



# Southern Tier Orchid Society

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It is a great pleasure for me to announce the new STOS presence on the web: [www.storchidsociety.com](http://www.storchidsociety.com). I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Son K. Tran, another member who has been patiently working with me to make this site useful to all. Thanks also to Joe Sniezek for setting up our initial website which led us to the present design.

April is highlighted as the month in which our organization holds its annual show. This year's show committee has been working very intensely to make this event another success. To bring about such an event and assure its success, the show committee now turns to you for participation. We expect to attract not only visitors from the Southern Tier, but also to host members of other societies, a group of accredited American Orchid Society and art judges, and visitors from elsewhere. Your participation as exhibitors or as volunteers performing various tasks involved in putting on the show is earnestly needed. If you haven't signed up already, please contact Bob Rudin at (607)-748-6036 to help at the Hospitality Table or Paula Matienzo ([pmatienzo@stny.rr.com](mailto:pmatienzo@stny.rr.com), (607)-754-5702) to help, especially with setup of tables and our exhibit on Thursday or teardown on Sunday.

**This month's meeting on Sunday, April 9** will focus on some key aspects of our orchid show. The foremost of these, which we hope will be of considerable value to you, relates to the plant entry process itself: how to prepare and enter plants as part on an exhibit, where your plant or plant entries belong in the list of classes in the show schedule, and how we use an orchid register database that tells us about parentage of crosses or hybrid names and AOS awards. You may want to know how we keep track of plants, exhibits, exhibitors, and awards, so we'll be discussing how the new **Orchid Data Management System** will be used for all this record-keeping. You will also have a chance to ask any other questions you might have.

In a nutshell, you will have a better appreciation of the work that goes on into making the show more than a display of beautiful and showy plants. Also as a result of these discussions, we hope to encourage you to enter your flowering orchids for our exhibit—even if you have just one. That single entry may bring an award to you and make you proud of your abilities as a grower and lover of orchids.

Luis J. Matienzo, STOS President

## March Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 19, 2006

Meeting was opened by President Luis Matienzo.

Luis Matienzo read the Treasurer's report. The laptop and accessories were purchased under budget. Show Chair. Paula Matienzo gave her report. Anyone interested in helping with the Hospitality table please contact Bob Rudin at (607)748-6036. Anyone interested in helping with setup, judging, or teardown please contact Paula at [pmatienzo@stny.rr.com](mailto:pmatienzo@stny.rr.com) or at (607)754-5702. Also if you are entering plants, please note registration ends at 7:00pm Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Show flyers are available at our meetings for members to put up in their local banks, Post offices, stores, etc.

If anyone is interested in hosting one of our vendors Joe Kunisch, please contact Paula Matienzo. Joe will be arriving on April 27<sup>th</sup> and departing on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The New York Botanical Garden Exhibit and the New York Show were mentioned as points of interest.

REMINDER: April's meeting is on the 9<sup>th</sup>, which is the second Sunday.

Volunteers for May and September for refreshments are needed. Please contact Roxanne Shank at (607)786-9409 or [gentlelake@juno.com](mailto:gentlelake@juno.com) to be added to the list.

We have a new site: [www.storchidsociety.com](http://www.storchidsociety.com).

Luis with the help of Son K Tran has been working hard and long hours to get it going. Thanks to them and also to Joe Sniezek who worked on our original website.

Anyone needing a name tag please contact Dave Clemens at meetings, (570)879-4244, or [cclemens@starband.net](mailto:cclemens@starband.net).

Meeting was adjourned.

We had a short break for refreshments and raffle.

Dr. William Mathis Ph.D. of the Wild Orchid Company ([WildOrchidCompany.com](http://WildOrchidCompany.com)) gave an interesting presentation on growing hardy orchids in your outdoor garden. What a wonderful idea growing orchids inside and outside.

LuAnn Myers, Secretary

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### IT'S ALMOST HERE -- OUR ANNUAL SHOW AT OAKDALE MALL!

**SETUP, THURSDAY, APRIL 27: 2 P.M.,  
JUDGING, FRIDAY, APRIL 28: 10:30 A.M.  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
FRIDAY, APRIL 28: 4-9 P.M., SATURDAY,  
APRIL 29: 10 A.M.-9 P.M.,  
SUNDAY, APRIL 30: 11 A.M.-5 P.M.  
RAFFLE DRAWING AT 4 P.M. SUNDAY**

STOS's annual show, our biggest event of the year, is rapidly approaching, and this year's Show Committee has spent a great deal of time and effort getting everything in order. As much as we plan, we still depend on all of you to present a successful show. Our specific needs for success are these: (1) your orchid plants in flower, (2) your artwork or photography, AND (3) you as a show helper. Here's what we request from you:

**YOUR ORCHID PLANTS IN FLOWER** are needed for our club's exhibit, so we encourage you to enter those which are in bloom or ready to open just before the show. In order to register your plants, you will need to complete the plant entry form(s). To help you fill out this form, you'll need to refer to the section of the show brochure under the heading "Open Classes" and determine the appropriate class for each plant. You are able to obtain registration documents from our website or at the April 9 meeting.

We urgently request that you **pre-register** your plants during the week before the show. At the top of the plant entry form, you will find specific information about how to complete it, then how to send the completed form to Pete O'Connell. If you pre-register, please make sure that Pete has your plant entry forms by Wednesday, April 26. **Please**

**note: If you enter plants on Thursday, April 27, your entry forms must be submitted by 7 P.M.**

**YOUR ARTWORK AND PHOTOGRAPHY** – If you have done original artwork depicting orchids or have taken especially fine photographs of them, you are invited to submit entries to this special part of the show. Geof Gould, who is coordinating the art and photography exhibit, is accepting entries until **April 20**, the week before setup. You will need the “Call for Entries” form available on our website or in hard copy at the April meeting.

**YOU AS A SHOW HELPER** Thanks to all of you who have already offered your assistance with computerized record-keeping for the show – namely, plant entries and judging documentation -- and are willing to serve as clerks during judging. These are the areas in which we need additional help:

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27** - SETUP OF TABLES FOR VENDOR SALES AND EXHIBITS, AND PANELS FOR ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS at 2 P.M.

- **OUR CLUB’S EXHIBIT** – Planning for, then setting up this display of club members’ orchid plants in flower.

Show workers helping out on Thursday will be furnished a light evening meal.

- **SUNDAY, APRIL 30** - TEARDOWN begins promptly at 5 P.M., with the dismantling of exhibits, folding of tables and chairs, and cleanup of the Center Court and the storefront. At the end of the show, we need many volunteers to speed up the process. Unless other arrangements are made in advance, **plant owners must pick up plants included in the club’s exhibit.**

Please let Paula Matienzo know the area in which you’d like to help at the meeting on Sunday, April 9.

If you are unable to attend, you may call her at (607)-754-5702 or e-mail her: [pmatienzo@stny.rr.com](mailto:pmatienzo@stny.rr.com) .

- **HOSPITALITY TABLE** – There are still openings here where show helpers are scheduled in 2-hour shifts.: on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, from 9 A.M.to 9:30

P.M., and Sunday, April 30, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Please see Bob Rudin, or call him at (607)-748-6036.

**OUR FINAL SPECIAL REQUEST:** Would anyone be willing to host Joe Kunisch, owner of Bloomfield Orchids and a new vendor at this year’s show, from Thursday through Sunday. If there is anyone wishing to provide hospitality to Joe please call Paula (607)-754-5702 or e-mail her: [pmatienzo@stny.rr.com](mailto:pmatienzo@stny.rr.com) ..

We look forward to seeing all of you at the show and send our thanks for your cooperation

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## STOS Treasurer’s Report

March 19, 2006

By: Peter O’Connell

Current balances are as shown below. Total funds available are \$4,760.14.

Income: \$108.00 (dues, raffle, and money market interest)

Expenses: \$371.46 (speaker’s fees, refreshments, website registration, computer memory, and orchid show management program)

### Regarding the motions accepted last month:

Open a one-year CD for not less than 3% APR for an amount of \$2000 from Money Market funds. This has not been completed due to change in Mall leadership and my needed assurance that the \$2,000 would be coming in for the show. Now confirmed, so will purchase this month. Rates have gone to 4.5% +- so should be better.

Close Money Market account. Tied with above.

Have two officers on the account, Treasurer and President, either of which is authorizes to sign checks and perform other account functions. President is now an official signatory.

Purchase a laptop computer, case, and software for an amount of not to exceed \$1200. Funds to be taken from reserve. Purchased a Dell computer and printer and cable for \$702.39 (802.39 minus mail in rebate). Computer is here as of meeting. Purchased MS Office, Student and Teacher edition (includes PowerPoint) for \$161.95. Total spent of the \$1,200 was \$864.34 (after rebate).

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### Abbreviations

If you're confused by the many different (and often changing) abbreviations used in orchid identification, you're not alone.

Anyone interested in finding out about the accepted abbreviations for intergeneric hybrids should have a look at:

<http://www.aos.org/aos/orchids/documents/RHSIntergenericHybridsNov05.xls>

There is also a list of abbreviations available for natural genera at:

<http://www.aos.org/aos/orchids/documents/RHSNaturalGeneraNov05.xls>

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### April Meeting

**Date: April 9, 2006**

This meeting will focus on planning for our annual Orchid Show to be held April 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>, with show setup on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to attend this very important meeting and to volunteer to help with the show.

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### Refreshment Volunteers

Following is the current list of refreshment volunteers. More than one person may sign up for an individual meeting so that the cost and work can be shared among members. Please note that volunteers are still needed for several upcoming meeting.

April – the O'Connells & L. Richards

May – *volunteers needed*

September – *volunteers needed*

October – Pat Cotter & Donna Coleman

Please sign up at the next meeting for the open slots and/or to assist those who've already signed up.

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### GNYOS Show Bus Trip

Friday, April 21, 2006 \* \$40 per person

Arrive at Rockefeller Plaza, home of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Greater New York Orchid Society's International Orchid Show. Thousands of vivid and exotic orchids will be on view under a tent floating over the Rockefeller Center Rink! There are workshops and walking tours. Before you leave, stop by the Show Boutique and pick up an orchid from one of many vendors.

Package includes round trip transportation, snacks, refreshments, taxes and gratuities. It does not include the entrance fee to the show (approximately \$5.00).

To reserve a seat on the bus contact Shafer's by phone (607-797-2006 or toll-free 800-287-8986) or register on their website, [www.shaferbus.com](http://www.shaferbus.com).

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**Central Pennsylvania  
Orchid Society Show**

CPOS will be holding their annual show on May 5 & 6, 2006 at the Agricultural Arena, diagonally across the intersection from Beaver Stadium on the Penn State campus in State College, PA. (Ed. note: This is about a 3 hour drive from the Southern Tier.)

**Longwood Gardens Celebrating  
Its Centennial**

May 12-14, orchid vendors from throughout the United States and South America will arrive at Longwood for a judged orchid show and symposium. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society will kick off the event by unveiling a ruffled flower with a light fragrance and a yellow center - a new strain of cattleya orchid the society bred itself and will dub the "Alice B. du Pont," after Longwood's first lady.

In conjunction with the orchid symposium, visitors to the gardens April 22- May 21 can view paintings and charcoal sketches of the flower in the "Orchids in Contemporary Art" exhibit.

Source:

<http://www.centredaily.com/mld/centredaily/news/politics/13918348.htm>

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**SOUTHERN TIER  
ORCHID SOCIETY**

PRESENTS

**Orchid Show**

**2006**

Friday, April 28, 4pm to 9pm  
Saturday, April 29, 10am to 9pm  
Sunday, April 30, 11am to 5pm  
at

**The Oakdale Mall**  
JOHNSON CITY, NY

EXHIBITS/PLANT SALES/ADVICE

