



# Southern Tier Orchid Society

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Orchid Lovers!

Spring seems to be making an appearance. I am sure we are all pretty happy about that. And maybe we can see the light at the end of the Covid tunnel. I hope many of you who are eligible are able to get the vaccine. Seems like it is getting easier. And maybe soon most of us will be vaccinated.

We are planning an online Spring Auction for April, starting a few days before and perhaps finishing live during the April meeting. We will discuss details at the March meeting so if you have ideas or suggestions on plants or timing or anything, we would love to hear them.

We are also hoping to have our May potting clinic at a local park in a pavilion. We will still wear masks and try to maintain social distancing. This will be a chance to socialize as a group for the first time in a year.

And maybe, just maybe, we can have our annual August picnic?

Hope you can all come to the meeting on Mar 21 and share your ideas. We have another great speaker who will enlighten us about orchid history.

"See" you at the Zoom meeting.

--Carol Bayles

Word of the Day: **Orchidaceous**

Definition: Flashy, showy, as if an orchid

--Thanks to William O'Connell



## Speaker at March 21 Meeting

### Carol Klonowski, speaking on "The History of Unifoliate Orchids"

Carol Klonowski has been growing orchids since the 1980's when a friend in Berkeley, California, gave her a Cattleya orchid and it bloomed out with three big, dark lavender flowers and an intoxicating fragrance. She built an entire greenhouse in her backyard to accommodate the precious plant, which only led her to buy more orchids. Then another friend gave her a gift membership to the Orchid Society of California and it's been a serious hobby ever since.

Carol has served as Director, Vice President, and President of the Orchid Society of California for most of the past two decades and is currently a Fully Accredited Judge with the American Orchid Society in the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.



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*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)*

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## STOS Order from Sunset Valley Orchids

Eight members of STOS ordered 21 orchids from SVO. Most are seedling progeny of crosses where the flower's appearance is only guessed at, based on the parents and on other crosses with these parents. We are all hoping for fabulous, award-winning flowers.

## Calendar

All meetings will be via Zoom until the threat of Covid-19 has passed. The link will be emailed to members within 1-2 weeks of the meeting. Meetings are 2-4pm.

<b>March 21, 2021</b>	General Meeting, Speaker Carol Klonowski, 'The History of Unifoliate Cattleyas'
<b>April 18, 2021</b>	General Meeting - Auction finale
<b>May 16, 2021</b>	General Meeting - Potting Clinic (tentative)
<b>Summer Recess</b>	
<b>August Picnic</b>	tentative



*Cattleya loddigesii* 'A-doribil' —Bernice Magee

# Meeting Minutes

## Minutes from the Membership Meeting on Feb 21, 2021

- The meeting was an internet meeting on ZOOM, due to the world wide pandemic.
  - Called to order by President Carol Bayles 2pm
  - +/- 18 people in attendance.
  - Approved minutes of the February meeting as printed in the January newsletter.
  - Treasure report Jane Trey: We made \$4 in dividends.
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- AOS report Bernice McGee:
    - The February AOS magazine has arrived and whoever emails her first, she will send it to you.
    - A letter was received from the AOS thanking us for our donation of \$200 designated for conservation. The AOS report states that they use conservation money to issue grants.
      - They have designated \$40,000 for worldwide conservation projects. A grant last year went to a person in Florida working to conserve Florida's native Leafless Beaked Orchid. (photo above)
      - Another grant went to a person for his work restoring 11 species of native orchids in Oregon at the [Grande Ronde Overlook Wildflower Institute](#). <click link to visit.
  - Bernice expressed appreciation to the Board and membership for the contributions to AOS ecological pursuits. Bernice confirmed a question that John Sullivan (a friend of STOS and our judging chair for many years) is listed on the conservation committee.
  - Carol mentioned the passing of Diane Strack a previous Judge for our shows. She was a personal friend to Paula and Luis, and they sent condolences to her husband Dave. (see letter page 6)
  - Discussed the purchase order process for buying orchids from our guest speaker Fred Clarke at [Sunset Valley Orchids](#). {<click link}

### Show table

**Bernice:** showed her slightly fragrant *C. loddigesii* 'A-doribil' FCC/AOS, (see page 2). She received this free at the fall 2019 AOS conference. Plants were donated by Krull-Smith.

**Jane:** showed a nice pink Phaleanopsis that was donated by John at the recent auction.

**Carol:** showed *Ceologyne* Jannine Banks 'Snow White' HCC/AOS . (see page 12)

**Gail:** showed her Dendrobium 'Nano Chip ' and some reblooming Phals. Also her *Bulbophyllum anklochele* growing on the outside of a special pot. (see photo, below)

Adjourned after 34 minutes, followed by a talk by Fred Clarke

Submitted by

Ben Cabot Secretary



Dear STOS members,

How can we forget the lively talk that Fred Clarke presented at our February meeting? And the opportunity to order orchids from Sunset Valley Orchids, the business he owns and operates? I recognized the face and the smile of Fred Clarke right away when I opened the newest ORCHIDS magazine! In the March 2021 issue, p. 178, there is an article by Fred Clarke called "Lessons from Nature: Some Observations about Epiphytic Orchids and Their Roots." It was a delight to "hear" his voice again in the article and remember the jokes and stories he entertained us with at our virtual meeting.

The cover of the March 2021 ORCHIDS magazine is tantalizing! I love the colors and shape, the freshness, and pubescence of *Pterichis acuminata*, an orchid native to Colombia. You can read about other species orchids found at Tatama National Park, Colombia, in the article, "A Hot Spot for Orchids," p. 209.

As always, the current ORCHIDS magazine is a feast for the eyes and the articles varied and informative. I hope you would be interested in borrowing the March 2021 ORCHIDS magazine. Please email me and I will send it to you right away. It's yours to enjoy until we meet in person again!

Best growing,  
Bernice Magee  
AOS Representative  
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## *From Chadwick's Orchids Newsletter, Feb 2021*



Cattleya wine is inspired by *C. trianaei* which grows wild in the jungles of Colombia and is their National Flower. The species was discovered by Westerners in 1860.

**Cattleya wine bottles are color coded with an embossed metallic flower such that a red bloom represents a red wine and a gold bloom represents a Chardonnay. The flower, itself, is botanically correct.**

## Garden Beauty Stamps

Allen Rokach took the photos that grace the stamps. With these close-up shots, the flowers are the stars, taking up almost the entire frame of each photo. Each stamp features one of the following flowers: a pink flowering dogwood; a rose-pink and white tulip; an Allium or ornamental onion; a pink and white Asiatic lily; a magenta dahlia; a yellow and pink American lotus; a pink moth orchid with mottled petals; a pink and white sacred lotus; an orange and yellow tulip; and a yellow moth orchid with a pink center.

For more information, see

[https://store.usps.com/store/product/buy-stamps/garden-beauty-S\\_683104](https://store.usps.com/store/product/buy-stamps/garden-beauty-S_683104)



## In Memoriam – Diane Strack

Dear Dave,

The past year of the pandemic, which has forced us to be socially distant from family and friends, has been trying for all of us. Thus when people we care about pass away, it touches us even more deeply. The Southern Tier Orchid Society lost two members who dedicated much time and energy to our club's continued success. In addition to this loss, the considerable planning that had been made for our 2020 show had to be set aside when COVID forced such events to be postponed everywhere. Our 2019 show initiated many changes, such as our new venue at the Roberson Museum and, for the first time, judging of plants and displays by visitors, rather than by teams led by AOS judges. So we were really looking forward to seeing Diane and the rest of the judging panel again but the show had to be cancelled.

We had just been informed about the severity of Diane's illness when we then heard the sad news that she had passed away. As long-time members of the Southern Tier Orchid Society, it has been our pleasure to become acquainted with Diane, who has served on the AOS judging panel at our spring show. For almost twenty years, members of our club had the privilege to serve as clerks on her team, and those who benefited most were the newest members, with whom Diane graciously shared her knowledge of orchids and delightful sense of humor.

We wish to share this letter with our membership so that they will know that those of us who have served on her team know that she volunteered her time not only as a certified AOS judge, but also as a caregiver of shelter dogs. We will remember her with great fondness since she was always ready to answer questions, even of the least experienced orchid growers. Our new members will not have a chance to enjoy the experience of serving with her and learning much from her. Because we will miss her, we express our deepest sympathy to on behalf of the Southern Tier Orchid Society of New York.

Sincerely yours,  
Paula and Luis Matienzo

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## Feedback Request for the Show Table

Luis Matienzo provides extensive background along with his orchid photos. He is desiring some feedback on his approach, as he spends considerable time on this. If you find this information interesting and worthwhile, please leave a comment at STOSorchids@gmail. On the other hand, if you find it to be too much and you don't bother to read it, he would like to know that, too. Everyone sending photos for our show table is encouraged to provide some additional information. John Zygmunt does this already. This way we learn something about the orchid as we enjoy the pictures. Of course, this is not required and we still want to see pictures of your blooming orchids.

## A VIRTUAL DISPLAY OF FLOWERING PLANTS AT OUR HOME

L.J. MATIENZO

(March 2021)

I am hoping that with the limitation of exposures to the outdoors you have a chance to observe and obtain images of your flowerings for all of us to enjoy them at least digitally. I include below some of our recent flowering plants.

### SPECIES:

#### ***Paphiopedilum villosum* var. *boxallii* forma *atratum*:**

This is a species endemic to Laos, Vietnam and China (SW Yunan). As it is known, *Paphiopedilum boxallii* is distinguished by having spots on its dorsal sepal. This form shown here has a mostly dark dorsal, a result of the merging of individual spots. The epithet *atratum* means dark.



### HYBRIDS:

#### ***Paphiopedilum* Dreams of Venus:**

A hybrid made by Lehua Orchids of Hawaii using a complex hybrid (*Paphiopedilum* Dreaming of Mele) and a species (*Paphiopedilum venustum* forma *measuresianum*, a green lady slipper).

# Jane Trey's Orchids



Paph. Mele Star from STOS 2012 fall auction— Jane Trey



Phal. Sogo Vivien 'Golden Leaves – Jane Trey



Phrag. Sorcerer's Apprentice from May 2018 repotting workshop— Jane Trey

# *Pete O'Connell's Key West Orchids*



The two Vandas and the Dendrobium on the palm trees



Vanda Pure Wax 'Pink #2' Mounted for 3 years on palm tree



Vanda Pachara Delight 'Pachara' FCC/JOGA On Palm



Dendrobium Nappan White – From 2019 Auction. On Palm

# Pete O'Connell's Key West Orchids



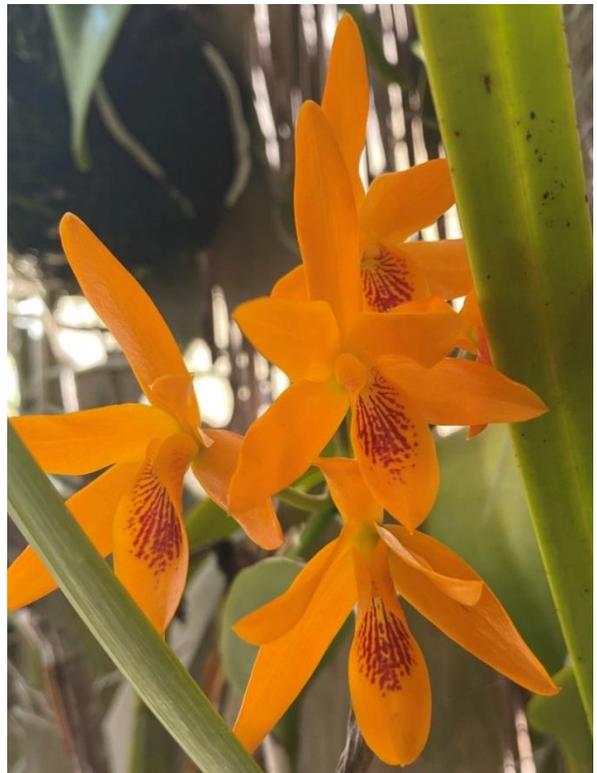
Phal Hilo Lip x Mary Brooks. White Lipped Pink Phals. were all the rage after Hilo Lip was introduced in 1985.



Phal OX Yellow Lip, seedling. (Phal. KS Culiacar x Phal. OX Firebird.) This 2013 cross was the first lavender Phal with a yellow lip.



*C. aurantiaca* growing on the fence on a cedar shingle. Another clone is in the back



*Cattleya aurantaca* 'Marigold' species

# Pete O'Connell's Key West Orchids



All Tolumnia

Top Row: Jairak Flyer 'Big Bang', Seedling - Newberry Tiny Dancers 'Heart of Gold x 'Bitty Spots', - Another from same cross.

Second Row: Jairak Flyer 'Brown Corona, - Jairak Flyer 'Golden Fan', - Mounted Tolumnias.



From Sunset Valley about three months ago.  
Small Catt cross: Slc Seagulls Apricot 'Majestic'  
X Slc Chili Chester 'SVO'

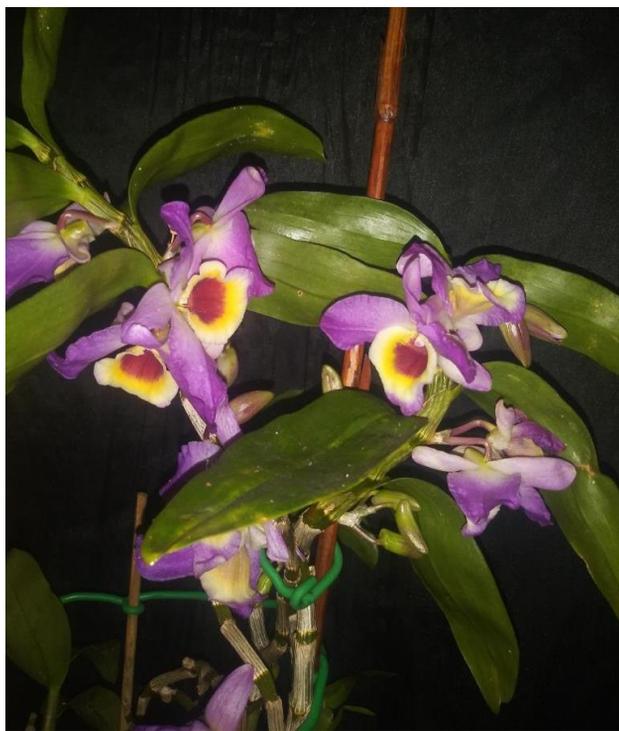


Rhyncattleanthe Fiesta Girl – Seedling  
(not my favorite color combination)

# Member Show Table



Chysis Sedenii (limminghei x bractescens)  
– Laurel Shaefer



Dendrobium Country Girl 'Warabeuta'  
-- Laurel Shaefer



Ceologyne (mooreana x flaccida) Jannine  
Banks 'Snow White' HCC/AOS/OSNSW  
--Carol Bayles

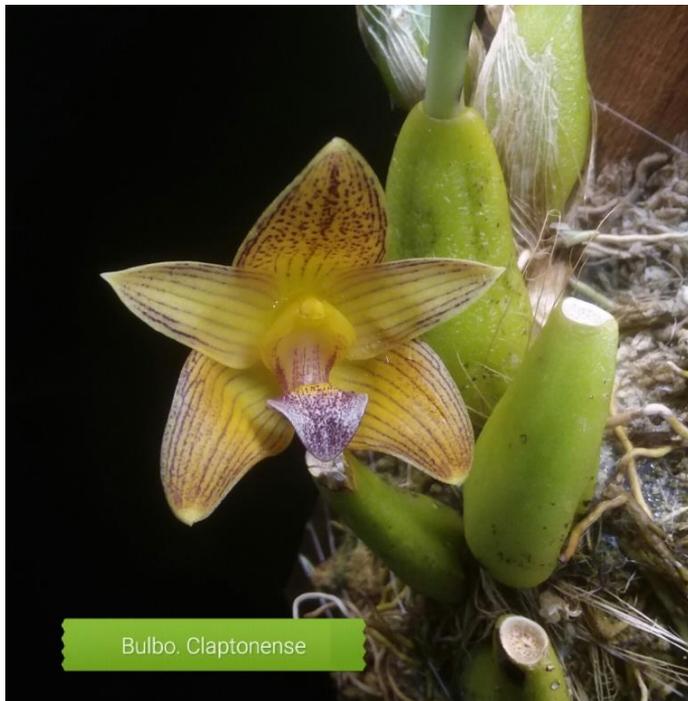


Maxillaria Maui Coconut 'Exotic' -- Laurel Shaefer

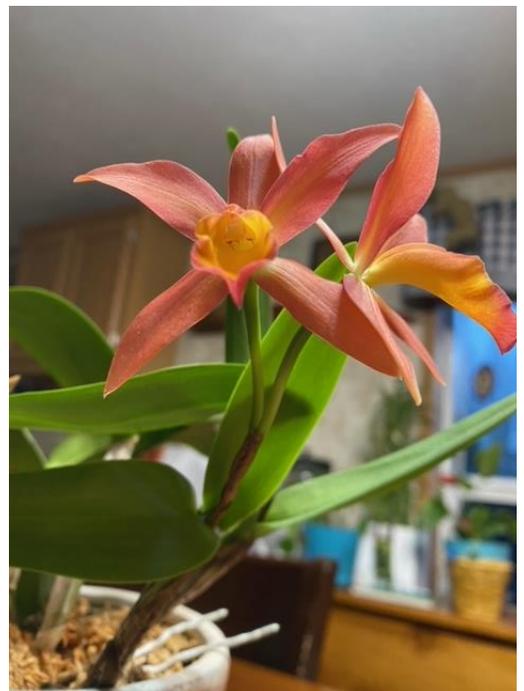
# Member Show Table



Stenorrhynchus Speciosum, 'Marmorate'  
I purchased from Luis in 2017. – Grace Conklin



Bulbophyllum claptonense is a miniature Bulbophyllum from Borneo. It likes a warm climate, moderate to low light, and moist conditions. I grow it mounted on a cedar slab hanging in a terrarium to increase humidity. The flower is about the size of a half dollar. --John Zygmunt



Cattleya Caribbean 'Orange Bowl'  
–Paula Palmer