbon supply, adds (add) class, entry number and date to awarded ribbon. Makes (make) sure that ribbons are signed and placed on awarded plants.

SPOTTER: Locates exhibits and plants to be judged in a particular class.

RIBBON JUDGING AWARDS

Blue ribbon: First place in a particular class

Red ribbon: Second place in a particular class

White ribbon: Third place in a particular class

Green ribbon: Honorable mention (*)

Note: In any class more than one plant may be given a blue, red or white ribbon

(*) Honorable mention ribbons are given to a plant or plants with uncommon features or not frequently seen at shows. In addition, STOS has some rosette awards described in the show schedule and brochure.

A DESCRIPTION OF AOS AWARDS

First Class Certificate (FCC): Awarded to an orchid species or hybrid which scores 90 points or more.

Award of Merit (AM): Awarded to an orchid species or hybrid which scores between 80 and 89 points.

Highly Commended Certificate (HCC): Awarded to an orchid species or hybrid which scores between 75 and 79 points.

Judges Commendation (JC): Awarded to flowers or plants, individually or in groups, which in the opinion of the judges, have specific values, but they are unable to score.

Award of Distinction (AD): Awarded once to a cross, exhibited individually or collectively, representing a worthy new direction in breeding.

Award of Quality (AQ): Awarded once to a cross, exhibited by a single individual as a group of not less than 12 different clones or the inflorescences thereof, of a raised species or hybrid when the result is a sufficient improvement over the former type. One or more cultivars exhibited must receive, or have received, a flower quality award.

Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM): Awarded to the exhibitor of a specimen plant of robust health and appearance with an unusually large number of flowers. Must score at least 80 points and must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least six months immediately prior to the award.

Certificate of Horticultural Merit (CHM): Awarded to a cultivar of a well-grown and well-flowered species or natural hybrid outstanding esthetic appeal that contributes to the horticultural aspects of orchidology. Must score at least 80 points and the entire plant must be exhibited.

Certificate of Botanical Recognition (CBR): Awarded to a cultivar of a species or natural hybrid deemed worthy of recognition for rarity, novelty, and educational value. The entire plant must be exhibited and no award of any kind may have previously been made to the species as a taxon. No point score is used but the award shall be granted only by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the judging team assigned

SOME OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS

AOS SHOW TROPHY: This award is given to the best display in an orchid show and it may not be given every year if the judges do not have a worthy candidate exhibit

JIM KIE MEMORIAL AWARD: Given to the best non-greenhouse grown plant by an amateur.

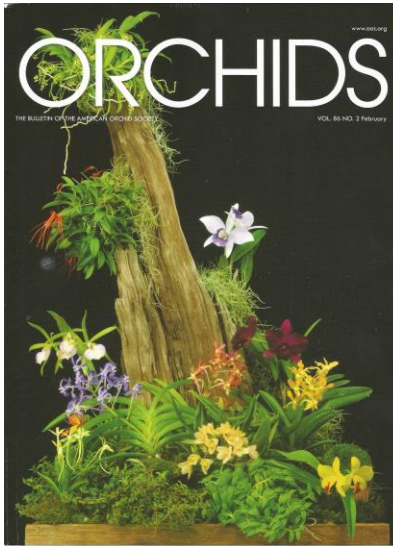
EXAMPLES OF DISPLAYS

You can set-up your individual exhibit or share one with another member



Luis and Paula Matienzo (STOS show 2005)

Or have your own exhibit with very few plants



Orchids Magazine (February 2017)

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Upcoming Meetings

April 23 ~ Meeting/auction
 May 20-21 ~ STOS Orchid Show!

June-August ~ Summer hiatus
 August ~ Member picnic

Please remember that these are tentative and subject to last minute change.

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