



'Orchids at the Museum' A great success



STOS exhibit, photo Geof Gould

Letter from the President

Our Orchid Show April 23-24 was a big success. Here are a few details and credits to those who made it possible.

We had 6 fabulous exhibits: GROS, CNYOS, STOS, CPOS, Wade's Orchids and J&L Orchids. A big thank you to members of our neighboring Societies who traveled hours to setup and take down their exhibits. We also thank our vendors for traveling to our show and bringing an appealing assortment of orchids for sale. Our third and newest vendor, Fragrex Orchids, is a startup from Ithaca and this was their first show. They were thrilled by the experience; not only did they make real money, but they learned so much from so many people. One of the best parts of the show is that a lot of very knowledgeable orchid folks hang around and share their wisdom with anyone who looks interested.

We had a good turnout, sold over 200 raffle tickets and signed up 20 new members (at half price). We had a large number of judges, but not many clerks. Vendors had to fill in, which worked out fine. The judges gave out numerous ribbons and two AOS awards. One award went to Jeanne Keading (who is a judge and a GROS member) and one to an outside submission, a student from Cornell who entered a plant and received an award.

Orchid Show (cont)

A popular part of the show was our children's activities. Bernice Magee devised a 'scavenger hunt,' a list of orchid types that kids of all ages could look for and record the plant number. It was a hit. There were orchids to color, which attracted a continuous stream of small children and some orchidgami kits for others. Bernice also had information on vanilla and a vanilla orchid plant. Thank you Bernice.

Judging requires registration, and this year we had a new registrar, Renee DePrato, who created an online registration system in just two weeks, despite knowing very little about orchids. With help from the judges at setup, she was able to create all the lists they needed on the spot and could produce all the results in the end. Thank you Renee.

Geoffrey Gould was our official photographer and took high quality pictures of the AOS-awarded plants as well as many other photos of exhibits and orchids. Thank you Geof.

Ben Cabot also took many orchid photos and he procured a truck with trailer and some strong men to bring 20 tables from the church in Endicott and back. Ben also helped in numerous and often unseen ways to contribute to the success of the show. Thank you Ben

This show would not be possible without our unofficial co-chair, Jane Trey. Jane has been helping at shows for many years and knows everything. She stores most of the exhibit and food supplies, making at least 3 trips from her house to bring it all. (Luckily she lives only a few blocks away). Jane was my go-to person whenever I had a question. I almost always took her advice.

Of the two glitches we had, Jane generously stepped in to fix both. When Jean Mint was too ill to host the J&L vendors, Jane agreed with 2 days notice to host them in her small house. Then, when the museum forgot we booked Saturday morning, Jane had everyone come to her house to eat breakfast while we waited for someone to unlock the doors. Thank you Jane

John Zygmunt, another long time show person, helped direct the setup and teardown, made the business cards, (which arrived just in time) and several signs. He spent most of his time at the show, sharing his knowledge and experience. Thank you John.



J&L Orchids Exhibit

photo Geof Gould

Orchid Show (cont)

Luis Matienzo, of the founding members of our Society, was also at the show the whole time, doing what he does best: hustling new members. Luis can convince anyone to join our club; I am sure he is responsible for most of our new members. He also is a valuable resource for orchid information and loves to share his knowledge. Thank you Luis.

Laurel Shaeffer and the (not yet) AOS-award winner, Paul, spent several hours setting up the STOS exhibit. Laurel also helped load tables and helped with setup and cleanup. Thank you Laurel.

Many others devoted time and effort to our show and I hope I get them all: Paula Matienzo and Lori Cabot, who manned the children's and info tables, Ruth Allen, who clerked and sold raffle tickets, Gail Gunsalus, Josh DeMarre and Barbara Dessel, who sold raffle tickets; Colin Dimon, who helped load tables, and helped with setup and tear down; John McGee and Brian Magee joined almost everyone helping with setup and and tear down. We were out by 5pm, our deadline. Thank you all so much.

Oh, and we didn't lose money.

Carol Bayles, President and Show Chair



Wade's Orchids Exhibit

photo Geof Gould

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STOS Calendar 2022

Meetings are 2-4 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 53 McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY.

Some meetings will also be Zoomed for those who cannot attend. A link will be sent via email about one week before.

May 15 General Meeting, Repotting Workshop (no Zoom)

June-August Summer Break

Repotting Workshop

At our meeting on May 15 we will hold our annual repotting workshop. We can't repot everyone's orchids but we can do some, if you bring media and a pot.

We will also have seedlings to be potted up, everyone can pot their own seedling to take home, free. Pots and media provided. Extra seedlings will be sold. See article in this newsletter for more information.

Abbreviations used in this newsletter

Orchid Societies

STOS – Southern Tier (Binghamton)

CNYOS - Central New York (Syracuse)

GRPS - Genesee Region (Rochester)

CPOS – Central Pennsylvania (State College)

Photographers

GG Geoffrey Gould

BC Ben Cabot

Membership Dues (\$20)

for 2022 can be paid via PayPal on our website, or a check can be mailed to our Treasurer or now you can pay in person at a meeting. Pay your 2022 dues now or after our May meeting you will be dropped from the mailing list.



Spring Auction

At our April 10 meeting we had an in-person auction, the first since Fall 2019. We were hoping to have a Zoom option for those who could not attend, but it turns out there is no wi-fi in the church basement. The auction went well, all but a few plants sold. Plant costs have gone up so our profits were a bit lower but we still made some money for the club. And members got some very nice plants.

We will likely do the auction online in October.



Mps Rouge 'Picardle'

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Officers and Elections

We revised the Bylaws in 2019 to elect new officers in October, which is the start of our active year. The fiscal year remains Jan-Dec.

We will announce nominations for officers at the September meeting so it is not too early to start thinking about running for office. Our current officers are listed on the previous page in this newsletter. If you do not want to run again, please let us know. Any member in good standing (meaning they have paid their membership for the current year) can run for office. However, the current board can veto a nominee. Officers serve a one-year term and board members-at-large a 3-year term, with one expiring every year.

Other open positions are: Librarian and Newsletter Editor. Please someone be interested in taking on one of these.

Note that taking on a position in the club is the best way to get to know club members and to really feel like part of the group. We encourage new members to volunteer.

Summer Time

Try to put your Cattleya-related orchids outside for the summer once the nighttime temperatures stay above 55F or so. The extra light will help ensure blooms. Be sure to start in the shade and move to speckled or early morning sun after a week or two. Never allow them to get direct, midday sun, the leaves will burn.

Repotting Workshop

SOME DETAILS ABOUT THE PLANT DIVISION, MOUNTING AND REPOTTING SESSION

During the May meeting of STOS a clinic on how to repot, mount and divide plants will be conducted. All current members in good standing are welcome to participate but a few guidelines must be clarified prior to the meeting:

- 1) As usual, STOS will provide some seedlings for members in good standing to repot and take home
- 2) In the event of having special seedlings, these will be available for purchase a very low prices.
- 3) Excess seedlings will be available for purchase from STOS to defray costs of the plants and shipping costs. Please bring cash or checks to pay for purchases.
- 4) Materials such as sphagnum moss, plant mounts, small plastic pots, labels and some orchid bark will be used but these are purchased through by STOS (your membership dollars at work)
- 5) Any member wishing to learn to divide and report his/her plant or plants will be required to bring appropriate pots and pre-soaked bark or orchid potting mix for personal use
- 6) The suggested method of preparation of orchid medium for repotting a plant or division is to place the bark in a container, add a few drops of dish detergent and then add some water and let it stand for at least an hour prior to potting a plant or a division. Orchid bark or mixes and additional plastic pots can be purchased from Lowes, Home Depot, Agway stores or other garden centers
- 7) Members are encouraged to donate some divisions of their plants to a raffle with the proceeds going to STOS
- 7) Members are requested to help with the clean-up after the meeting is concluded.

Note:

Since the room is an enclosed area we would appreciate that if you feel ill please do not come to the meeting. Because Covid is quite active in our area we would advise you wear a mask if you think you want additional protection. John Zygmunt will provide this session with some N-95 masks if you do not have one with you.

The clinic will be conducted on the lower level of the church so please use the back entrance of the church.

Luis J. Matienzo and the STOS Team

STOS Show



GROS Exhibit

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CPOS Exhibit won best exhibit by a Society

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STOS Show



CNYOS Exhibit

BC



CPOS Exhibit

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STOS Show – AOS Awards



Cattleytonia Sacramento Splash AM/AOS (81). Submitted by Paul Ren-Huang Chong, GG
a graduate student at Cornell who is from Singapore.



Cymbidium Desert Rain 'Spring Shower' HCC/AOS (77). Submitted by Jeanne Kaeding GG
from GROS.

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