



# Southern Tier Orchid Society

<http://www.SouthernTierOrchids.org>

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings STOS members,  
I hope many of you were able to safely share the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends and that you have safe Christmas plans as well. With the vaccine on the horizon, hopefully the end of the pandemic is in sight.

Our online auction was a smashing success! We netted \$833, similar to our regular, live auctions. We had over 60 orchids, many donated, as well as a selection of pots, stands, and orchid media. Many thanks to the ~ 25 people who placed bids; most were members but a few friends and lapsed members took part as well. Quite a few orchids had only one bid, offering great deals for the bidders. But several were also hotly contested, with a flurry of last minute bids. From the comments, the online option was quite popular, giving bidders time to think and plan. Most thought it was FUN. I would like to thank Pete O'Connell for choosing and organizing the plants and Jane Trey for taking care of them for over a week in her house. I would also like to thank John Zygmunt, Gale Gunsalus and Jo (and Diana) Schalkey for donating orchids and other items. Now that we have done one auction, it will be easier to do another one in the spring if we decide to.

Many members picked up their free holiday plant, which we combined with the auction to save on shipping. Since we are not having a holiday party, the Board thought we should at least continue the holiday plant tradition.

Our speaker this month is Greg Griffis, who will talk about "Achieving Orchid Excellence."

Glen was a speaker last February when he talked about orchid roots. He is the orchid grower at Longwood Gardens. We will be sending a meeting Zoom link around to members soon. If you cannot attend, the talk will be recorded and available for about 3 weeks.

"See" you at the Zoom meeting.

--Carol Bayles

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Income:

Auction, dues, and donations \$1,410.

Expenses:

Auction plants and holiday plants \$659;

auction costs \$50,

postage/copying \$66.



--John Zygmunt (see p.3)

# Member News

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

### President

Carol Bayles

### Vice President-Elect

Vacant

### Treasurer

Jane Trey

### Secretary

Ben Cabot

### AOS Representative

Bernice Magee

### Members-At-Large

Luis Matienzo

Sharon Voorhees

1 position vacant

### Newsletter Editor

Carol Bayles

*Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed!*

*Contributions must be submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month to the editor at [cjb4@cornell.edu](mailto:cjb4@cornell.edu)*

### Web Site:

<http://www.southerntierorchids.org>

### Facebook:

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

### NOTE our NEW email address:

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

This replaces the old Yahoo address

[southerntierorchidsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:southerntierorchidsociety@yahoo.com)



### Lori Cabot -- Orchid on her mind.

It was a great opportunity for STOS to have an online auction. What a wonderful club to be part of. Great vision on the part of President Carol Bayles, and her team of helpers. Lori got outbid on other things but did win a beautiful vase and some needed bark. So much effort by the experts to make it happen, and Jane's tolerance for letting so many come to her house and retrieve their winnings.

For the last several months Lori Cabot had a difficult process to endure. Since July she had been suffering with major headaches. In August she did a virtual visit with her doctor and was sent to the ER at Lourdes. It was discovered she had a brain aneurysm. A dangerous kind that if it burst would lead to death, not the kind that only causes a stroke. The remedy done by Doctor Lodi involved entering a vein in the groin area and weaving a fine catheter into her brain. The defect was a 3.5mm balloon like protrusion in the wall of a brain vein. The process involves weaving a coil of fine platinum wire to fill the aneurysm with a little basket of wire. The doctor sent me an image of the final assembly. The photo above looks just like a slipper orchid in her green house. The surgery was on 9/11 and she is still not up to full recovery but getting better slowly. Lori will always have an orchid on her mind.

2020, a year that will live in infamy.

Be safe, stay alive.

May the best be yours,

Ben Cabot



# Member Review

## Minutes from General Meeting via Zoom on November 15

Meeting called to order ~2pm  
We met via zoom, about 20 people attended.  
Only a few people had video/audio problems.  
Minutes from the last meeting were approved.  
Forgot to have Treasurer's report and AOS report!  
Announced the official passage of the amendments to the bylaws by an email vote of 28 yays to 0 nays.  
Presented the slate of nominees for officers and board members  
Officers:

President – Carol Bayles will run again  
Vice President -- Gail Gunsalus agrees to run  
Treasurer – Jane Trey will run again  
Secretary Ben Cabot will again  
AOS Rep Bernice Magee will run again

### Members at Large:

Luis Matienzo has one more year  
Sharon Voorhees will finish her 2 year term  
Jean Mint agrees to do a 3 year term

A newsletter editor is needed, encouragement was offered.

Next month's speaker was announced

Greg Griffis – Speaker – at December 20 meeting  
Free Holiday plants – hopefully those who wanted one reserved one.

Went over how to use the auction32 site, creating an account, viewing the items, placing a bid. Auction officially started.

Then there was discussion about some of the plants. Luis talked about how the Cattleya hybrids were created and he and John talked about the mounted plants. This morphed into a general discussion of various orchids and several people displayed their blooming plants. Pete from Key West shared some wonderful plants, of course.

Meeting adjourned ~4 pm

## Minutes from Executive Board Meeting via Zoom on December 8

Attending: Gail Gunsalus, Luis Matienzo, Jane Trey, Bernice Magee, Jean Mint, Sharon Voorhees, Pete O'Connell, Richard Thomas

### Elections

Discussed voting at a meeting vs voting via email  
Decided it needed to be one or the other, not a combination

Agreed to have voting at the meeting only  
It is quicker, easier

### New gmail approved (Switch from Yahoo)

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

Pete will take care of vendors

Entire board and committee chairs will get access

The old Yahoo site will remain

We don't want anyone else using the name and lots of past info is there

Jane is using it for Paypal

Discussed having a listserv, idea was discarded

It is similar to our Facebook private group

We can just use email

Zoom links will only go out over email. Facebook and the website will direct interested parties to send an email to our new gmail address.



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This is one of the phals that I received from an older gentleman who could no longer care for his orchids. It had a broken spike so I didn't put it in the auction. It grew from the end of the broken spike and flowered. Glad I kept it! I hope the members who bought the auction phals from me also get fancy flowers!—John Zygmunt

# Member Information

## Meeting December 20

This is an important meeting for club members to attend. We will be VOTING for officers and board members at the Zoom meeting. The slate of nominees is in the meeting minutes on the previous page. This will be followed by our speaker presentation.

## New Gmail Address

We are switching to Gmail now. Anyone can contact the Executive Board by emailing to [STOSorchids@gmail.com](mailto:STOSorchids@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:magee.bernice@gmail.com)

- Bernice Magee, AOS Representative

## Calendar

December 20, 2020	General Meeting on Zoom Speaker Glen Griffis "Achieving Orchid Excellence"
January 17, 2020	General Meeting on Zoom with Guest Speaker TBA
February 21, 2021	General Meeting on Zoom with Guest Speaker TBA
March 21, 2021	General Meeting on Zoom

## Ask the Expert

My interest is mostly in NYS native orchids. A couple overwinter with live leaves, but for most orchids, leaves completely disappear. Not so with cultivated orchids, where leaves are ever present. To get growth and flowering, most native orchids must be pollinated by either a variety of insects or specific ones. Only a few of the 67 species and varieties that have ever grown in NYS are self-pollinating. My question for club members is: Are there pollinators for cultivated orchids and if so what are they, or are they all self-pollinating? I would think that since most are kept indoors where there is a scarcity of pollinators, that they are all self-pollinators, but that is only a guess.

Thank you.

Ken Hull

Answers next month

# A Virtual Display of Flowering Plants at Our Home

December 2020

L. J. Matienzo

Now that the temperatures and light intensities are lower, many of our lady slippers, both Asian and South American are in bud. It will be a couple of weeks and they will finally open up. At home, we continue to enjoy flowers of the previously reported plants: *Brassidium Nittany Gold* 'Dr. John' AM/AOS, *Prostechea cochleata* 'Luis' and *paphiopedilum Dreaming Emerald* 'Matienzo'. This month, two hybrids have opened their flowers and they are shown below.

## ***Paphiopedilum Loonie Badger* 'Matienzo':**

This is complex *paphiopedilum* that was developed by A. Klhem and registered with RHS in 2007. The cross is a result of using *paphiopedilum Lunacy* x *paphiopedilum Northern Cascades*. The expected result is a flower with some golden coloration from both parents and a dorsal with some white and a small amount of speckling. So far, this cross has received four HCC/AOS awards and an AM/AOS award.



## ***Denrobium normanbyense* x *Dendrobium polysema*:**

This primary hybrid was produced by H&R in Hawaii and I purchased a plant in one of our auctions. Two New Guinea species were used. A search of *Dendrobium normanbyense* in the **World Checklist of Selected Plant Families** (RHS) does not yield any results because this is not a recognized species. Further research leads me to conclude that the species is the pigmy form of *Dendrobium atrovioleaceum* and not a new species. This explains why the cross was not registered by H&R. But Michel Vacherot (France) registered a cross of *Dendrobium atrovioleaceum* x *Dendrobium polysema* as *Dendrobium MIva Abracadabra* in 2002.

# A Virtual Display of Flowering Plants at Our Home L. J. Matienzo

## *Denbrobium normanbyense* x *Dendrobium polysema*:

These two species used to make the hybrid are quite heat tolerant and the plants can be very rewarding and produce many greenish yellow flowers with some spots. The flowers also have a nice scent. The beauty of this cross is that it can produce flowering spikes from previously flowered pseudo bulbs. So every flowering season can yield an extremely large number of flowers on a very compact plant.



The typical ranges of *Dendrobium atrovioleaceum* (left image) and *Dendrobium polysema* (right image) in New Guinea are shown below. One wonders if any natural hybrid of these species may exist in the wild.

Source of maps: The orchids of New Guinea ([www.orchidsofnewguinea.com](http://www.orchidsofnewguinea.com) December 5, 2020))



# Member Show Table from Laurel Schaefer



Ascda Princess Mikasa 'Pink', first spike I lost in April. This is second spike with five flowers on it (Ascda is *Ascocentrum* x *Vanda*)



*Cochleanthes Amazonica* 'Rose Candy', a species. As you can see flowers are single and almost as big as the plant. Took a long time to open but worth the wait.



*Brasiliorchis schunkeana*. Only one flower so far



*Tolumnia Jairak Flyer* "Red Mask" had two spikes but one was broken off

# Member Show Table from Linda Mandeville



Pot. Petit Petit 'Lucky'



Den. Yukidaruma 'The King'  
Bought it several years ago  
from Kim Feddersen at one of  
our meetings



Lc CG Roebling 'Beechview'.  
I've had it for many years, and  
it smells just heavenly



Den. Everlasting Love. Just  
purchased at our fall auction.  
Full of lovely flowers.



Den. White Caress. This is  
another that I purchased at  
our November auction.



Den. Chatuchak. This is a tall  
and deep purple beauty!  
I bought it at a STOS auction  
years ago.

# Member Show Table



Pot. Triple Love  
—Geoff Gould



Den. Salaya White  
--Geoff Gould

Odnta. Claire "Big Girl"  
—Geoff Gould  
(Odontonia = Odontoglossum x  
Miltonia)



Blc. Andean treasure 'Paradise' —Jane Trey

Paph. Desert Spring x  
lawrenceanum—Jane Trey

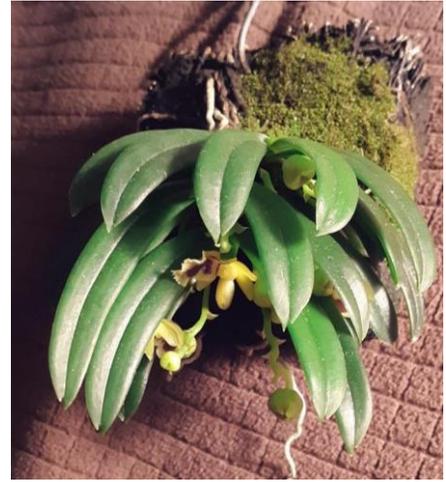
# Member Show Table



Haraella odorata, bloomed from spring through now with 3-14 blooms.—Gail Gunsalus



RTH Psycho Bride Cattleya, an orange yellow. --Gail Gunsalus.



Bulbophyllum, pale peach blooms. This is my free, Christmas pick—Gail Gunsalus



A gift, so no tag but most iikely Mtssa. Shelob 'Tolkien'--Paula Palmer



Leptotes bohnkiana 'Valley Isle' x self --Paula Palmer



Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'-- Paula Palmer

## Member Show Table



Potinara Orglade's Tradition 'Sunset' A compact Potinara with nicely shaped orange flowers that measure about 9cm across. Beautiful orange color.  
--Joe Sniezek



Cattleya Lc. Big Time. --Joe Sniezek



Phalaenopsis from Wegman's .  
A re-bloom off of last year's shoots  
—Joe Sniezek



Beallara Tahoma Glacier  
--William O'Connell