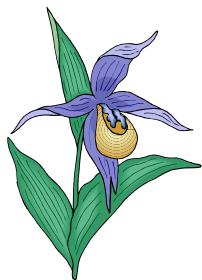


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December 2015

*****HOLIDAY PARTY*****

NEXT MEETINGS

December 20, 2:00 First United Methodist Church
of Endicott (downstairs)

January 17, 2:00 First United Methodist Church
**1:00 Board of Directors Meeting

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- **HOLIDAY PARTY!!!** Downstairs at our normal meeting location:

[First United Methodist Church](#)
53 McKinley Ave.
Endicott, NY 13760

DECEMBER PROGRAM NOTE

Please bring a covered dish to the annual holiday party on Sunday, December 20, with a serving spoon. Dessert, main or side dishes are all welcome! Each family who attends will get a FREE raffle ticket for an orchid plant. Please bring any in-bloom plants to decorate the tables, to make the party more festive!!

****Note: In the event of a weather emergency,** please check your email the morning of the party! If nothing is received from STOS, the party is on. Likewise, those who receive the newsletter by regular mail will receive a call from one of us. If any questions, members may also call one of the Board Members.

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



President Message

Happy Holidays everyone!!!

As we are nearing the holidays, I ask that you please join us for our December meeting and annual holiday gathering on Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 p.m. We will have a brief meeting and hold our 2015 elections, followed by a delicious holiday feast and merriment!

We will hold our December meeting/holiday party in the lower level of the church (so please park in the back). We will need to set up the tables for the meeting/feast, so if anyone can come a bit early to help set up (~1:30), your help would be greatly appreciated!! (Many hands make light work!!) Everyone--please bring a dish to pass; the club will be providing a meat platter and beverages. We will be having a FREE raffle, and every family will take home a free orchid (one free raffle ticket per paid-up member family). Any leftover orchids will be auctioned off to help defer the cost of the free orchids. This is always a fun event and we hope you can join us.

Also on the agenda at our December meeting will be election of candidates for office for next year. Dues for 2016 can be paid at the meeting.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to serve as your President the last two years; I couldn't have done it without help from all of you! I wish our newly elected officers all the very best for a successful 2016!

I look forward to seeing you all at our meeting and Holiday Party on the 20th!
Best Regards,
Linda



Membership Dues

It's that time of year - membership renewal time! The 2016 membership form is included in the newsletter above and, for your convenience it is also available on our website:

[Southern Tier Orchid Society - Membership Form](#)

Annual membership dues of \$20.00 for 2016 is payable now. If you have not turned in your membership for 2014 or 2015, please take this opportunity to do so. January 1st is the due date and dues need to be paid no later than May 31st. We need you! The STOS is a great organization, full of camaraderie and people who are willing to share of their orchid knowledge.

****NOTE:** Those who have not paid their **2014** dues will be dropped from the active membership list and will no longer receive the Newsletter. If you did not pay dues in 2014, you may renew your membership now in order to continue receiving the Newsletter in January.





SOUTHERN TIER ORCHID SOCIETY 2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) annual memberships are \$20 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:

Jane Trey, STOS Treasurer
62 Lincoln Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13905

or

Linda Mandeville, Membership Coordinator
1515 Walker Rd.
Endicott, NY 13760

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: _____

**Please indicate if you would allow your contact information to be released to other members: (Yes___ No___)

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)

Received: _____
Date

By: _____



Minutes for November 15, 2015

Linda Mandeville, President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

First order of business was the approval of October minutes which were approved and seconded by the membership. Jane Trey, Treasurer, reported we have \$9,326.00 in the STOC treasury. New members introduced themselves and were welcomed by the members.

New Business

Linda discussed what transpired at the Board meeting.

- One issue is the orchid show at the mall. Our chairperson, Anne Quain, will be incapacitated for the next few months and will not be able to attend Show Committee Meetings; also, we only have one vendor.
- One member discussed having the show at another place eg. Roberson.
- It was agreed by the members to postpone the 2016 orchid show.
- Our nominating committee will have a slate for voting at the December meeting. It will be for President and Vice President. Treasurer and Secretary will remain the same.
- The Holiday Party will be December 20th at 2:00PM. Bring a dish to pass. A meat platter and rolls will be provided. Help would greatly be appreciated to set up the party.
- All paid members will receive a free orchid at the party.

Comments from the members:

Paula told the members she and Sharon Voorhees called or emailed members about attending the meetings. Sharon also passed out get well cards for the members to sign for Anne Quain and Monica Kot.

Show Table:

John Zygmunt had many orchids at the show table including orchids in glass globes.

William O'Connell, Donna Coleman and Carol Bayles also displayed their orchids.

The members then took a refreshment break, to buy raffle tickets, and then have the raffle.

Linda then introduced our guest speaker Mr. John Dunkleberger. John gave a presentation, with the assistance from his wife Shirley, on Oncidium orchids - their history and breeding. He had videos of orchids, especially a new one *Cybidium sichuanicum*- Flying Tiger. He stated the Oncidium orchids grow from South Florida to Argentina. We saw many orchid species. John then held a question and answer period following the presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55PM

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Brunnabend, Secretary





Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey presented the treasurer's report, stating that we have a balance of \$9,326.00 in our account.



JOIN US FOR THE 2015 STOS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

DATE: Sunday, December 20

PLACE: First United Methodist Church of Endicott (Downstairs)
53 McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY 13760

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

Please join us in celebrating the holidays! Bring your spouse, significant other, and other family members to this enjoyable gathering. The holiday party will be downstairs in the church, so please park in the back parking lot and use the rear entrance.

The holiday party relies on the active participation of its members, and we ask you to bring a dish of your choice to share and the utensil needed to serve whatever you decide to prepare. We, in turn, will provide a meat platter, rolls, plates, cups, napkins, flatware, and beverages.

Because we need some help in organizing the tables and the goodies, we ask some of you to come a little bit earlier (1:30P.M.) to help with the set up. We would also appreciate your bringing your lovely flowering plants, which will serve as table decorations on this festive occasion. We'd also appreciate your help with cleanup afterwards.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our party. If you can't come, our best wishes for a happy holiday season to you and your loved ones.



Show Table

NOVEMBER 15, 2015

Donna Coleman:

- 1). Oncidium Speckled Spire 'Whisp'= Onc. Rex Van Belden x *Onc. trilobium*
- 2). Bc. Hoku Gem = C. tangerine jewel x Bc. Richard Mueller
- 3) *Galeandra baueri*
- 4) Oncostele Wildcat #3 = Oncostele Rustic Bridge x Onc. Crowborough
- 5) Ctna. Flying Colors 'Mendenhall' = Ctna. Keith Roth x *C. briegeri*
- 6) Miltodinium Saint Mary 'Everglades' = **Miltodinium Mem. Mary Kavanaugh** x Onc. Saint Clement
- 7) Paph. Nike's Sunny Delight = Paph. Avalon Mist x Paph. Pinnochio

William O'Connell:

1) Paph. Doll's Kobold = *Paph. charlesworthii* x *Paph. henrynum*

John Zygmunt:

1) *Diodonopsis erinacea*

2) **Paph. Nightcap** =Paph. Yerba Buena x Paph. Yosemite Moon (un-registered cross)

3) *Masdevallia ventricosa*

4) Bratonia Charles M. Fitch ' Izumi'

5) Blc. Mahina Yoshiro ,Mishima' = Blc. Meditation x Bc. Donna Kimura (unregistered cross)

6) Brsdm. Nittany Gold 'Dr. John'

7) *Dryadella albicans*

8) *Dryadella elata*

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, such as Lady Ramona Harris - 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



Slate of Candidates for 2016 STOS Executive Board

These search committee for the open positions on the Executive Board of 2016 for STOS is pleased to announce the following candidates:

President: Ben Cabot

Vice-President: Lori Cabot

Treasurer: Jane Trey

Secretary: Carol Brunnabend

AOS Representative: Peter O'Connell

Executive Board: Anne Quain: 2016

Executive Board: Sharon Voorhees: 2016-2017

Executive Board: Luis Matienzo: 2016-2018

According to the by-laws of STOS, the immediate past president becomes a member of the executive board for one year.

The search committee reminds to all of the active members of STOS that any member in good standing can be included as a candidate for any of these positions, if desired, before these nominations are accepted by the membership at the December 2015 meeting. If anyone would like to become a candidate, please contact Luis Matienzo at 607-754-5702.



New STOS Sunshine Coordinator

STOS is happy to announce that we have a new "Sunshine Coordinator"—Sharon Voorhees! Sharon has volunteered to bring in cards for members to sign and will then send out to anyone who may be in need—those experiencing difficulties, deaths in the family, or happy events! Please feel free to contact Sharon if you know of anyone who might benefit from a little "special attention"! Sharon can be reached at: 607-739-7898 or sassvoor@gmail.com.



STOS Member Preferences Questionnaire

In order to better serve our members, we would like to solicit some feedback from you, to guide us in making decisions on how to proceed with our club meetings and annual events. Carol Vargason has graciously volunteered to compose the questionnaire, with input from the Executive Board. If you could, please take a few minutes to complete the attached survey. You may email (or mail) your completed survey to me, or bring it to the December meeting (you may choose to remain anonymous). We appreciate any suggestions and feedback on how to make the club more beneficial and rewarding to you and the other members!



Upcoming Meetings

December 20 ~ Annual Holiday Party
February 21 ~ To be announced

January 17 ~ To be announced
March 20 ~ To be announced

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



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!!

