



# 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. If You have difficulties with the electronic format of this newsletter, please contact the webmaster at: [info@storchidsociety.com](mailto:info@storchidsociety.com)

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- Featured speaker: Dennis D'Alessandro
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Your orchid picture goes here

(This space is reserved for your photographic contributions)

We encourage members to submit their digital images and a brief write-up about their plant for inclusion later in the newsletter.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again, the STOS has initiated a new season and if we are able to match what we saw at the last show table, we will have a spectacular display of colors and sizes at our next meeting. John Sullivan's presentation on miniature orchids has started a high interest on these wonderful plants. From the comments that Paula and I have received, we are convinced that we will see more of them in the future.

If you wonder what orchid habitats are like, an encore presentation by Dennis D'Alessandro will show you some locations in another part of the world. Last year's presentation covered plants and habitats in Ecuador and Bolivia. This month, Dennis will delight us with a description of Orchids of Borneo and associated adventures. I assume that many of you will be present and look forward to his presentation.

Our annual orchid plant auction was very successful to the point that only three plants were left. We will make sure they go to good and caring homes very soon.

Once again, it is time to enlist help to organize various committees and also provide a slate of new officers. We certainly hope and wish 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.

Since Paula and I will be traveling during the first portion of this month, I would appreciate you communicate with our vice-president, Anne Tinker, in case you have suggestions, contributions to our newsletters or questions associated with STOS. During our trip, we may get a chance to see some orchids, meeting old friends and making new friends that are part of this wonderful hobby. We hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Luis J. Matienzo

## STOS TREASURER'S REPORT

Current balances as of October 1, 2007 are as shown below. Total funds available are **\$6604.34**, plus CD of **\$2108.39**. CD was renewed on July 31, 2007. New interest rate is 4.55%, for a 10 month term, versus last year's 5% for 13 months. The Auction, membership and donation provided income since the September meeting.

Pete O'Connell

**ATTENTION!**

**SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 – 1 P.M.  
SMALL MEETING ROOM, VESTAL LIBRARY**

Dear show committee members and all other STOS members who may be interested in participating:

Before Luis and I leave for Peru on November 1, I am urging you attend the meeting of the show committee an hour before the general meeting on Sunday, November 18.

In advance, however, I'd like to let you know that AOS has approved the dates for our 2008 show , and Oakdale Mall has approved our contract for these dates also: **April 24-27**. These dates include setup on Thursday, 4/24; judging on Friday, 4/25, show open to the public later on that day through Sunday, 4/27, and teardown on Sunday.

Before the holidays are upon us and everyone is extra busy, we have quite a few matters to discuss and consider. Not the least of these is a new set of rules and regulations, an addendum to our contract with Oakdale Mall, which I have already shared with STOS officers. **These rules and regulations will be of particular interest to those of you who wish to be vendors at our show.** I am sending this list to show committee members who were on last year's committee e-mail list and will have copies available at the meeting for others. Another item of importance is a fifth orchid vendor.

Since Luis and I will be in Peru until November 16, I won't be able to discuss these matters with you until this meeting. We're hoping to take in the show presented by El Club Peruano de Orquideas, but our contact there says that the weather has been so strange he doesn't know what will be on display. To those of us who have been involved with our own show, that does sound a little familiar.

Looking forward to your input at this meeting and your participation in the future.

Paula Matienzo, 2008 Show Chair

**A SPECIAL PRESENTATION**  
**November 18, 2007**

**DENNIS D'ALESSANDRO**

**THE ORCHIDS OF BORNEO**

If you are fascinated with orchid species and their variety, the Island of Borneo offers a high concentration of plants that extend over many genera. This presentation will feature a selection of native species and the habitats in which they may be found.

**A BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

In 1977 I moved to Ecuador, South America where I was curator of a small botanical garden which housed over 400 native Ecuadorean orchid species. We worked in conjunction with the Marie Selby Botanic Gardens and the Missouri Botanical Garden to help collect and catalog the orchid species of southern Ecuador, which was -- and still is -- one of the least known orchid regions in the world. Since beginning this project we have been responsible for the discovery of over 100 new orchid species, of which a number have been named to honor their discoverer such as *Masdevallia dalessandroi*, *Dracula dalessandroi*, *Masdevallia mendozae*, *Phragmipedium besseae* var. *dalessandroi* and many others. We also travel frequently to Indonesia, Southeast Asia, Malaysia and Europe, where we buy selected species cultivated in the many nurseries we have visited.

**MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2007**

President Luis Matienzo called the October meeting of the Southern Tier Orchid Society to order at 2:15 p.m.

Luis gave a big thanks to those who helped with and contributed plants to Central New York Orchid Show this year. Our club participants received a large number of ribbons.

Bob Rudin made an announcement that our holiday party will be on the third Sunday in December, at 2:00 p.m., in the Vestal Library. Members are invited to bring their spouses, significant others, family or friends. Please bring a dish to pass, with a serving utensil if needed, and a plant to help decorate the room. The club provides the plates, cups, silverware, and drinks. It is always a very enjoyable afternoon with a lot of great food.

Each year Bob Rudin gets the information for a bus trip to the orchid show in NYC in April. This year there will be no April show in NYC because of the international show being in Miami this year. They are looking at possibly having a show in NYC in the fall of 2008, but nothing is definite yet.

Luis mentioned that he, Paula, and Sandy are now doing the newsletter in a new format, eliminating the two columns, except for the first page. When he asked how people liked the new format, everyone seemed to like it. A couple people had difficulty with printing the newsletter, but most were having no problem.

Luis asked that club members take digital pictures of their plants and submit a small article about their experience with growing the plant for our newsletter. The more people who contribute to the newsletter, the more interesting it will be for everyone.

Right now Luis and John Zygmunt are trying to line up programs of interest for the club meetings, but they need help from other members selecting programs, getting leads and follow-ups on program leads. Please let Luis or John know if you are interested in helping out with programs.

We have refreshments committed for the rest of this year, but we need people to sign up to contribute refreshments for our meetings starting in January through May. A sign-up sheet was placed on the table for those who will provide refreshments for meetings in 2008.

Luis announced that it is time to organize a nominating committee for a new slate of officers for next year. Dave Clemens was asked to chair the committee, with Pat Bonamo and Sharon Voorhees assisting him. Essentially all offices are open, and we need a new member on the Executive Board.

Our September auction was very successful this year! We only had 9 plants left over, as compared to many more in previous years. The leftover plants were on the table at the meeting for those interested in making a bid.

The auction requires a great deal of preparation, which is mostly done now by Luis, Son Tran, and Peter. For next year, they are asking for more volunteers to assist them. Anyone interested please let Luis, Son Tran or Peter know.

After a short break and raffle, we had the show table presentations. Many beautiful orchids of all sizes and types were contributed and shown, and Gary Stensland discussed his miniature, "Letitia's Retreat," awarded an AOS Artistic Certificate at the CNYOS Show in September.

The highlight of our meeting was a presentation by John Sullivan, whom many of us have met when he has been judging at our past orchid shows. John presented a wonderful and informative program on miniature orchids, with many slides taken of plants in his own collection. It would be very difficult not to be tempted by these adorable minis!

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Tinker, STOS Vice-President

## OCTOBER 2007 SHOW TABLE

<i>Paph.sukakhulii</i>	L. Matienzo
<i>Ornithocephalus inflexus</i>	L. Matienzo
<i>Cycnoches barthorium</i>	L. Matienzo
<i>Den.</i> Nora Tokunaga	L. Matienzo
<i>Den.</i> Thai Gem	L. Matienzo
<i>Dtps.</i> Kenneth Schubert 'Tetra'	L. Matienzo
<i>L. dayana</i> 'Hatford' AM/AOS	D. Clemens
<i>Ornithophora radicans</i>	D. Clemens
<i>C.</i> Candy Tuft	D. Clemens
<i>Blc.</i> Younges Island 'Mr T'	R. Lamberston
<i>Blc.</i> Goldenzelle Lemon Chiffon	R. Lambertson
<i>Ornithophora radicans</i> 'Windsong'	A. Tinker
<i>Den.</i> Mini Purple	A. Tinker
<i>Brassidium</i> Nittany Gold 'Dr. John' AM/AOS	D. Coleman
<i>Phrag.</i> Hanne Popow	D. Coleman
<i>Phrag.</i> Eric Young	D. Coleman
<i>Cadetia taylori</i>	D. Coleman
<i>Bifrenaria aureo-fulva</i>	D. Coleman
<i>Den.</i> Mini Nagasaka	D. Coleman
<i>Gongora galeata</i>	D. Coleman
<i>Slc.</i> Tangerine Imp x <i>Pot.</i> Burana Beauty	D. Coleman
<i>Epc.</i> El Hatillo 'Pinta'	P. Cotter
<i>Lc.</i> Angel Heart 'Hihimanu' HCC/AOS	P. Cotter
<i>Miltassia</i> Dark Star 'Darth Vader'	P. Cotter
<i>Blc.</i> Apricot Flare x Orglade's Charm "Crystelle"	R. Rudin
<i>Alcra.</i> Hilo Ablaze	J. Zygmunt
<i>Lc.</i> (Belle of Celle 'Griesbach' x C. Horace 'Maxima'),	J. Zygmunt
<i>Lc.</i> Rosie Surprise 'Archangel' x <i>Blc</i> Donna Kimeror 'Paradise Tani'	J. Zygmunt

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, November 18** – Guest speaker: Dennis D’Alessandro, collector of many new species from around the world. Presentation: The Orchids of Borneo

**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, P. Cotter and M.Kot**

## STOS 2007 HOLIDAY PARTY

**Date: December 16, 2007**

**Place: Vestal Public Library, Community Room**

**Time: 2:00 P.M.**

STOS is once again organizing our holiday party to celebrate the season and also the election of our new officers. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass (and a serving spoon, if necessary) and plants that may be in flower to brighten the meeting room. STOS will supply plates, napkins, plastic dinnerware, a meat platter, soda, cider and tea. Bringing significant others is both permitted and encouraged.

Please come and enjoy this holiday party with all of us!!