



April 2024

Southern Tier Orchid Society

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STOS Orchid Show April 20-21

Southern Tier Orchid Society
Presents Their Fabulous 2024

Orchid Show

Saturday April 20 12 – 5pm
Sunday April 21 12 – 4pm

Roberson Museum
30 Front St, Binghamton, NY

Exotic Orchid Displays
Orchids for Sale
Raffles
Scavenger Hunts
Tours and Advice
Repotting Demo Sunday
FREE

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Also visit the Roberson Museum and Science Center





The show is our biggest event of the year and we need everyone to be there to make it a success.

Roberson Museum
30 Front St, Binghamton, NY

Setup Fri April 19, 2pm – 7pm
No earlier

Judging Sat April 20, 9am-12
Open to public Sat 12-5
Sun 12-4

Cleanup Sun 4-5
We must be out by 5

The week before the show, starting April 15, we need people to **put up road signs** on heavily traveled roads. Get your signs from Jane in advance.

At the show, we need people to: set up tables, arrange displays, clerk for judges, man the greeting/ raffle table, man the education /kid's table, help with scavenger hunt, help with Orchid-gami, lead tours, hold potting sessions, help clean up. You will have a great time, guaranteed!

Many of you have already signed up. Thank you. Here is the link to sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cpuvuvkZphP2fjrfqVYUjDE5shY7ooub/edit#gid=1614801388>

Member Info

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STOS Calendar 2024

Meetings are 2-4 pm (1:30-2 is 'social time')

Location: Vestal United Methodist Church, 328 Main St. Vestal, NY. Come to 'The Belfry' on the 2nd floor. Elevator available.

Jan 21 General Meeting via Zoom.

Speaker: Bill Goldner "Next Generation of Miniature Phragmipediums and other New Lines of Breeding"

Feb 18 General Meeting In Person and via Zoom.

Speaker Ron McHatten

Mar 17 General Meeting, Show Planning

Spring Online Auction Kickoff, Speaker Carol Klonowski on Tolumnias

Apr 20-21 Orchid Show at Roberson Museum

April 26-28 GROS Show (Rochester)

May 19 General Meeting, Repotting Workshop

June-Aug Summer Break, no meetings or newsletters

Aug. ?? Picnic at Hickories Park

Sep 15 General Meeting with nominations for

officers. **Fall auction** Live, in Person
Set up at 1:00.

Oct 20 General meeting, voting for officers.

Speaker TBA

Nov 17 General Meeting, Speaker TBA

Dec 22 Holiday Party

No Show Table this issue.
Bring your orchids to our show to
show them off.



Two orchids in the auction (provided by Laurel Shaefer)

Spring Online Auction - a Big Success

We sold all of the plants and other items. Several members bought numerous orchids and we want to thank them and everyone else who participated. There was some frantic bidding at the end and we hope everyone got what they really wanted. The club netted \$674, which is about the average for our auctions. Thank you all again and enjoy your new orchids!

We hope you can bring the blooming ones to our show. If any are done blooming and need repotting, we will repot them for you at our repotting demo at the show, so bring those, too.

The Auction Team --Pete, Jane, Carol

Memberships

Quite a few of our regular members have not paid their 2024 dues. Please take care of this as soon as possible. If you are not sure if you paid, send an email to stosorchids@gmail.com (or watch for a targeted email from us). Only \$20 and so many club benefits are yours.

Memberships can be paid online via Paypal (no account needed)

<https://www.southerntierorchids.org/>

Or at our meeting in May,

or mail a check to Angel Caoile,

9 Burns Rd, Brooktondale, NY 14817

GROS Orchid Show

Genesee Region Orchid Society

April 26-28, 2024
Friday 1-5pm
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-4pm

Orchid

Show & Sale

RMSC Eisenhart Auditorium
657 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14607

geneseeorchid.org

Scan to learn more

Adults \$10
Students with ID \$5
Children under 12 free

Our neighboring society had to adjust their show date and it falls the week after ours this year. As they will have a display at our show, we have agreed to have a display at their show.

We will need your blooming orchids again for this show. And a few people to help set up on Thursday, April 25 (time TBD) and tear down on Sunday, April 28 at 4 pm.

The GROS show is much larger than ours (and lasts 3 days). I highly recommend going, both to enjoy the show and to get ideas for our show.

You can never get tired of looking at orchids!

Meeting Minutes

Southern Tier Orchid Society General Meeting

Date: March 17, 2024

ATTENDEES: about 20 people in person, 5 on zoom

Ask members to sign in, pass around sheet and pen

Minutes approved

No new members, Rocky **Swift is a returning member.**

Card for Geof Gould, our long time photographer, who has been in the hospital. A card is being passed around.

Pete's husband, Louie, has been in the hospital, we sent a card.

Treasurer report from Angel

American Orchid Society (AOS) report Bernice Magee.

Need AOS info to pass out at show

New issue of Orchids has article about all the labels from dead orchids saved by growers (don't feel bad if your orchid dies, it happens to everyone)

Should we have a meeting the week before the show? No enthusiasm for this.

Will have weekly zoom meetings, Mondays 7pm

Show Committee meeting report

3 Orchid Vendors

Artist vendors – Linda is working on this

Greeting table

- Greet EVERYONE WHO WALKS IN

- Offer raffle tickets. Raffles each day

- Memberships for ½ price (\$10)

- Offer Tours

Events at the Edu/kids table

- Scavenger Hunt-Need folks to "check" the scavenger hunt list

- Orchid-gami

- Vanilla info

- World wide orchid maps

- Other

Volunteer list

- Here, please sign up for several slots

- Also plan to just be around to help as needed, one or both days

- Will be online, I will send link, you can fill out

Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Publicity

- Road signs hang starting Monday April 15
- Poster to hang - take one
- Radio show with Ben Cabot, Carol will call in
- Around the Tiers, April 15, 3:00 – 4:00 Carol and Ruth Allen

Old business

- Logo competition little interest so far. Ruth Allen is in charge
- Memberships due

New business –

Auction Intro

Guest speaker Carol Klonowski on Tolumnias

Break

Raffle

Show table

Submitted by Carol Bayles



Photos: Ben Cabot from 2017 show





Getting your Blooming Orchid Ready for the Show

Pests

Any orchid in bloom can be put on our displays, as long as it is free of pests. Definitely look your plants over for scale and mealybugs. If you find only a few, use a cotton swab dipped in 70% isopropanol and wipe them off. If there are many, you can fill a small spray bottle with 70% isopropanol and a bit of dish detergent (to help it wet the leaves) and spray the plant well, especially crevices. Peel and cut off dried sheaths from pseudobulbs, pests often live underneath. Dried sheaths are dead, the plant won't care. Don't spray the flowers, though mealy bugs like flowers, so look them over well, especially long-blooming Phals, and remove those bugs with the swab method.

Contrary to what you might think, 70% isopropanol is better to use than 90%. This is because 90% contains so little water that insects, etc. are less likely to absorb it, and it evaporates more quickly. When I worked in a lab, we always used 70% ethanol to disinfect surfaces. Isopropanol is safe for plants, don't use ethanol or methanol (which are harder to find anyway).

If you have only a few bugs, check the plant often, especially right before you bring it. If it has been clean for several days, you can bring it. If you have many bugs, especially near the base of the plant or under the sheaths, you probably should not bring it, as that means you have a larger infestation that may be in the media. Keep treating it though.

Presentation

You also want to have the flowers presented nicely and the plant itself looking good. Stake the flowers if needed. Cut off yellow leaves or leaves that look ugly for whatever reason. If there are lots of leaves, the plant can afford to lose one or two. If the leaves are dusty or water-spotted, wipe them down with water or vinegar or lemon juice to remove water spots. Luis has said that a wipe with milk will give a nice shine. Aerial roots are common, and if they appear to be alive, keep them. But if they are truly totally dried out, you can cut them off.

Getting your Blooming Orchid Ready for the Show (cont.)

Register your Orchid

Figuring out the class your orchid is in is not as hard as you may think. The list of classes looks daunting at first, but just relax and read through it. The classes are grouped and some groups (Alliances) you should be familiar with. Look at the label that came with your orchid. It should have an abbreviation of the genus, followed by one or more other names. The genus (plural genera) is often the same name as the group, eg Onc. for Oncidium, Den for Dendrobium, Phal, Phrag, C. for Cattleya. Lc, Rlc, Bc, many (not all) that end in c. are Cattleya hybrids. Pot. Is also a Catt. Some groups have several common genera that you may recognize, like Miltonia, Brassia, Dracula, Masdevallia, Bulbophyllum. If you have one of these, there is only one class possible.

Here is a totally daunting list of abbreviations, not up to date, but the best there is:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/pdfs/plant-registration-forms/orchid-name-abbreviations-list.pdf>

Bring your orchid

If you live nearby, you can bring your orchids to the Museum on Friday, between 2:00 - 3:00 is best. You will need to make a label for your orchids, this year we will have someone to help you with that. You should put your name on each pot, it will be covered with black cloth. If you have a box you would like back, put your name on that too.

If you live in the general Ithaca area and can't come on Friday, we can arrange to bring your plants and return them.

Plants need to be picked up on Sunday between 4-5pm. The museum closes at 5:00 sharp.

We can also use some greenery for our displays. Non-flowering, leafy houseplants, ferns especially, make good fillers.

