



Southern Tier Orchid Society

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Speaker at March In-Person Meeting

Austin Miller

“Bulbophyllum: A Glimpse into the Largest Genus of Orchids”



Austin Miller is an active member of the Genesee Region Orchid Society and greenhouse manager at Florae Collaborative, where he tends to Nepenthes, a genus of tropical pitcher plants from Southeast Asia, and other carnivorous plants, along with the Pleurothallid Alliance and Bulbophyllum. He grows over 120 orchids in his personal collection, primarily Paphiopedilum (though he loves all orchids). He studied biotechnology at the State University of New York’s College of Environmental Science and Forestry and is interested in applying his tissue culture experience to flasking orchids. A former grower of Marlow Orchids, Austin has traveled to numerous shows along the northeast. His talk focuses on the genus Bulbophyllum, where they originated from, and their culture.

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### *Letter from the President*

I am so excited that we are having our March meeting IN PERSON! We did get together briefly for a Holiday Party but this will be a whole meeting, just like the old days, with a raffle, show table, and speaker. So bring orchid-related items for the raffle if you have any, and your blooming plants. We will try to Zoom the meeting for those who cannot attend, hopefully that will work. I will send a link via email to all members.

We have lots of activities coming up, our Spring Auction on April 10 will be in person. The first weekend of April is the Genesee Region Orchid Society (GROS) orchid show and we agreed to have an exhibit at their show, they will reciprocate at our show. This is the first time we have exhibited at this show, so let’s make a good impression on our neighboring society and have a fabulous exhibit. We will need your plants and your help. See article in this newsletter.

At the end of April is our show, the first in 3 years! Let’s make this an event to remember; we will need everyone’s help. More info in this newsletter and at the meeting.

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone on March 20 at 2 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 53 McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY.

–Carol Bayles

# Member Info

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<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernTierOrchidSocietyNY>

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## STOS Calendar 2022

Meetings are 2-4pm at the First United Methodist Church, 53 McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY.

Meetings will also be Zoomed for those who cannot attend. A link will be sent via email about one week before.

**March 20** Austin Miller "Bulbophyllum: A Glimpse into the Largest Genus of Orchids"

**April 10** Spring Auction LIVE (moved up to avoid Easter Sunday)

**April 23-24** Annual Orchid Show

**May 15** General Meeting, Repotting Clinic

**June-August** Summer Break

## Spring Auction

At our meeting on April 10 we will have an in person auction, just like the old days. This is a fun event with rapid bidding on some great orchids. Plants will be available for inspection before the meeting begins and a list will be given out. Come and support our club and get a deal on a new orchid, or two! Bring a box to carry your new treasures home. Cash or checks only.

## Membership Dues (\$20)

for 2022 can be paid via PayPal on our website, or a check can be mailed to our Treasurer or now you can pay in person at a meeting. We encourage you to pay your 2022 dues soon. After our May meeting you will be dropped from the mailing list.



# February Membership Meeting Minutes

## Southern Tier Orchid Society

Minutes of Sunday February 20, 2022. The meeting was an internet meeting on ZOOM. Called to order by President Carol Bayles 2:00 PM. Started with 11 people in attendance.

- Approved minutes of the last meeting in January 2021 as printed in the newsletter. Too late to fix it, but an incorrect meeting date was reported in the minutes.
- Treasure report Jane Trey –gave a financial report. More members have paid dues and Jane made a \$10 donation for some moss she used that was donated to the club. The speaker fee for last month was paid ~ \$150.00.
- AOS Rep Bernice –
  - Noted that the last time she went to the post office wanting to mail 2 issues to Luis the postal fee was quoted at \$9.25. Several people suggested declining the mailing process and club issues will be available at the in person meeting planned for April. Bernice can't make it to the March meeting so Jean Mint offered to meet and bring recent issues to the meeting.
  - One of the advantages of being an AOS member is the beautiful magazine. The latest issue has a full page photo of an award-winning orchid grown by Wade Hollenbach, one of our long-time vendors. The photo was taken by taken by Geoff Gould, STOS member and photographer. Although STOS is not mentioned, we can be proud of our local talent.
  - Noted an impressive article with beautiful color photos about a woman who makes Japanese style pots for orchids.
  - Encouraged members to utilize AOS webinars which can be listened to even if you are not an AOS member. Let Bernice know if you have an idea of how the AOS organization can help us.

### Old business:

- Discussion about road trips visiting other orchid shows.
- The Budget was passed by email response with 26 replies (all approvals) out of 46 eligible voters
- Dues have been due since December. Please submit \$20 to continue your membership. PayPal is working on the website. The membership form online, if opened in Microsoft Edge browser, will allow filling out the form electronically.

### New business:

- Our April meeting will be on April 10<sup>th</sup> in respect for Easter Sunday. There will be an in-person auction with possible online auction to follow if there are any plants left.
- The annual orchid show will be April 23 to 24, set up on the 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Carol showed an organizational description of show responsibilities. Discussed judging, housing, food, publicity, registration, and required chair people opportunities. Need to rent tables.
- Raffle ticket potential increase in price being discussed.

Closed meeting with zoom home orchid show.

Submitted by Ben Cabot Secretary.



## Genesee Region Orchid Society Orchid Show

STOS is planning to have an exhibit at the GROS Orchid Show April 2-3. We will need your blooming orchids for the weekend as well as helpers to set up on Friday afternoon and take down on Sunday at 4pm. This is our big chance to show off for this Society so please offer your orchids.

Note that if you want your orchid to be judged (even for ribbon judging) you must register it by 4pm Friday March 1 but pre-registration by midnight Thursday March 31 is strongly encouraged.

See [www.geneseeorchid.org](http://www.geneseeorchid.org) for details, including plant registration forms, plant classification and information, rules and regulations, and general instructions.

Jane Trey and Carol Bayles will be heading the exhibit but we welcome anyone who wants to help. Contact us if you have questions, want to help or to drop off plants:

[jtrey@stny.rr.com](mailto:jtrey@stny.rr.com) (Binghamton)

[cjb4@cornell.edu](mailto:cjb4@cornell.edu) (Brooktondale area)

## Services at the GROS Show

### Visit our Orchid Rx Table!

New this year is our Orchid Rx Table, where our expert orchid growers will be on hand during Show hours to answer all your questions about orchids

### Orchid Repotting Service – \$5

Do you have orchids that you know need to be repotted, but you just aren't sure how to go about it? Our crack team of expert growers will repot your orchid plant for just \$5, with fresh growing medium and plenty of advice on how to keep your orchid healthy and happy.

## Brief schedule

### •Saturday, April 2, 2022

- 10:00am – 5:00pm – Show/ Sales Open to Public
- 11:00 am – 11:30am – Lecture: “Growing Your First Orchids” – David Weiss
- 12 Noon – 12:30pm – Lecture: “Summering Your Orchids Outside” – Natalie Auburn
- 1pm – 1:30pm – Lecture: “Growing Your Orchids Under Lights” – David Weiss

### •Sunday, April 3, 2022

- 10:00am – 4:00pm – Show/Sales Open to Public
- 11:00 am – 11:30am – Lecture: “Growing Your First Orchids” – David Weiss
- 12 Noon – 12:30pm – Lecture: “Summering Your Orchids Outside” – Natalie Auburn
- 1pm – 1:30pm – Lecture: “Growing Beyond Phalaenopsis: Other Orchids to Grow” – Jeanne Kaeding
- 4:00 pm – Show closes

## STOS Orchid Show

-- Carol Bayles, Show Chair



*Southern Tier Orchid Society*

*Presents*

*Orchids at the Museum*

*Displays, vendors, raffles, info, fun*



April 23-24, 2022 12-5 pm

Roberson Museum and Science Center  
30 Front St, Binghamton NY

Visit the museum  
[www.Roberson.org](http://www.Roberson.org)

Free Admission to the show  
[www.southerntierorchids.org](http://www.southerntierorchids.org)

We will be needing help for our show in late April. While I would like to have someone in charge of various aspects, if you can commit to just one thing (besides showing up, that goes without saying) that would be a great help.

Committee chairs needed:

- Food and housing
- Publicity
- Volunteers and scheduling
  - Man table, setup, take down, clerks
- Registration: Orchid knowledge and/or computer skills. Orchid Pro is a great resource.
- Other Exhibits, like kid stuff, educational stuff

Right now I could use someone to check hotels near the museum to see if we can get a block of rooms at a discount for the judges. I don't have a number yet, but likely somewhere between 4-8. You just need to call around and see if any hotels are interested. Preferably hotels with breakfast (if this has come back). Talk to me if you are interested.

In the past we have housed our vendors at member's homes. We would really like to continue to do this as vendors rely on the profits they make at our show to keep their business alive and pay their bills. Having to pay for a hotel seriously eats into their profits. Hosting a vendor means having an orchid expert right in your home. You can get personal advice and ask all the questions you can think of. Highly recommended. We do need a commitment soon, plans get made now. Vendors are male, married.

If anyone has any ideas about advertising our show, we need all the exposure we can get. If you are part of another group, let them know about the show. If you have ideas about where to hang a poster, or post an event, do it. Please let the publicity chair (when we get one) know so we don't duplicate efforts. Posters will be handed out at the meeting in April. I will also email a digital copy so you can pass it on that way too.

Registration is a very important task. The computer skills required are minimal, you just need to be able to type or cut and paste. Knowledge of orchid classes helps, but there are guides and Orchid Pro can help. This task will be mostly during the week before the show, peaking on Thursday evening, and extending into Friday. A laptop you can bring to the show would be helpful, but we can provide one if necessary.

Feel free to contact me at [cjb4@cornell.edu](mailto:cjb4@cornell.edu)

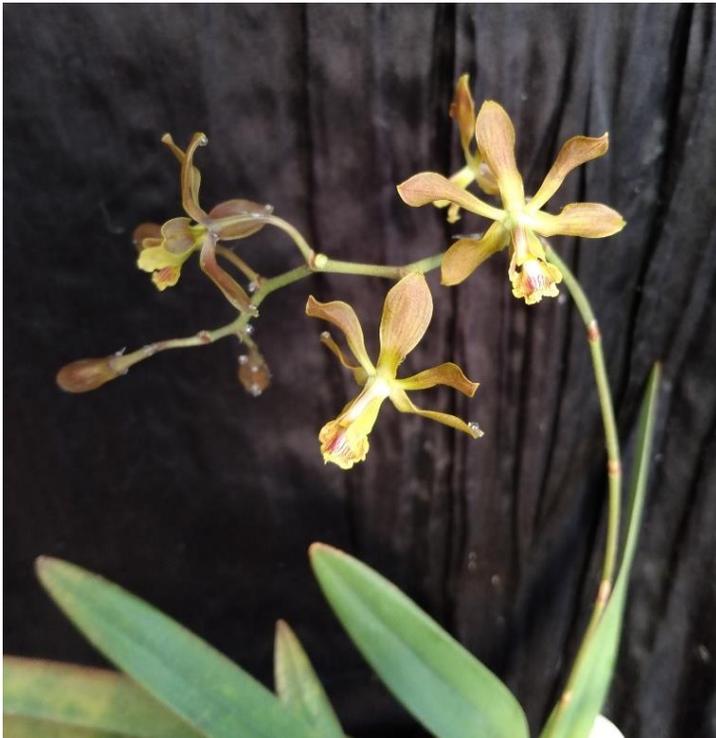
# Show Table -- Laurel Shaefer



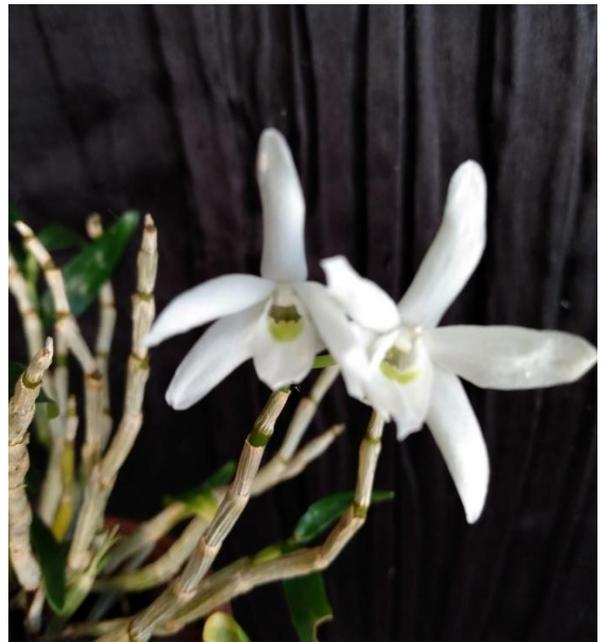
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Phalaenopsis No ID



Encyclia Cindy [ *tampensis* x *alata* ] from Linda Mandeville



Dendrobium Moniliforme 'siroaya'

# Show Table

One more from Laurel



Aliceara Pacific nova 'Hilo Star' –Laurel Shaefer

Aliceara is the nothogenus for intergeneric hybrids between three orchid genera:  
**Brassia x Miltonia x Oncidium.**

Here is the family tree:



Phal. Sogo Vivien 'Golden Leaves'. I purchased this last fall from Taida Orchids in Bridgewater, NJ. – Jane Trey



Paph. Mamie Wilson (lowii 'Dragon's Flight' HCC/AOS x primulinum var purpuracsens 'Tall 50'). This was my 2012 holiday plant. – Jane Trey

# Show Table



Bulbophyllum Daisy Chain, sitting flat on a slab of cork in a tray with two flowers peeking out under leaves. It likes dappled light hot humid but seems to adapt to cooler. Highly recommended for beginners as it is easy to grow and flowers several times a year. It can be grown mounted vertically on a cedar slab or on cork. It can also be grown on a flat surface like cork or even in a Bonsai pot. I have grown it all three ways. It likes to crawl along so it will grow out of a round pot. I have added a few air plants (Tillandsia lonanthera) for looks. –John Zygmunt



Paph Hybrid (tranlienianum 'Mrs Song x In-Charm Topaz 'Mrs Song' ) First bloom.  
From auction last fall.  
-- Geoff Gould



Second and third blooms

# Show Table – Jean Mint



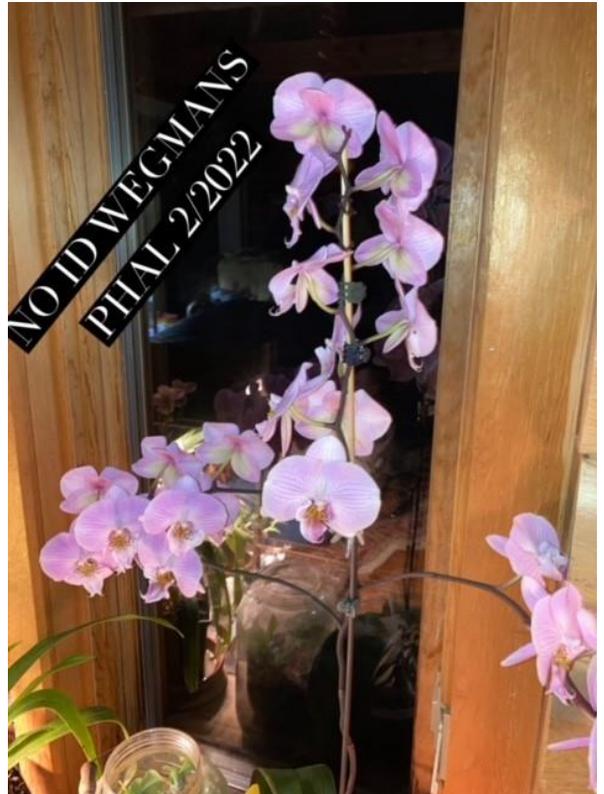
The Dendrobium and BarboSELLa are compliments of John Zygmunt. I hope I make him proud of his offsprings. The Masdevallia is also thanks to him. He told me if I ever saw one for sale to grab it....I did.



# Show Table – Jean Mint



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# *Pete O'Connell - Outside at Key West*



*Cattleya maxima* fma. *coerulea*

Bloomed mid-December and same plant in blossom again. In sun and shade.  
Very fragrant like northern lilac.



Seed pods from the 12/30/21 selfing on this plant

# Pete O'Connell - Outside at Key West



Lc C.G. Roebling 'Beachview' AM/AOS  
A nice light 'blue' with a darker lip.  
Another re-bloom from December



*Cattleya percivaliana*  
(Rojoboss Sonia x alba Clara Chito) resulted  
in just a lighter lavender flower. First Bloom



*Cattleya Minerva* (1903) 'Soini' JC/AOS

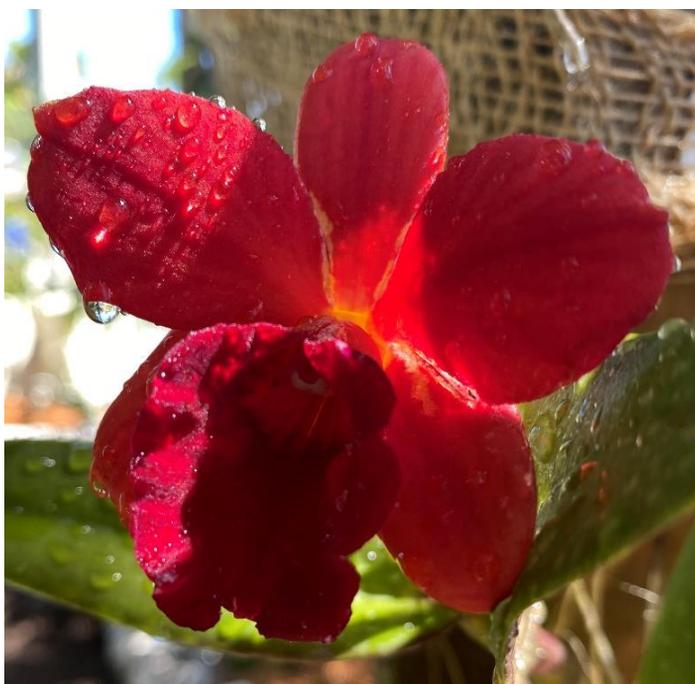


Awarded at our show around 2005. Named after my Mom. Sent out another blossom spike this month. Last bloomed on Christmas day. The 1903 identifies the hybrid, as there are now 3 *C. Minervas*, as several of the species were either *Laelia* or *Sophronitis* when the crosses were made. Now all *Cattleya*.

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*Caulocattleya (CLTY)* Spring Fragrance 'Hawaii'  
VERY FRAGRANT!



*Brassolaeliocattleya (Blc)* Krull's Mini Angel 'SVO  
Red Fire' x Star Fire 'Red Rocket'



*Soprolaeliocattleya (Slc)* Seagull's Apricot  
'Majestic' x Chili Chester 'SVO'

Another first bloom Mini-Catt from SVO



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*Tolumnia* crosses in the Jairak series are blooming again

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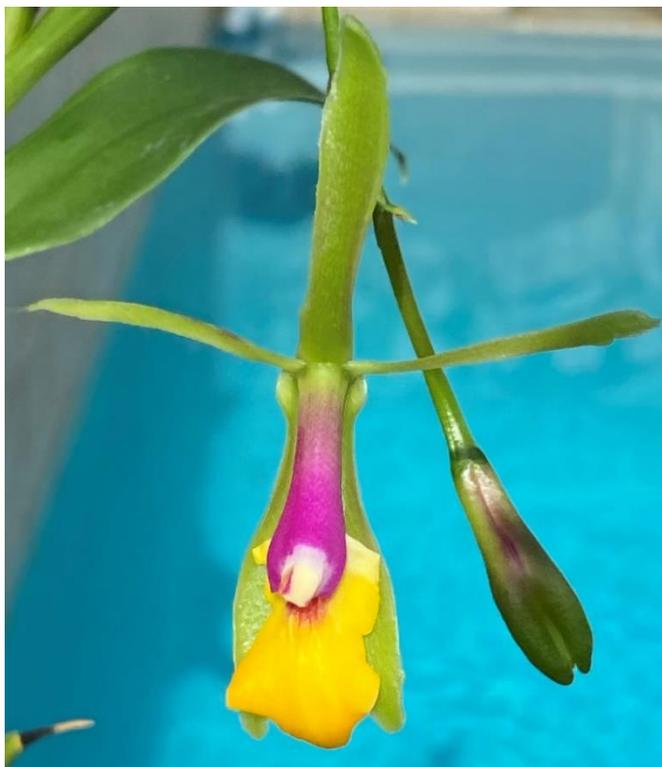


Sc Dandy Tease

One of my favorite seedlings. *Cattleya percivaliana* is a parent



*Cattleya luddemanniana* fma. *Coerulea*



*Epidendrum (Epi)* Rene Marques 'Taylor' From our auction ~10 years ago



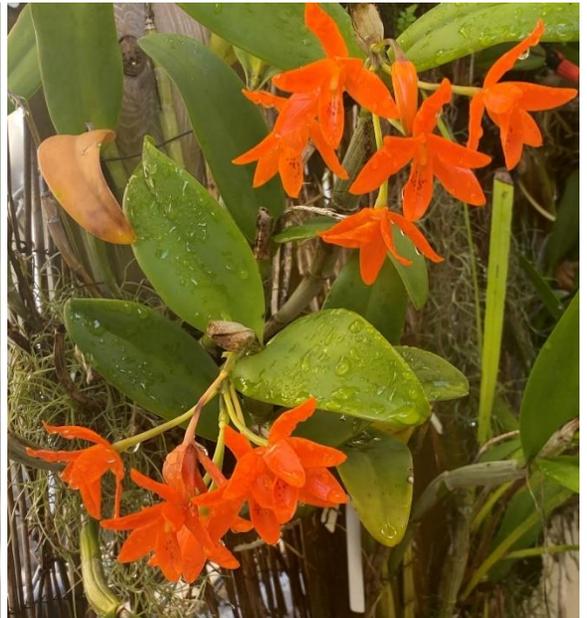
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*Phalaenopsis* O'Yellow Lip'Blc Topaz Impact seedling from SVO



*Cattleya aurantiaca* fma. Punctata 'Mishima Spots' x self



*Cattleya aurantiaca* 'Marigold