



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Orchid Society Members,

Our first Zoom meeting on October 25 was a great success! About 20 members participated and only 3 or 4 had problems with video, but all had audio. We enjoyed seeing each other after so long and it was especially nice to see Peter O'Connell, who lives in Florida! We had lots of time to chat as well as go over business.

I would like to thank everyone who voted on the Bylaws amendments. Of the 28 people who voted as of Nov 5, all approved the amendments.

Fall Auction Online

Our next meeting will also be via Zoom on November 15, 2-4 pm. (See the link elsewhere in this newsletter.) We will be kicking off our Fall Online Auction, using the platform 32auction.com. You can visit this site now if you are interested. The Help section has Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) that answer just about every question you could possibly have. At the meeting we will demonstrate the actual site and show you how to bid on a plant. Anyone with the link will be able to view the auction but in order to bid you need to create an account, which is just your name, a password and your email. I suggest using your real name so we know who we are bidding against. The bidding will start during the meeting on Nov 15 (2 pm) and will end on Friday, November 20 at 6 pm. Plant pickup will be at Jane Trey's house on have over 50 orchids so this is a great opportunity for you to get plants at good prices without paying shipping fees and to support our Society. Note the auction is open to non-members of STOS so feel free to invite your family or friends. However, we do not want to advertise to the general public or on social media, for security purposes.

Free Holiday Plants

The Board decided to offer members their free holiday plant even though we cannot have our holiday party. You can pick up your plant during the same time frame as the auction plant pick up at Jane's house. At this point we only have plants for those who requested one while voting. We may have a few extra.

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Treasurer

Jane Trey

Secretary

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Bernice Magee

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Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed! Contributions must be submitted by the 5th of the month to the editor.

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Greg Griffis – Speaker – at December 20 meeting

Some of you may remember Greg Griffis' talk last February about orchid roots, which was very informative as well as entertaining. Greg will speak to us via Zoom at our December 20 meeting on '**Achieving Orchid Excellence.**' Greg is the orchid grower at Longwood Gardens and has created online classes, blogs and has given interviews which are all available on his website gregorygriffis.com. See his bio elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am very happy to have STOS active again and have exciting events to look forward to. See you all on Zoom this Sunday.

Carol Bayles

Gregory Griffis Bio

Greg Griffis first became aware of orchids in 2009. He first heard about them through a college friend, who had always admired orchids. Studying at West Chester University, from which he graduated with a degree in Music Education, put him in close proximity to Longwood Gardens. He attended the 2010 Longwood Orchid Show where he purchased his first orchid. One plant quickly became twenty or so, and before long he was hooked. In 2010 he visited Parkside Orchid Nursery for the first time, and by Summer 2011 he was working part time for Tom Purviance and John Salventi. He studied under their tutelage while working for them, and when they sold the nursery in 2012, he was hired by the new owners as the Grower and Manager of Parkside Orchid Nursery. He managed Parkside for one year, before leaving to grow orchids in Hawaii. He worked for Hilo Orchid Farm for more than a year, spending a large amount of time working with Paphiopedilum, as well as Intergeneric Oncidiinae and Miltoniopsis. At the beginning of 2015 Greg began working as the orchid grower at Longwood Gardens. There he grows all of the major genera of orchids, and has been part of cultivating a collection of terrestrial orchids from around the world, as well as many other rare and unusual orchids.

--from Gregorygriffis.com

October 25 Meeting Minutes

18 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. MEETING STARTED 2PM

Minutes as provided in the newsletter were approved,
Jane Trey presented the financial balance. The club is well endowed.

Bernice McGee discussed American Orchid Society.

She has several national magazines that can be shared. Let her know and she will mail them to you. They can be returned to Jane in Binghamton.
The national organization is keeping it together through the pandemic.

Executive meeting report.

Discussed the website use statistics. Not many logins and very short visits.
Bylaws approval and updates ready for full membership approval.
Future will rely on Zoom meetings.
Discussed doing club surveys using "Mail chimp" survey service.
Because of the pandemic, membership dues will not be collected, and memberships will continue for 2021.

Nomination ~ open discussion. Resulting proposed officer slate;

President - Carol Bayles
Vice president – Gail Gunsalus
Treasurer - Jane Trey
Secretary - Ben Cabot
AOS representative - Bernice McGee
1 year board member Luis Matienzo
2 year board member Sharon Voorhees (came back to finish her term)
3 year board member Jean Mint

Committee reports

This year's Auction will be held virtually online. Projected company to host the technology for the auction is "32 Auctions". Projected time from November 15th to 20th. 4 days for bidding. Plants stored and picked up by buyers at Jane Trey's house. Clarification will be how to accept payment. Possibility is paypal, or Vimeo.

John Zygmunt will be donating plants & miniature mounted orchids.

Future speaker ~ Virtually held will be live presentation of Greg Griffiths from Longwood Gardens. (a previous dynamic speaker we had).

The Zoom meeting went well.

Adjourned 3:48pm Next Zoom meeting November 15, 2 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ben Cabot

Member News

John Zygmont

John went into the hospital on Nov 10 for a procedure on his heart to help with arrhythmia. While he has had this procedure 7 times before, surgery is always risky and we hope all goes well for John. He has been a longtime member of STOS, helped run the Show for many years, and is past president. We are hoping for an update soon. Best wishes for a quick recovery, John.

Lori Cabot

Lori is also a longtime STOS member who helps with everything, and has been doing refreshments at meetings for the past several years. She recently had surgery for a brain aneurysm and was recovering nicely. She was even at our Zoom meeting. Ben (past president and current secretary) is taking good care of her. However, she has just recently felt unwell again. We sincerely hope for a complete recovery soon, Lori.

Help Wanted -- Newsletter Editor

With Renee stepping down at the end of the year, we need a new editor for the newsletter. Please consider taking on this task for our Society. It is not a difficult position, just a matter of filling in content and photos into a Word template. We can help you get started. You can work your own hours as long as the newsletter comes out within a week or so after the submission deadline. Contact us at southern-tier-orchid-society@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Dates to Remember

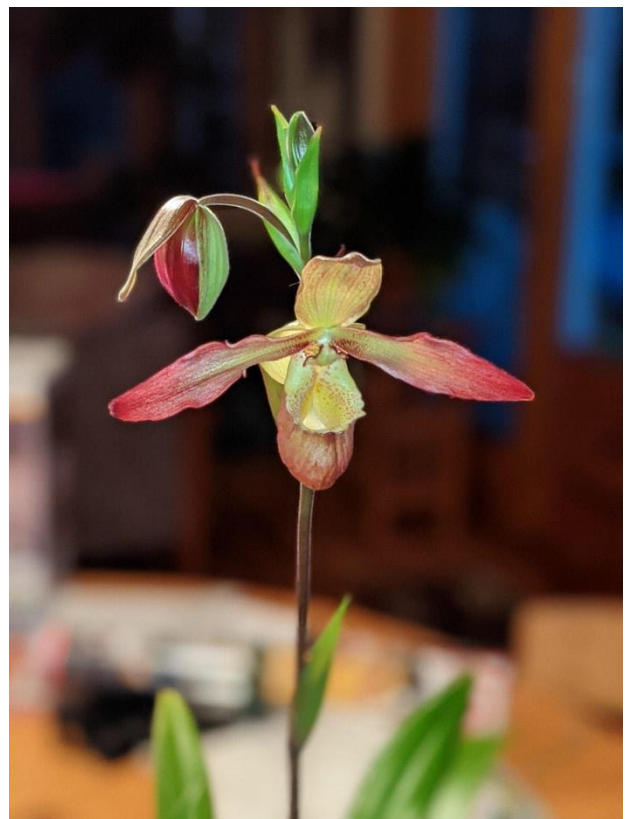
Nov 15, 2-4 pm STOS Meeting on Zoom,
 auction introduction

Nov 15, 4pm –Nov 20, 6pm Fall online auction

Nov 21-22 Plant Pickup at Jane's house

Dec 13 Deadline for voting in election of officers

Dec 20, 2-4 pm STOS Meeting on Zoom,
 Speaker Greg Griffis



Phrag Sorcerer's Apprentice
 Second bloom, now 3rd is opening but first fell off
 --Carol Bayles

A VIRTUAL DISPLAY OF FLOWERING PLANTS AT OUR HOME

November 2020

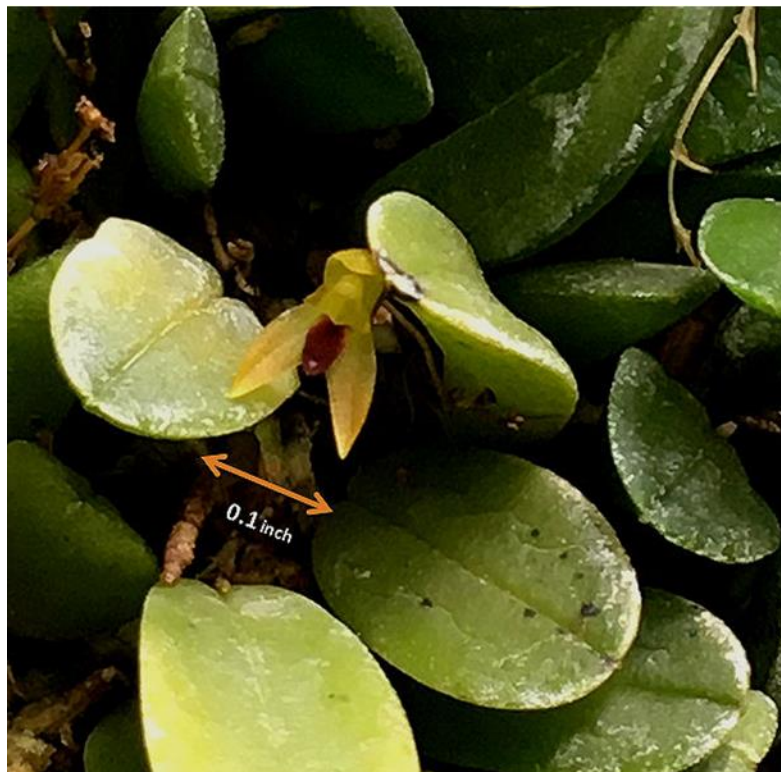
L.J. MATIENZO

The plants flowering under lights at home are mainly hybrids this month with a representative species. At this point, with the change of light intensity and colder weather several paphiopedilums and phragmipediums are in the process of producing spikes. Again, in order to verify the correct names of the species I use the accepted names by the **World Check List of Flowering** and the **RHS Orchid Hybrid Register** both hosted by Kew Gardens.

SPECIES:

***Anathallis minutalis*:**

This plant contains perhaps the smallest orchid flower known. The species is found on branches of oak trees in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Southeastern and Southwestern Mexico and must be mounted on cork or a piece of apple or orange wood. Its accepted name can be translated as **a tiny plant without stems**. The flowers, yellow with red lips are short lived, only 0.1 inches across and they appear at any time of the year. This plant was originally described by Lindley in 1859 and he named it as *plurothallis minutalis*



HYBRIDS:

Brassidium Nittany Gold 'Dr. John' AM/AOS:

This plant is a primary hybrid resulting from crossing *brassia verrucosa* with *Oncidium ghiesbreghtianum*, previously known as *mexicoa ghiesbreghtiana*, a native species of the western part of Mexico and a small plant with flowers containing a yellow lip and red colored dorsal and sepals. The *brassia*, also a native to Mexico and Central America contributes the spidery nature of the yellow and warty flowers of this multi-floral hybrid. The originator of this AOS-awarded hybrid is John Dunkelberger, a regular judge at the STOS shows. My plant carries a single spike with 12 flowers.



Paphiopedilum Dreaming Emerald 'Matienzo':

This is a complex cross introduced and registered by Lehua Orchids (2013), one of our suppliers for our past auctions. The hybrid is the result of crossing paph. Dreaming Green and paph. Emerald Lake. The grandparents of this cross are predominately yellow and green hybrids. The development of this type of flowers required 11 different species since its inception.



AOS ORCHIDS MAGAZINE

I have six back issues of AOS ORCHIDS magazine just waiting for you to open and be surprised! Each magazine is wrapped in plastic and sealed. I do not know which issue is in each. If you are interested in borrowing a copy of ORCHIDS, please send me your name and address and I will forward it to you via postal service free of charge.

First come, first serve. Please return the copy of the club's magazine when we resume in-person meetings. In the meantime, enjoy one of the latest ORCHIDS magazines with its beautiful photographs and helpful articles.

Interested? Send your mailing address to me at magee.bernice@gmail.com

- Bernice Magee, AOS Representative