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## March 2017

### NEXT MEETINGS

**March 19, 2:00** First United Methodist Church  
**\*\*1:00 Show Committee meeting before mtg \*\***

**April 23, 2:00** First United Methodist Church

### IN THIS ISSUE

Don't miss our March meeting! By popular demand, we're planning an informative, question-and-answer session for all your orchid-growing issues!

### Meeting NOTES

There will be a Show Committee meeting at 1:00, just prior to our normal meeting on March 19. 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month to the editor.

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**President's Message**

Hello, everyone, I hope your near-spring season is going well. Winter's grasp slowly loosens. The starlings are flocking, the sap is running, and the dogs are shedding. Spring is nearly here.

Thank you to Ken Hull, last month's speaker. It was a lovely, informative talk. I'm on the lookout for native orchids, and am waiting for the season and opportunities to spot some in situ. I also plan to purchase some and add their beauty to my outdoor gardening.

This month we'll have a chance to solve the bane of every orchid collector's existence: The Orchid That Fails To Thrive. It's happened to all of us.

These days there are many excellent resources available for specific orchid culture right at our fingertips, but sometimes the written word isn't enough. If you're anything like me, an orchid that continues to fail even when you've tried every half credible orchid trick you find can be a source of frustration, and even guilt. This month we have an opportunity to bring in our "problem" orchids and gather advice in person. If you have orchid problems, please bring your plants and questions. Let's hope spring comes for at least that day, so we can transport our plants safely!

I'm very much looking forward to this month's meeting- see you then!

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**Minutes for February**

Jnx called the meeting to order at 2:00PM. January meeting notes were approved by the members.

Treasurer report: Jane Trey reported we have \$9,206.00

The show committee meeting was discussed. There will be a repotting clinic at the show.

The April meeting will have an orchid auction.

Anne Quain told the members that housing is needed for the judges so they don't have to pay for a hotel room. Let her know if you are willing to host.

New Business:

Anyone wanting a STOS logo shirt, please get in touch with Ben Cabot.

March meeting will be an informal informational session. Bring in some of your problem plants with questions.

Luis discussed the show table - for information of the plants as well as attendance sheet. He is requesting someone else to take over the show table.

Lori Cabot reminded everyone of the library and all the books and magazines that are there. Ben Cabot had the certificates for anyone that did not get theirs at the January meeting.

A refreshment break and a raffle were then held.

Show Table: Pete O’Connell, John Zygmunt, Linda Mandeville and Luis Matienzo showed the members the orchids they brought in.

Presentation by Kenneth Hull on the orchids of New York. He spoke of the definition of an orchid. New York State is second next to Florida with the most species of orchids. Pictures of many Lady slipper orchids were viewed. Many of these from New York as well as Broome County.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.

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 \$9,206.

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### February Show Table

**Peter O’Connell:**

- 1) Dendrobium Hibiki (*den. bracteosum x den. laevifolium*)
- 2) Masdevallia Angel Heart (*masd. ignea x masd. infracta*)

**John Zygmunt:**

- 1) Bulbo. Daisy Chain (*bulbo. makoyanum x bulbo. cumingii*)
- 2) *Dinema polybulbon*
- 3) *Dryadella albicans*
- 4) *Stelis pusilla*
- 5) *Zygopetalum* hybrid

**Linda Mandeville**

- 1) Onc. Sharry Baby (onc. Jamie Sutton x onc. Honolulu)
- 2) Lc. Drumbeat ‘Heritage’ HCC/AOS x **Blc. Mahina Yahiro ‘Mishima’** AM/AOS (not registered in RHS)

**Luis Matienzo:**

- 1) Paphiopedilum Dreaming Emerald (paph. Dreaming Green x paph. Emerald Lake ‘Lehua’ HCC/AOS)
- 2) Paph. Deperle ( *paph. delenati fma. vinicolor x paph. primulinum fma. purpurescens*)
- 3) Cochlezella Tsiku Chuchango (*warcewiczella amazonica x cochlezella amazing*)

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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**March Meeting**

Don't miss our March 19th meeting! By popular demand from our members, we will be holding an informational discussion about general orchid care and problems. Please come to the meeting with any orchid-growing questions or problems you might have. Our "resident experts" and other club members will do their best to help solve your "pesky" orchid problems, and provide information and orchid-growing advice. This is a great opportunity for some real, "hands-on" learning!

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**Upcoming Orchid Shows in the Area**

For those interested, there are several orchid shows in the area (or, within reasonable driving distance) that may be of interest, to help you push through the last of winters' gloom, and provide a fresh breath of Spring! Below are the Orchid Show dates and hyperlinks to their websites, with further information:

- March 11-19: [Philadelphia Flower Show](#) - (Holland is the theme) (Philadelphia, PA)
- March 18: [Mid-Hudson Orchid Society \(MHOS\) Orchid Show](#) (Newburgh, NY)
- March 24-26: [South Eastern Pennsylvania Orchid Show \(SEPOS\)](#) (Philadelphia, PA)
- April 1-2: [Genesee Region Orchid Show \(GROS\)](#) (Rochester, NY)
- April 21-23: [Sonnenberg Gardens Orchid Show](#) - (Canandaigua, NY)

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**Crazy for Coconut: *Maxillaria tenifolia***



Do you love the smell of coconut? If so, you will love this orchid. *Maxillaria tenifolia* smells like fresh coconut and is reminiscent of summer, suntan lotion and pina coladas. Ahhh!

*Maxillaria tenifolia* is an epiphytic species hailing from Mexico and Central America and has several distinctive characteristics. Oblong shaped pseudobulbs grow and spread outward and up and pseudobulbs tend to climb up and on each other. Pseudobulbs bear one long thin leaf that appears more like a wisp. This orchid grows well in baskets which allows it to spread easily.

Water: In its native habitat, it receives an abundance of rain during the rainy season (May - November). the months of December through April are drier, so a reduction in the amount of water helps to mimic native growing habits. Generally, care is quite easy and water to keep it relatively moist. I do let my orchids dry out a bit, yet, place it directly out in the rain whenever I can.

Light: Grow as with cattleyas and this orchid does tolerate some bright light. Good air movement is important also.

Flowers: Blooms late spring to early summer. Flowers are small, approximately 1 - 1.5 inches. Flowers are deliciously fragrant of coconut. Flowers are a reddish, ruddy color. The lip is patterned with a yellow and red background with markings. the flower is of good substance. The underside of the sepals are a golden yellow color. Flowers have distinctive three lobes. Flowers are long lasting and highly fragrant grow on solitary short stalks arising from the base of the pseudobulb.

These are tropical orchids and do extremely well outdoors in South Florida. They can be prone to mealy bugs or spider mites.

If you are searching for an orchid that is unique, *Maxillaria tenuifolia* may be just the gem for you.

*Courtesy of Vivi's Orchid Corner*

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### Upcoming Meetings

**March 19 ~ Members' Q&As**

**May 20-21 ~ STOS Orchid Show!**

**April 23 ~ Meeting/auction**

**June-August ~ Summer hiatus**

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

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