



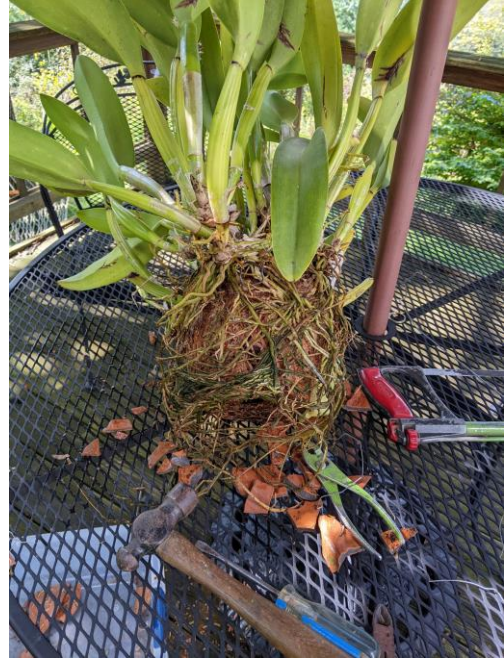
October 2023

# Southern Tier Orchid Society

WWW.SOUTHERNTIERORCHIDS.ORG



Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Long John 'Sky Rocket', the largest plant at the auction (not in bloom). Donated by Pete O'Connell



Attempting to repot

## *Letter from the President*

Welcome Everyone!

Our meeting this month will be different from most meetings. First we will have our annual elections for officers. Then, after any other business, we plan to have a:

### ***Question and Answer Session!***

I will start with a brief overview of our website and the AOS website as well as a few other important sites to know about. Then we will open it up to our members to ask questions, show a problem plant, or add comments of their own. We hope everyone will share their knowledge. Anyone who has had an orchid knows something, whether positive or negative. We all (hopefully) learn from our mistakes. This will be very informal.

Come with your questions!

—Carol Bayles, President

# Member Info

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

### President

Carol Bayles

### Vice President

Gail Gunsalus

### Treasurer

Jane Trey

### Secretary

Linda Mittel

### AOS Representative

Bernice Magee

### Members-At-Large

Jean Mint

Colin Dimon

Loi X Tran

**Newsletter Editor** Carol Bayles

**Web Master** Carol Bayles

**Social Media** Loi Tran, Renee DePrato

**Librarian** Laurel Shaefer

**Show Chair** Carol Bayles

**Program Coordinator** Jean Mint

**Auction Committee** Pete O'Connell,  
Jane Trey

### Web Site:

<http://www.southerntierorchids.org>

### Email address:

[STOSorchids@gmail.com](mailto:STOSorchids@gmail.com)

### Google Group (Listserv)

[STOSorchidgroup@googlegroups.com](mailto:STOSorchidgroup@googlegroups.com)

### Facebook:

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

### Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/SouthernTierOrchidSociety/>

## 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: 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,  
Question and Answer Session

### Nov 19

General Meeting, Speaker Clark Riley on NY  
Native Orchids

### Dec 17

Holiday Party

## Quote of the Day

An Orchid Expert is someone who has killed  
100 orchids.

## Voting for Officers in October

At the October meeting we will be voting for all officer positions. During the week before I will send around a form for email voting. This is mostly for those who cannot attend the meeting in person. They will be compiled before the meeting. Please do not vote via email if you plan to come to the meeting. If this happens you must refrain from voting twice. You must be paid up on your membership dues to vote. Membership runs from Jan to Dec.

Here are the names of those who are running.

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.** The following are not voted on. We always need more help so if you are interested in any of these, let me know.

Newsletter Editor - Carol Bayles, need assistant  
Web Master - Carol Bayles. need assistant  
Social Media - Loi Tran, Renee DePrato, Jean Mint  
Librarian - Laurel Shaefer  
Membership - Linda Mittel and Paula Matienzo  
Show Chair - Carol Bayles, need assistant  
Program Coordinator - Jean Mint  
Auction Committee - Pete O'Connell, Jane Trey  
IT Specialist – Melissa Bennett (Thanks Melissa!)

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

Carol

# Meeting Minutes

## Meeting Minutes: September 17, 2023

**Location:** Vestal United Methodist Church

**Call to order :** President Carol Bayles

**Attendees:** 1 new member

Comments from president: Sign in sheet passed around and a new member sign up sheet( for badges)

## Reports

Secretary no report since no meeting, repotting demo and plant sales)

**Treasurer report: Jane Trey :** Gave balance and expenses paid and dividends from account

- Picnic expenses for food and drink = \$118
- Repotting demo net = \$92 (expenses \$183 - \$276 income)
- Dividend income over the summer = \$47

**AOS rep : (Bernice):** Brought up that AOS magazine are available and members can borrow them.

- Discussed native orchid meeting in Minnesota
- Carol Bayles has worked with field trips to see Lady Slippers in Ithaca area

## Old Business

- STOS picnic : about 20 people attended and was held at Hickories Park near Owego, NY

## New Business

- Nomination of new officers for this year
  - Paula acted as person for nominations
- Nominations:
  - Carol Bayles: President
  - Ruth Allen: VP
  - Linda Mittel: Secretary
  - Angel Caoile: Treasurer ( Jane is stepping down)
  - AOS Rep: Bernice Magee
  - Gail Gunsalus: Member at large

Other appointments are to be made as needed/ available. Appointment positions are not elected, but will be appointed as needed

Luis commended Jane Trey for all her work as treasurer and club member

## Auction

**Meeting Adjourned** at 4:00 pm

Notes were from Recording by Carol Bayles and were transcribed by Linda Mittel and Carol Bayles

# Auction a Huge Success

STOS bought some mini Catts and Catesetum types from Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO) and also received more donations than we expected, so we had over 65 orchids to auction off at our Sept. meeting. Almost all orchids were bid on, the leftovers went to direct buy after the auction. Many thanks to Pete O'Connell, Jean Mint, Linda Mittel, Luis Matienzo. Laurel Shaefer, and Brookton Hollow Orchids for donations of plants and other orchid supplies.

Many thanks also to those who bid on plants, almost everyone present got at least 2, and some added to their collection by 8 or more! We had three non-members (all sisters) bid on a significant number of orchids, they even bid against each other! One is now a member and we hope to lure the other two in. Luis Matienzo was our expert auctioneer, aided by Carol Bayles as runner, and Ben Cabot helped point out bidders. We all had so much fun.

We also thank our auction committee of Pete O'Connell and Jane Trey for organizing the auction (with help from Carol Bayles) and keeping track of bids during the auction (with help from Angel Caoile).



# Show Table –Laurel Shaefer



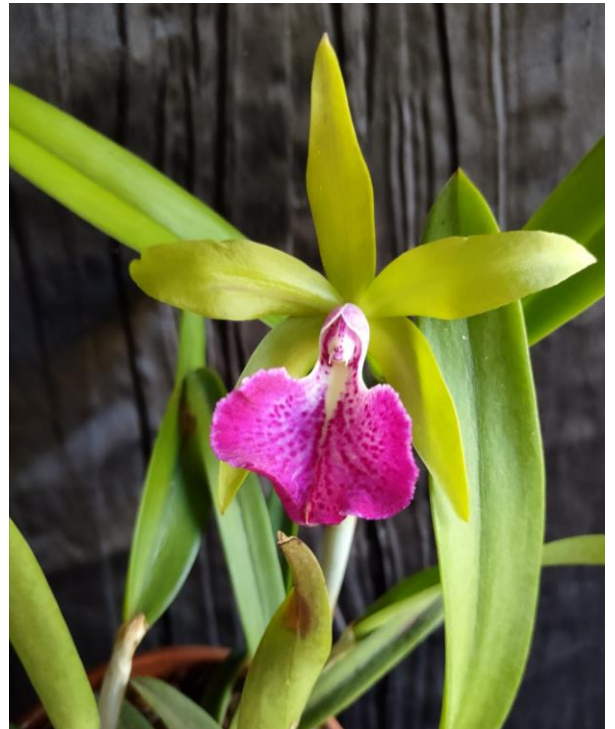
Catt. Motte Spot x Ert. Kevin Mark Ragbir 'Pinke'



Gal. greenwoodiana 'SVO Purple Lip' x Gal. greenwoodiana 'Purple Lip Too' .



Tolu. Morning 04



Banfieldara (Bnfd.) Gilded Tower 'Thai Gold'  
Blc. Memorial Vida Lee 'Limelight'

# Show Table – Laurel Shaefer



*Blc. Dewey Forest 'Kudos'*



Mtdm. pacific Paragon 'Honey Butter's

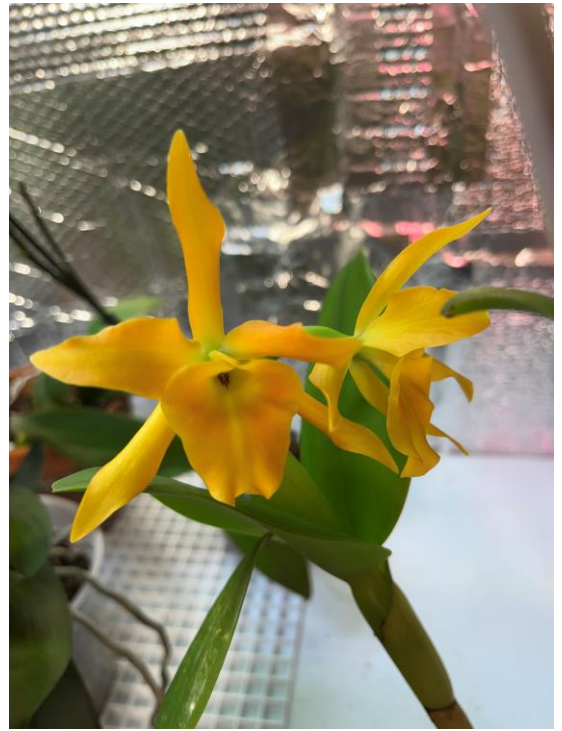


Mytssa. Shelob 'Okila' variegated

# Show Table



Brassia "spider orchid". Second bloom this year, first was in March. It has been outside for the summer. . – Linda Mittel



Bc Daffodil I owned this plant for 30 yrs. It blooms frequently throughout the year. A few pieces were in the auction. – Linda Mittel



Sophrolaeliocattleya (Slc) Jillian Lee from SVO. Bought at the recent auction and already blooming! – Ines Cramer, NEW MEMBER



Phragmipedium pearcei, from the auction



# Show Table



Paph. Enchanting Spring Secdnd bloom this year.  
Bloomed for months in spring.  
– Carol Bayles



Not an orchid, but a pretty unusual flower.  
Jean Mint was giving a few away at the picnic and Angel Caoile took this one, which promptly. Flower is about 1.5 inches.



No id Phal. – Geof Gould

# Show Table



Brassia verrucosa x Oerstedella (Oc.) Ghiesbreghtii  
–Geof Gould



Bulbophyllum auratum, from the Sept. auction. This one survived a sudden mouse infestation. Many other orchids had been sampled. I have now adopted two cats from the local shelter. –Melissa Bennet.

## Pretty Orchid

There once was an orchid so pretty  
All the judges were very giddy

The color the shape and ratio of size  
Seemed worthy of the highest prize

Orchid shows are such a delight  
As visitors admire the great living art

So much color and varied designs  
From tall to tiny magnificent blooms

The shapes and the patterns becoming  
art

Objects admired by collection societies

Novice or expert the joy is in owning  
Wonderful creations the best type of  
flower

Some possess fragrance and some only  
beauty  
But all are revered a delight to observe

Rare is the feeling that love of a plant  
Can increase the value of living.

Patience is a virtue while the world  
awaits  
The bloom of a most pretty orchid.

Ben Cabot II, 10/7/23

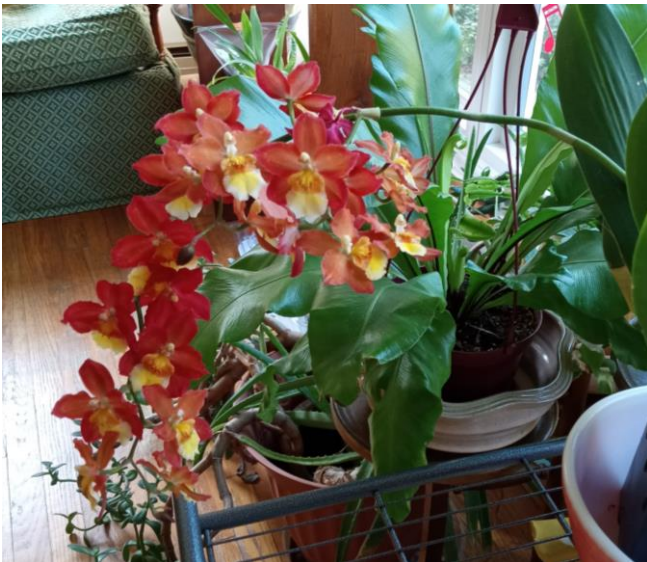
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Laeliocattleya (Lc.) Pink Treasure from our SVO order in spring of 2021. It was just a small seedling at the time, now it is beautiful.  
—Jane Trey



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

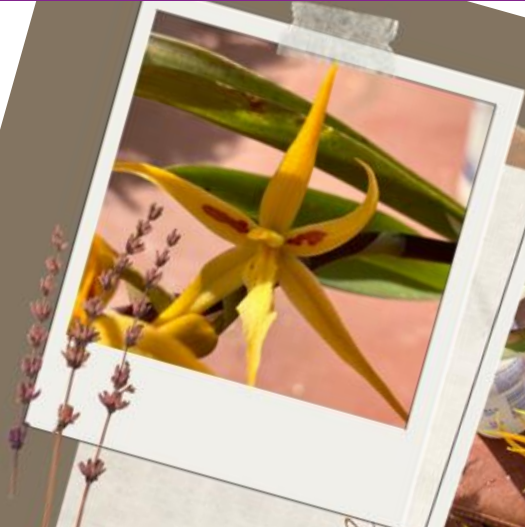


Oncostele (Ons) Firecat 'Harmony.' Oncostele is a hybrid genus with at least one ancestor from *Oncidium* and one from *Rhynchostele*. -- Angel Caoile



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 – Jean Mint



Brassia, Orange  
Delight 'Hilo Sunrise'



Paphinia rugosa.

# Show Table – Jean Mint



Paph. spicerianum X  
sib



Brassoepidendrum  
Green Dragon (Epi.  
magnoliae X B.  
Nodosa)

# Show Table – Jean Mint



Aerangis biloba



C. Claesiana XL  
purpurata alba (Bob  
Rudin gift)