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EDITOR'S NOTE

Contributions to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed. Contributions must be submitted by the first day of each month. If you have difficulties with the electronic format of this newsletter, please contact the webmaster at: info@storchidsociety.com

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Aerangis rhodosticta

Pat LaPierre grows this lovely miniature in a pot located on an east-facing window all year round. The interest of Dennis D'Alessandro, our guest speaker in November, encouraged Pat to photograph her plant and send it on to us.

We'd like to see your plant here in the future.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During our recent visit to relatives and friends in Lima, we had the privilege of attending both the inauguration of the 7th International Orchid Exposition and Exhibition and this large show itself, which was judged by a panel from the American Orchid Society. We both were impressed with the organization, friendliness of many of the volunteers involved in this event and the quality of plants on exhibit. The judging team, headed by AOS President Carlos Fighetti, bestowed nine AOS awards. A representative group of awarded plants is shown later in this issue. Once again, we thank Alfredo Manrique, Pablo Bermudez and many members of the Peruvian orchid club for their hospitality during our recent visit. Let's hope that at our next show the AOS judges will grant several awards and that many of you will be eager to help in many of the aspects of its organization and development.

Once again, I ask you to participate in any of our various committees. We certainly hope that some of you would contribute your time and effort to make our meetings as successful as they have been in the past years. Because it is important to involve more members in the selection of fine speakers and programs like October's and November's, I ask you to speak to John Zygmunt, our programs chair, to aid in the preparation and schedule of future programs. This is the only way we can make the meetings exciting and something that all will be looking forward to seeing and hearing. Suggestions and contacts for speakers for the months of January through March 2008 are needed.

Finally, I hope you and your companions are able to attend our holiday party. Detailed information on the party is included in this newsletter. In case I do not see you then, please let me send you my best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

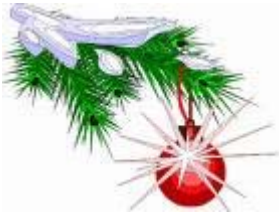
Luis Matienzo

STOS TREASURER'S REPORT

Current balances as of November 1, 2007 are as shown below. Total funds available are **\$6410.53**, plus CD of **\$2108.39**. The Auction, membership, raffles and donations have provided income since the September meeting and we have made budget in net proceeds.

Pete O'Connell

JOIN US FOR THE 2007 STOS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!



DATE: Sunday December 16, 2007
PLACE: Meeting Room, Vestal Public Library
TIME: 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M

Please join us to celebrate the holidays and bring your spouses, significant others, and other family members to this enjoyable gathering. A short business meeting to elect officers for 2008 will precede our chance to socialize and enjoy the holiday spread.

The holiday party relies on the active participation of its members, and we ask you to bring a dish of your choice to share and the utensil needed to serve whatever you decide to prepare. We, in turn, will provide plates, cups, napkins, flatware, and beverages.

Because we need some help in organizing the tables and the goodies, we ask some of you to come earlier (1:15 P.M.) to help with the set up. We would also appreciate your bringing your lovely flowering plants, which will serve as table decorations on this festive occasion.

We'd also appreciate your help with cleanup afterwards.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our party. If you can't come, our best wishes for a happy holiday season to you and your loved ones.



MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2007

The November meeting of the Southern Tier Orchid Society was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by, President, Luis Matienzo.

Old Business –

At the October meeting, Dave Clemens was asked to chair the nominating committee, consisting also of Sharon Voorhees and Pat Bonamo. This committee was responsible for putting for a new slate of officers for 2008. Dave reported that they would like to keep most of the current officers the same: Luis Matienzo as President, Anne Tinker as Vice President, and Pete O'Connell as Treasurer. Sharon Voorhees was nominated for Secretary and Bob Rudin as Executive Board member.

Since this would be the third year in office for Luis, Anne and Pete, a motion was made to set aside the by-laws that limit service in an office to two consecutive years. Other nominations will be open until our December meeting.

A Treasurer's report given by Pete O'Connell stated that we are \$2,000 ahead of where we were last year at this time. A different strategy was used in purchasing plants for the auction, and as a result, almost all plants sold. The 3 remaining plants were in the raffle at this meeting

New Business –

Paula Matienzo, Show Chairman, reported that Bob Rudin was in the hospital and would be having heart bypass surgery. A card was circulated for everyone to sign, wishing him a speedy recovery.

Bob typically does much of the preparations for our holiday party so we may need some additional help getting everything done this year.

The party will be Sunday, December 16, with set up at 1:00 p.m., and the meeting/dinner will start at 2:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your orchids to decorate the tables. We will have the election of officers, and there will be a plant raffle also. Please come and bring your spouse, significant other and family, and enjoy a lovely holiday dinner.

The first show committee meeting was held before of our general meeting, and several issues were discussed. We discussed whether to have 5 vendors again this year. Also we discussed approaching the mall about some space concerns because we were very cramped for space this year, once everyone was set up.

Dave Clemens, AOS Representative, brought in some Orchids magazines for members to take home, read and then return for our club's library collection.

We broke for refreshments and had discussion of our display table.

We had a wonderful program presented by Dennis D'Alessandro on orchids of Borneo. Dennis illustrated his program with many slides he took while in Borneo himself. Dennis also brought with him some orchids that illustrated those he was talking about, as well as many other interesting orchids of different types.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Tinker, Vice President

**A SELECTION OF AWARDED PLANTS FROM THE 7th INTERNATIONAL
ORCHID EXPOSITION -- LIMA, PERU, NOVEMBER 2007**



Paph. Susan Booth 'Yumi' CCE/AOS 90 pts.



Telipogon intis CHM/AOS 83 pts.



Odontoglossum asthrantum CHM/AOS 84 pts

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To view more plants given AOS awards at this show, go to www.peruorchids.com , and scroll down the center: “hibridos” for hybrids, “especies peruanas” for Peruvian species, and “Trofeo AOS a la Mejor Exhibicion” for the AOS Show Trophy for the best exhibit. Flanking images of these awarded plants are images of other fascinating species native to Peru.

NOVEMBER 2007 SHOW TABLE

<i>Cyc. chlorochilon</i>	L. Matienzo
<i>Paph. Olivia</i>	L. Matienzo
<i>Paph. Paula Matienzo</i> (Hampshire Gem x Hellas)	L. Matienzo
<i>Paph. Wossner's VietnamWings</i>	L. Matienzo
<i>Paph. (New Light x Barbi Playmate)</i>	L. Matienzo
<i>Paph. (Primicolor x Dr. Jack)</i>	L. Matienzo
<i>Slc. (Circle of Life x Bright Angel)</i>	L. Matienzo
<i>Phal. Cool Katie var. variegated</i>	L. Matienzo
<i>Paph. Spicerianum</i>	P. O'Connell
<i>Lc. Karen Tobiassen</i>	P. O'Connell
<i>Phal. Baldan's Sunset 'Warm Heart'</i>	P. O'Connell
<i>Den. Spring Dream 'Apollon'</i>	P. O'Connell
<i>Psy. Mendenhall 'Monarch' AM/AOS</i>	P. O'Connell
<i>C. loddigesii 'Blue Sky'</i>	P. O'Connell
<i>Blc. Port Royal Sound 'Newberry'</i>	P. O'Connell
<i>Lc. Frosty Pink 'H&R'</i>	P. O'Connell
<i>V. Pakchong Blue</i>	J. Zygmunt
<i>Bulbo. Jersey</i>	J. Zygmunt
<i>Lc. Frosty Pink 'H&R'</i>	J. Zygmunt
<i>Bc. Anna Kimura 'Paradise Tami'</i>	J. Zygmunt
<i>Paph. (Yerba Buena x In-Charm White 'Hsinging')</i>	J. Zygmunt
<i>Paph. Loonie White</i>	S. Voorhees
<i>Phal. equestris alba</i>	C. Dimon
<i>Max. variabilis 'aurea'</i>	R. Shank
<i>Aer. rhodosticta</i>	P. LaPierre

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE FOR 2008

President: Luis Matienzo	Vice-President: Anne Tinker
Treasurer: Peter O'Connell	Secretary: Sharon Voorhees
Executive Board Member (for 2008): Bob Rudin	

Anyone else interested in running for office should contact Dave Clemens and ask to have his/her name submitted for nomination at the meeting on Sunday, December 16.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 16 – Holiday Party

January 23-27, 2008 - 19th WOC, Sheraton Miami Mart Hotel, Exhibition Center, Miami, FL.
For information: (786) 621-9962; woc19@aol.com; www.19woc.com.

April 24-27-2007 – STOS Annual Show and Exhibition, Center Court, Oakdale Mall, Johnson City, NY

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, so be sure to sign up if you haven't already.

Current refreshments list includes:

September – John Zygmunt

October – Ken and Laura Lattimore

November – Benny Osorio and J. Zygmunt

December – Everyone brings a dish to pass

January.– Open

February – Open

March – Open

April - **Julia Whitehouse**

May – **Donna Coleman, Pat Cotter and Monica Kot**