



Southern Tier Orchid Society

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Contributions to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed, however, in order to meet publication deadlines, articles must be submitted by the first day of each month.

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- Show committee meeting 4/15 at 1:00 P.M.
- Updates to our website
- Executive board change
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- March show table
- Annual STOS show discussion and management software plant entry demonstration, Peter O'Connell, Robert Rudin and Luis Matienzo - meeting 4/15 2:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you are new to the world of orchid competition, there are many facets that go behind our annual show and we want to make you aware of them. During the morning of judging, a group of judges of the American Orchid Society (AOS) and members of STOS proceed with the selection of plants for ribbon awards and later on that afternoon, those plants that are selected for AOS judging are evaluated for special awards. If you wish to be an exhibitor, you need to be aware of the procedure to enter a single plant or many into the event. In our next meeting, we will discuss the preparations required for entering

your plants, how we manage to classify all entries and how we assign specific names to those plants that have a given set of parents. In addition, we will also cover the various roles team members of judging groups perform. This in all, we hope, will give you a better appreciation of our event and make you want to participate as a team member.

In past years, I have had plants that I had hoped to take to the annual event, but some of them hesitated to yield flowers and they stayed home. In spite of this, I was glad I had the skill to make them succeed and enjoyed them the same. Perhaps it was my interaction with other people and the enthusiasm and experience they shared with me in past years that led me to these results. You also have this opportunity of interaction and you can help us make this event another one of great success.

Luis J. Matienzo

Luis J. Matienzo, STOS President

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

SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

The show committee meeting will meet in the back room of the community room of the Vestal Public Library on 4/15 at 1:00 P.M. prior to our regular meeting. The agenda will cover and update you on activities related to this month's show. Show committee members and club members are invited to participate. We hope to see you there.

Paula Matienzo, Show Chair

SETUP, THURSDAY, APRIL 26: 2 P.M.
JUDGING, FRIDAY, APRIL 27: 10:30 A.M.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FRIDAY, APRIL 27: 4-9 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28: 10 A.M.-9 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29: 11 A.M.-5 P.M.

RAFFLE DRAWING AT 4 P.M. SUNDAY

Here's what we request from you:

YOUR ORCHID PLANTS IN FLOWER for our club's exhibit. Please pre-register by consulting our website: www.storchidociety.com. Select "Annual Show," then at the bottom right click on plant entry form and print. Then select show schedule, read over show rules, and print the pages with the heading "Ribbon Judging." Follow the instructions at the top of the plant entry form to enter the appropriate group, class, and name for each plant and submit your form(s) electronically.. **Deadline for electronically submitted forms is Wednesday, April 25.**

For those of you who do not have access to a computer, printed copies of the above forms will be available at the meeting on April 15. **Deadline for all other plant entries is Thursday, April 26 by 7 P.M.**

YOUR ARTWORK AND PHOTOGRAPHY – We invite you (or any talented person you know) to submit entries of original artwork or photography featuring orchids for this special display. Geof Gould, who is organizing the art and photography exhibit, is accepting entry forms until **Monday, April 16**. Print the "Call for Entries" form on our website under "Annual Show" or request a printed copy by calling Geof at (607)-757-0499. On **Thursday, April 26 at 3:30 P.M.**, Geof will begin receiving art and photo entries in the Center Court of Oakdale Mall.

YOU AS A SHOW HELPER Thanks to all of you who have already offered your assistance with various responsibilities at the show, but we still need more help in these areas:

THROUGHOUT THE SHOW – At the Information Table, more helpers always welcome to distribute informational sheets, sell raffle tickets, and accept payment of dues, but are especially needed on Friday, April 27, during these time slots: 11 AM-1 PM, 1-3 PM, and 3-5 PM. Please see Bob Rudin or call him at (607)-748-6036.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 – 2 P.M. - SETUP OF SALES AND EXHIBIT TABLES, AND PANELS FOR ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT. In return, STOS will provide a light evening meal and beverages to show workers helping out on Thursday.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 – 9:30 A.M. – A FEW MORE CLERKS NEEDED FOR RIBBON JUDGING!

As parts of teams headed by certified American Orchid Society judges, judging clerks assist the judges by spotting plants in exhibits, recording information on awards, and placing ribbons on plants. Ribbon judging is followed by **LUNCHEON AT NOON** as thanks to judging clerks and other STOS members working at the show on Friday. You are invited to join the judges for the buffet luncheon catered by Phil's Chicken House. The menu will include chicken, baked beans, cabbage salad, potato salad, rolls & butter, cookies & brownies, and cold beverages. Anyone with special dietary needs may store a lunch in the cube refrigerator.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 -- 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 15.

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

We look forward to seeing all of you at the show.

**Minutes of the
Southern Tier Orchid Society
of New York
March 18, 2007**

Meeting was opened by President Luis Matienzo.

The proposed changes to the By Laws were circulated at last month's meeting and also posted on the Web. They were also discussed at the last meeting and this meeting. Motion was made by Pat Bonamo, seconded by Bob Rudin and carried to change the By Laws as noted.

Motion was made by LuAnn Myers, seconded by Colin Dimon and carried to place Roxanne Shank on the Board to carry out the remainder of a former Board Member's term expiring in 2008.

Paula Matienzo, Show Chair, gave her report. Volunteers are still needed for setting up including the STOS exhibit, judging clerks, and tear down. Bob Rudin also added there are still openings for the information table.

John Zygmunt made posters to be put up on bulletin boards. Geoff Gould will be contact person for the art entries and also the AOS Photographer for awarded plants. There will be five orchid plant vendors along with three orchid related vendors. If at all possible, please reregister your plants for the Show. Entry forms are available on the web site.

Luis Matienzo gave the treasure's report.

Please note: If you have not paid your dues please do so, next month is the deadline for renewal.

Bob Rudin made the motion, seconded by Colin Dimon and carried to make Luis Matienzo and household lifetime members. It was stated that Luis was one of the founding members of STOS.

A form letter was sent to the users of the Vestal Library meeting rooms that some are leaving the rooms in unsightly conditions and if it continues those organizations will not be able to use the rooms. Thankfully we leave the rooms in good condition.

A list of the STOS Library will be available on the web site and at the meetings starting in April. Anyone who has borrowed the Orchids magazines, which Dave Clemens has brought in, please return them to LuAnn Myers. They will be added to the STOS Library's collection so others can borrow them too.

We broke for refreshments and raffle.

Show Table followed.

Tom Daily gave his presentation on Insect Management Control.

Meeting was adjourned,
LuAnn Myers

TREASURER'S REPORT

"TO BE ANNOUNCED"

Peter O'Connell, Treasurer

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 meetings.

Current refreshments list includes:

March – Martha Birch and Susan Gall
April- Roxanne Shank and Martha Birch
May - Open
September – Open
October – Open
November – Open

MARCH SHOW TABLE

Please note that some images from the show table can be seen on our website under the the button marked as STOS Gallery. With your assistance, we will be adding images each month.

Masd Ken Dole
Paph Lunacy 'Moondance' AM/AOS
Lc Gold Digger 'Fuchs Mandarin'
Schoenorchis fragrans
Grown by L. Matienzo

C Eileen Patterson
Lc Mari's Magic
Phaius Dan Rosenberg
Aerangis citrata
C intermedia 'White Dwarf' x *C skinneri* var
alba
Grown by J. Zygmunt

Lc Firedance 'Patricia'
Zygolum Louisendorf 'Rhein Harlekin'
AM/AOS

Grown by Dave Clemens

Paph Harbinger's Dark Ages 'Pine Ridge7'

Paph Corsair 'Holfords'
Grown by Colin Dimon

Lc Frosty Pink
Grown by B. Rudin

Bc Maikai 'Louise' AM/AOS
Grown by R. Shank

Den senile
Masd floribunda
Grown by T. Daily

Dracula cordavae
Grown by Pat Lapierre

GROWING ORCHIDS ELSEWHERE

Submitted by L.J. Matienzo

I usually have an opportunity to visit some relatives and friends in Lima, Peru during their spring season almost every year. Lima is a large city of eight million people, located near the Pacific Ocean. The climatic conditions are quite favorable year-round and marine breezes reach inland every evening. These conditions offer opportunities to grow orchids as houseplants. In our trips I manage to take small seedlings for my brother-in-law who grows some orchids and other plants. I see these seedlings develop into vigorous plants in our following visits. My brother-in-law, Francisco Zapata is a hobbyist who has a mixed collection of local species, phalaenopsis hybrids, cattleyas and a series of ever-blooming epidendrums. All I can do, while I am there visiting is admire these plants. Two of the images shown below (*Phragmipedium caudatum* and phalaenopsis Carmela's Pixie) testify to his ability as a grower. I am certain that if I had those plants in these conditions I would earn many awards at our local show.



Phalaenopsis Carmela's Pixie



Phragmipedium caudatum

