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## *Letter from the President*

Welcome Everyone!

I hope you all enjoyed the summer. Many of us got together in August for a picnic (see page 4) but we hope to see everyone at our September 17 meeting, We have 2 big events for the meeting:

- **Nominations for Officers** –see article on page 3.
- **Fall Auction**

The auction will be LIVE, everyone will get a “letter” to raise when they want to bid. This gets exciting and many plants do get bid up. But it’s all fun and supports the club. This is a great way to get some new plants without paying high shipping fees or traveling to orchid greenhouses. Be sure to come!

A list of plants with descriptions and pictures will be provided in advance via email and perhaps on the web site.

--Carol Bayles, President

# Member Info

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

### President

Carol Bayles

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Gail Gunsalus

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Linda Mittel

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Bernice Magee

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**Show Chair** Carol Bayles

**Program Coordinator** Jean Mint

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Jane Trey

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## STOS Calendar 2023

Meetings are 2-4 pm (1:30-2 is 'social time')

Our new location: Vestal United Methodist Church, 328 Main St. Vestal, NY. Come to 'The Belfry' on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Elevator available.

### January 15

Zoom only meeting  
1pm Executive Board Meeting

2pm General meeting, speaker: Ed Weber:  
"Hey, I've Grown that Orchid, Part 2."

### February 19

Zoom only meeting: Speaker  
Tim Choltco "Sex, Lies and Orchids"

### March 19

General Meeting Spring Online Auction  
Kickoff

### March 31-April 2

GROS Show

### April 16

General and Show planning meeting  
Luis Matienzo will present an introduction to  
AOS-judged shows.

### April 22-23

Orchid Show at Roberson Museum

### May 21

General Meeting, Repotting Workshop

### June-Aug

Summer Break, no meetings or newsletters

### Aug. 20

Picnic at Hickories Park

### Sept 17

General Meeting with nominations for  
officers. **Fall auction** Live, in Person. We will  
start setting up at 1:00.

### Oct 15

General meeting, voting for officers,  
Speaker TBA

### Nov 19

General Meeting, Speaker TBA

### Dec 17

Holiday Party

***Fall Auction!***  
at the Sept 17 meeting

## Nominations for Officers

At the September meeting we will be nominating people for all officer positions. Any one can run for any position, even if the present officer is running again. You just need someone to nominate you. Current officers are not allowed to nominate anyone but can reject any nomination with a 2/3 majority vote. We will vote at the October meeting. Voting via email is also allowed. Details to follow.

Here are the names of some who will be nominated at the meeting. Anyone who is interested in any position may run against any of these nominations.

President:	Carol Bayles	(current)
Vice-President:	Ruth Allen	
Secretary:	Linda Mittel	(current)
Treasurer:	Angel Caoile	
AOS Rep:	Bernice Magee	
Members at large (3 year terms)		
	Gail Gunsalus	Jean Mint finished 3-year term
	Colin Dimon	Has one more year
	Loi Tran	Has two more years

**Appointed positions.** If you are interested, let me know.

Newsletter Editor - Carol Bayles

Web Master - Carol Bayles

Social Media - Loi Tran, Renee DePrato

Librarian - Laurel Shaefer

Membership - Linda Mittel and Paula Matienzo

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IT Specialist – open

I would like to create a new position, that of IT specialist. I need someone with computer skills to help clean up our Gmail and Google Drive and figure out what to do with photos. Maybe even help with the website/newsletter. This is not a highly technical position. I will provide guidance.

Remember, the club can only exist if members contribute time and effort.

Carol



# Summer Picnic 2023

We had our summer picnic at Hickories Park on the Susquehanna River near Owego, NY. About 25 people came. There was lots of good food including burgers, veggie burgers, sausages and hot dogs provides by the club. Many thanks to Ruth Allen for leading the way by reserving the park and to Linda Mittel for buying the food and supplies. Also thanks to Melissa Barret and Linda for taking pictures.



## *Displaying blooming orchids*

We all have seen beautiful, arching flower spikes in photos. These don't get that way by themselves, but require specific input from the owner. Flower spikes, or for that matter, pseudobulbs, can start out growing horizontally, and it make take some time to train them to where we want them. Phalaenopsis are the most obvious candidates for staking, but many spikes benefit from a bit of staking.

For stakes you can use whatever you like, bamboo, wood, wire and even plastic can be used. There are many products on the market. You can use clips, twist ties, etc. to hold the spike to the stake. Be careful not to squeeze or damage the spike and always give it room to grow thicker. Ideally you want to start the training as soon as possible after the spike appears, when it is still quite flexible. You may want to start with a short stake and replace with longer ones as the spike grows. The advantage of wire is you can bend it to create a nice arc or even a loop or other shape, if you like. However, the spike will generally arc on its own, once it grows past the end of a vertical stake.

Sometimes you just can't get the stake in the right place until the spike is a bit longer and stiffer. Now what? I have found that you can lift the spike as far as you dare (be careful!), fasten it securely, and wait a few weeks, then move it a little bit more, fasten again, etc. until you have it where you want it. I have also done this with pseudobulbs and bent leaves, and have successfully gotten them to stay where I want them. Sometimes it takes more than one stake and some ingenuity. And it always takes patience, you may have to wait months until you can release it. This is especially useful when an orchid is outgrowing its pot and the pseudobulb wants to hang down over the outside of the pot.

With orchids that don't make a spike per se, like Cattleyas, getting the flowers to show between the leaves can be a challenge. Sometimes you have to hold a leaf or pseudobulb out of the way with a stake. An errant leaf can even be cut off, especially if you are displaying the plant at a show. You want all the flowers to be visible, if possible.

One other issue is getting the individual flowers to face mostly in one direction. To achieve this you want to keep the plant facing the same direction toward the light while the spike and buds develop. Pick the side that the spike and buds seem to want to face and don't turn it (like you probably do with your other houseplants).

Whatever you do, always take a picture or two of your blooming orchids, as a record and to show your friends and to add to our newsletter 'show table'. I like to use a black cloth hanging from a tall dresser drawer as a backdrop (I just close the drawer on it). White could work too, a sheet perhaps? I also have a floor lamp with three heads that I can position so that the lighting is fairly even. With a little effort you can come up with a system that will be your 'photography studio' that is easy to set up and take down.



## Show Table – Carol Bayles



Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds' (Aganisia cyanea x Zygopetalum Skippy Ku). Blooming now for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year. Middle flower is non-resupinate.



*Habenaria rhodocheila*, a gift from Wade Hollenbach for hosting him at our show. Habenarias go dormant during the winter, so when I got it, it was just a tuber. It bloomed July-August.



Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice 'Trinity' AM/RHS x Sunset Glow 'Weitas Creek'. Bloomed all summer with 7 sequential flowers. This is the last.



*Restrepia brachypus* bought from Luis in Oct 2022. First flush had 7 flowers in July, now it is blooming again with 6 or 7 flowers. They are small 1-2" but exotic.

# Show Table



Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Pink Treasure from our SVO order in spring of 2021. It was just a small seedling at the time, now it is beautiful.  
—Jane Trey



Miltonidium (Mtdm.) Hawaiian Sunset. A hybrid between Miltonia and Oncidium. Bloomed just after the Lahaina wildfire, a reminder to me of the suffering of the Maui people and the beauty of their island.— Bernice Magee



Oncostele (Ons) Firecat 'Harmony.' Oncostele is a hybrid genus with at least one ancestor from *Oncidium* and one from *Rhynchostele*. -- Angel Caoile



Tolumnia 'Pink Lady'. Dots or other markings are due to environmental conditions affecting the on/off switch for the genes producing anthocyanin pigment -- Melissa Bennett



## Show Table – Josh deMarre



*Stanhopea nigroviolacea* (syn. *Stanhopea tigrina*) ) One of the largest flowering *Stanhopea* with a strong, sweet fragrance. The flowers last about 3 to 5 days, but mature plants can send out multiple spikes during summer and fall. This is also the darkest colored flower of all the *Stanhopea* genus.



*Stanhopea grandiflora*. A beautiful white *Stanhopea* from South America. Wonderfully fragrant. Typically blooms in the summer to fall months.



# Show Table



Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Tropical pointer 'Cheetah'  
"From the root system on it, I've had it for several years." –Bill O'Connell



Sederia japonica. First time bloom of this mini orchid purchased from J & L at the 2022 STOS show. Fragrant. I've been waiting to see this !  
--Linda Mittel



Wild Lady Slippers, *Cypripedium acaule*, seen on the May 2023 field trip led by Carol Bayles. Angel Caoile and Mitzi (Angelica) Abaya and her daughter, Alice attended. Mitzi's family was so impressed they all went back to see them the next day. On Mt bikes.



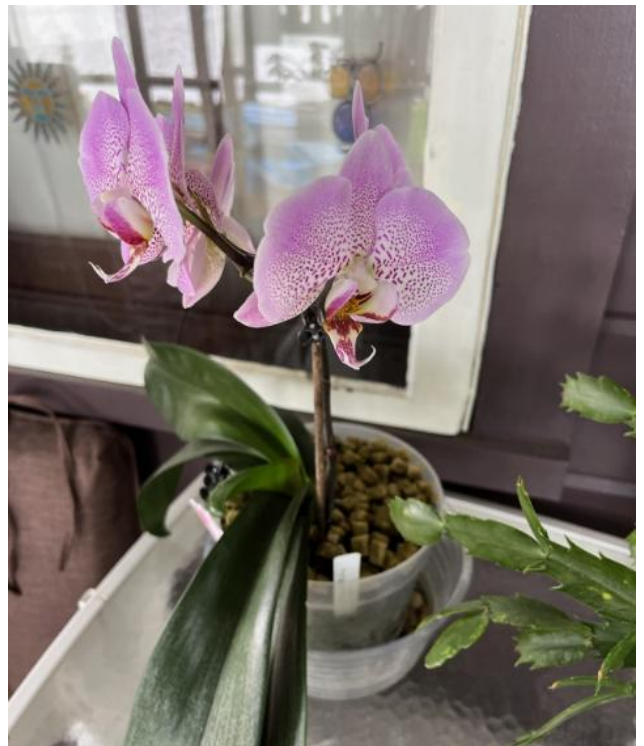
# Show Table – Orphans



Oncidium with no identification –Josh deMarre



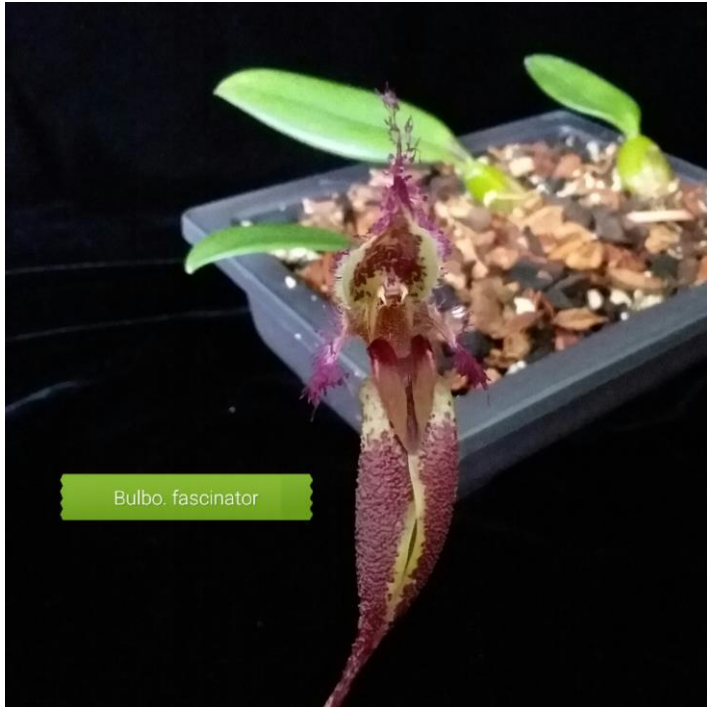
Big, white Phal with 6 flowers. – Chris Kennicutt



Phalaeonopsis, no id but beautiful –Gen Kelly



## Show Table –Bulbos, etc



*Bulbophyllum fascinator*. It likes shade to bright light, warm to hot, SE Asia, Laos. It is a species. Flower is 5 ½ inches long.  
-- John Zygmunt



*Bulbophyllum Jersey*. It likes shade to dappled light, warm to hot, hybrid. Flower is 5 inches long.  
-- John Zygmunt



*Bulbophyllum biflorum* – Laurel Schaefer



*Brassolaelia* (Bl.) Greenwich 'Elmhurst'  
–Laurel Schaefer



# Show Table –Laurel Schaeffer (July)



*Eulophia andamanensis* x *Eulph. Guineensis*



Galeopetalum (Gtpm.) Arlene Armour 'Conching'  
Gtpm. Is a cross between Galeottia and Zygopetalum.



*Encyclia alata* is a species



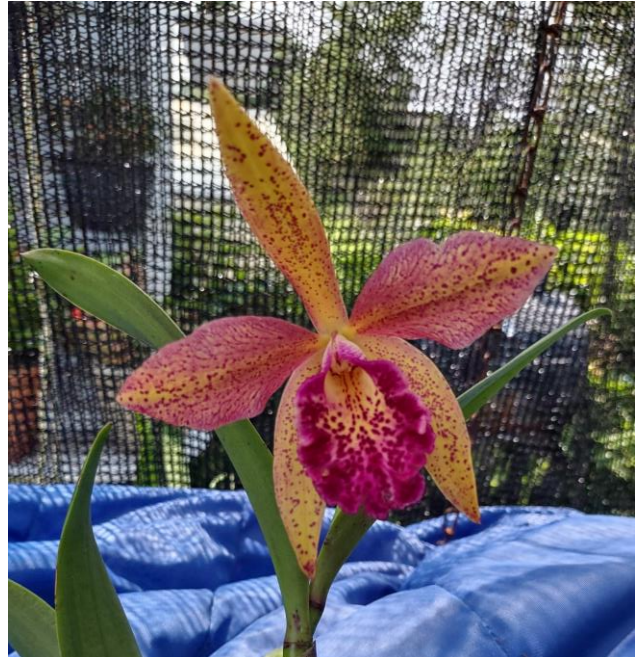
Banfieldara (Bnfd.) Gilded Tower 'Thai Gold'  
Bnfd. Is a hybrid of Ada, Brassia, and  
Odontoglossum.



*Show Table –Laurel Shaeffer (July-Aug.)*



*Vanda tricolor*



Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc.) Hawaiian Leopard 'Mei-Ling'



Cattleya (Catt.) Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'



Dendrobium (Den.) New Hope Mini



# Show Table –Laurel Shaefer - more orphans



Probably *Brassocattleya* Yellow Bird or *Brassolaelia* Yellow Bird or similar. The rest are *Phalaenopsis*, no id.



# Show Table –Jean Mint



Phrag. Manzuri  
LaAldea X  
Phrag.  
Lidleyanum



Habenaria  
Conure X  
crinifera



Macradenia  
multiflora

# Show Table –Jean Mint



Platystele  
ortiziana



Brassavola  
yaki (cuculata  
X nodosa)



Lepanthes  
felipogoniflora



# Show Table –Jean Mint



Corybas  
ecarinatus



Ponerorchis  
graminifolia



Zygopetalum  
Jumpin Jack

# Show Table –Jean Mint



Bulbo.  
ecornutum



Stelis mystax



NoID-a friend  
gave me this,  
notice it's a  
terminal spike,  
but so cool!