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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of winter, the Show Committee is moving at a fast pace toward another successful event, perhaps with the granting of coveted AOS awards. There is still time for you to help us to make this a club effort and join us on the many working groups that are being organized. A recent article in the **February 2007** issue of *Orchids* gives an excellent description of orchid shows, participating individuals and awards.

It has been approximately a year since our website made its appearance under a new format. Some of you have had an opportunity to explore its contents either through our last month's presentation or on your own. Many hours have been spent to make this site a useful one by providing links to other sites, announcements and serving as a repository of past publications and STOS activities. We add new features on a regular basis -- among

these, the rules and regulations for our annual show and the corresponding plant and art entry forms that can be electronically submitted before the posted deadlines. A listing of orchid vendors featured at our show will be posted in a few weeks. In addition, a gallery of images that includes a few views from some of our past annual shows can be seen and we are introducing an album that highlights some plants from our monthly show table. We hope that all of you contribute to this new feature of our website.

In my many years as an orchid observer in the wild and indoor grower, I have found a close relationship between plants and other living organisms. These visitors are not necessarily a problem, but if some damage is detected, some other measures are in order. The approach that we use to strive for a collection without any damage depends very much on your personal touch and tolerance, so you use whatever works well for you. This month's presentation will be given by Tom Daly, a horticulturist and orchid grower, who will describe methods for pest control in orchids and how your personal considerations become an important solution to your particular case.

I hope to see you at our next meeting.

Luis J. Matienzo, STOS President

REMINDER OF SHOW DATES AT OAKDALE MALL

SETUP: THURSDAY, APRIL 26,
JUDGING: FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 10:30 A.M.
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: FRIDAY, APRIL 27,
AT 4 P.M. THRU SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 5 P.M.

OUR ANNUAL SHOW IS COMING UP, AND HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

In previous years, quite a few STOS members have commented that one of the greatest benefits of helping out with our annual show is getting to know other club members better. We're hoping that the following schedule and brief description of these tasks will help you to decide where you'd like to offer your assistance and to have the opportunity to become better acquainted with fellow orchid enthusiasts.

SETUP IN CENTER COURT, THURSDAY, APRIL 26 – 2 P.M.: (1) Arranging, skirting, and covering tables for orchid exhibits and sales and panels for art and photography exhibit. (2) Setting up and arranging our club's exhibit and the art and photography exhibit. (3) After the light meal and beverages STOS provides on Thursday evening to show workers, your cooperation in putting away leftovers and cleanup.

JUDGING, FRIDAY, APRIL 27 – 9:30 A.M.: Clerks to assist with ribbon judging (for example, recording award information, and placing ribbons), are asked to report to the storefront which Oakdale Mall makes available (to be announced later), where the Head Judge will make assignments of judging teams. Judging then begins at 10:30. **Judging clerks and other volunteers working on Friday are invited to join the judges for luncheon served after ribbon judging.. So we need to know how many of you will be there.**

INFORMATION TABLE: Bob Rudin has already begun setting up the schedule for the information table where volunteers are needed between 9 A.M. and 9:30 P.M. on Friday and Saturday, and from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Sunday. Among the duties at the information table are talking with visitors, distribut-

ing informational sheets, and selling raffle tickets. To sign up for your time slot, please see Bob Rudin or call him at (607)-748-6036.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 –After the raffle drawing at 4 P.M. comes **TEARDOWN at 5P.M.**
– All exhibits are taken down, tables and chairs folded, and Center Court area and, behind the scenes, the storefront area, vacated and cleaned. When you come to pick up your plants (and ribbons they’ve won from the STOS exhibit), please pitch in with this final part of the show. After a long weekend, we really need everyone’s help!

We’ll be asking you to sign up at the meetings on Sunday, March 18. If you are unable to attend either the Show Committees meeting at 1 or the general meeting at 2 P.M., or have any questions, please feel to contact Paula Matienzo by e-mail, pmatienzo@stny.rr.com , or at her home phone: (607)-754-5702.

We’re counting on you to make our show a success. Thanks so much.

FEBRUARY MINUTES

Show Committee Meeting chair Paula Matienzo called meeting to order and announced two of our orchid vendors and one non-plant vendor signed contracts. A special e-mail address will be set up to send in plant entries for pre registration for the show. It will be announced at a later time.

General Meeting: Luis Matienzo called meeting to order. Peter O’Connel read by-law changes and next meeting will have a motion to accept changes. Treasurer’s report followed. Minutes of last meeting were read. We closed for refreshments. John Zygmunt gave an interesting over view of the computer program “Orchid Wiz”. Luis Matienzo gave a presentation on our newly designed Web Page. Please view Web Page and click links

to orchid resources. Past newsletters, calendar of events and information on our annual show are just a few items that can be found. Both were wonderful presentations.

Secretary, Genevieve Downs

TREASURER’S REPORT

Current balances are as shown below. Total funds available: \$4397.43, plus a CD of \$2000 for a total of **\$6397.43**.

Income since the January report was \$150.00 in dues. Expenses were Newsletter Printing of \$12.35, postage of \$15.60, and annual insurance of \$186.13, the same as last year’s amount.

There was an error in recording check number 607, which was recorded as \$375, when the check was actually for \$347, which added \$28 to the checking balance shown on the January report, resulting in a year-end balance of \$4462.27, \$28 higher than the \$4434.27 reported.

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
April- Open
May - Open
September – Open
October – Open
November – Open

FEBRUARY 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.

Paph. Twin Saints
Paph. Toni Semple
Paph. Matienzo's Condor
Phrag. Grouville
Phrag. Hanne Popow
Grown by L. Matienzo

Den. *atroviolaceum* 'Pygmy' x self
Dtps. Red Coral x Phal *stuartiana*
Phal. Brother Lancer '348'
Milt. Hajime Ono x Anneliese Weber
Pes. *lehmannii*
Slc. Jewel Box 'Scheherazade'
Rhy. *gigantea*
Phal. Gene Wentz
Grown by P. O'Connell

Den. *anceps*
Onc. Hawaiian Sunset
Grown by R. Shank

Masd. *tovarensis*
Grown by G. Downs

Aer. *japonicum*
Grown by K. Lattimore

Phal. *lamelligera*
Phal. *stuartiana*
Phal. *sumatrana*
Grown by C. Ufford

Paph. Papa Klehm
Paph. Eric Meng x Raisin Glory
Paph. Hsinying Gevaert x *fairrieanum* 'album'
Grown by C. Dimon

What I Got For Christmas!

by Raymon Hunsinger

When my sister who lives in California asked me what I wanted this year, I said something like "Anything orchid." Boy, did she do good! She sent her family two different orchids.

The first is a Bamboo Orchid. The flower seems to resemble a Cattleya and the card says the color will be "lavender with a yellow throat and lavender lip." Get this; it also says it will grow up to 5 feet tall.

The second is a pink Plumeria. I could not find an accurate picture for comparison, but they are a soft pink. And this one will grow up to 20 feet tall (in Hawaii). At our Christmas family dinner, they were trying to decide who would buy the chainsaw for me next year to put a hole in the ceiling so the 20 ft. orchid can grow unhampered.

Oh, yeah. I got clothes and books and other stuff from them. My cousin's family got me a small terrarium with a collection of carnivorous plants: Cobra Lilies, Venus Flytraps and Sundews.

[Editor's note: Raymon's beautiful Plumeria isn't actually a member of the orchid family. According to *Wikipedia: Plumeria* (common name **Frangipani**; *syn.* *Himatanthus Willd.* ex *Roem.* & *Schult.*) is a small genus of 7-8 species native to tropical and subtropical America. The genus consists of mainly deciduous shrubs and trees. Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plumeria>]

OrchidWiz Encyclopedia 3.04

From a press release:

"[The] newly released OrchidWiz Encyclopedia 3.04 adds 5,018 awards from the Cymbidium Society of America . . . [bringing the]

total number of awards compiled . . . [to] more than 64,000.

The program also features compiled statistics for the awards, including average number of flowers per inflorescence and median natural flower spread. In addition to award data, version 3.04 adds month-by-month blooming times for thousands of species and the ability to search by 333 botanical areas. Users may now list orchid species by US state, Canadian province, European country, Australian state, etc. . . .

For a complete article:

<http://prweb.com/releases/2007/2prweb506556.htm>

SEMI-HYDROPONICS SUPPLY PRE-BUY!

Roxanne Shank is planning a pre-buy for semi-hydroponics supplies: PrimeAgra potting medium, First Rays s/h plastic pots, and possibly fertilizer and KLN.

I'll probably begin taking orders around the 1st of April for delivery at the April meeting and/or the Orchid Show.

If you're interested in the pre-buy to guarantee availability of all the supplies you want, please contact me either by e-mail: [gentlelake@juno.com](mailto:gentelelake@juno.com) (preferred) or phone: (607) 786-9409.

Happy Growing!

