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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

It is almost the end of the summer season and once again we may have some plants that will blossom soon. Time has gone by quite quickly but STOS members have managed to maintain communication. First of all, thanks go to Laura and Ken Lattimore for hosting our July picnic/informal meeting and also to Anne Tinker and John Quain for providing us once again with a delightful place to meet and share interesting conversation at the end of August.

You may notice that the first issue of this season's newsletter has a new format. This change should allow us to incorporate images more easily without the restrictions of the two-column format of previous newsletters. However, once again, I request contributions from other members on experiences related to our common hobby. If you want to incorporate images, please let us know the format and the file size since this may require further processing before mailing.

A small group of us have been working hard to provide an informative series of presentations and events and enjoyable get-togethers. Whether you are a new or long-standing member of STOS, we invite you to participate in the many functions of this all-volunteer organization. Please don't let lack of experience stand in your way of becoming involved – all of us started out in this way. From its rebirth twenty-one years ago, the efforts of a few individuals have made this organization grow so that we now have seventy members. With your help this will continue, so join one of our committees, sign up to provide refreshments for one of our monthly meetings, or submit an article for the newsletter.

Our annual auction on Sunday, September 16, is the principal fundraiser for our club. An extensive group of hard to find species, seedlings and mature plants from various sources will be auctioned. The proceeds from this plant sale enable us to invite a select group of speakers who present programs on a variety of topics and cover other club expenses, such as the cost of publishing the newsletter and purchasing seedlings for our repotting sessions. Please take a look at the attached announcement given more details on this event. **Cash or personal checks made out to STOS only will be accepted for purchases.**

If you plan to attend the auction and purchase plants, please remember to bring boxes or bags to carry your purchases home. We look forward to seeing you then!

Luis J. Matienzo, STOS President

CENTRAL NEW YORK ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW BEAVER LAKE NATURE CENTER, BALDWINVILLE, NY

Because CNYOS and STOS rely on each other for show participation, **we need some of your plants for our exhibit**, and your help with transporting these plants and setup on **Friday, September 21**, between 3 and 8 P.M. and teardown. Thanks to those who already offered to help with teardown on Sunday, September 23, starting at 4 P.M. and to

bring plants back here. CNYOS's exquisite display has greatly enhanced our show for many years, and with your help we hope to reciprocate.

We ask you to bring your plants to Paula Matienzo on September 16 (the day of the auction) or drop plants with Paula or Roxanne by Thursday, 9/20, to enter them in the STOS display.

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If you want to volunteer to help with this display during its set-up, transport or take down, please contact Paula Matienzo.

For those of you who wish to attend the **CNYOS Show**, the hours are the following:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – 12 NOON- 6 P.M.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – 11 A.M.-5 P.M.

Directions to the Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville may be found on the CNYOS website: <http://www.cnyos.org/2007showfiles/pre2007show.html>

If you do not have access to the website, from I-81 or I-90, take I 690W (which changes to N. at NYS Thruway) to second Baldwinsville exit, 370W, proceed west on Rte. 370 2 mi., turn right onto East Mud Lake Road.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Once again STOS will feature some invited speakers this fall. The preliminary calendar includes John Sullivan, a well known orchid judge and specialist on miniature species on **Sunday, October 21**, and Dennis D'Alessandro, a collector of many new species from around the world on **Sunday, November 18**. We invite you to attend these exciting presentations. The December meeting will be our holiday party.

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 – Open

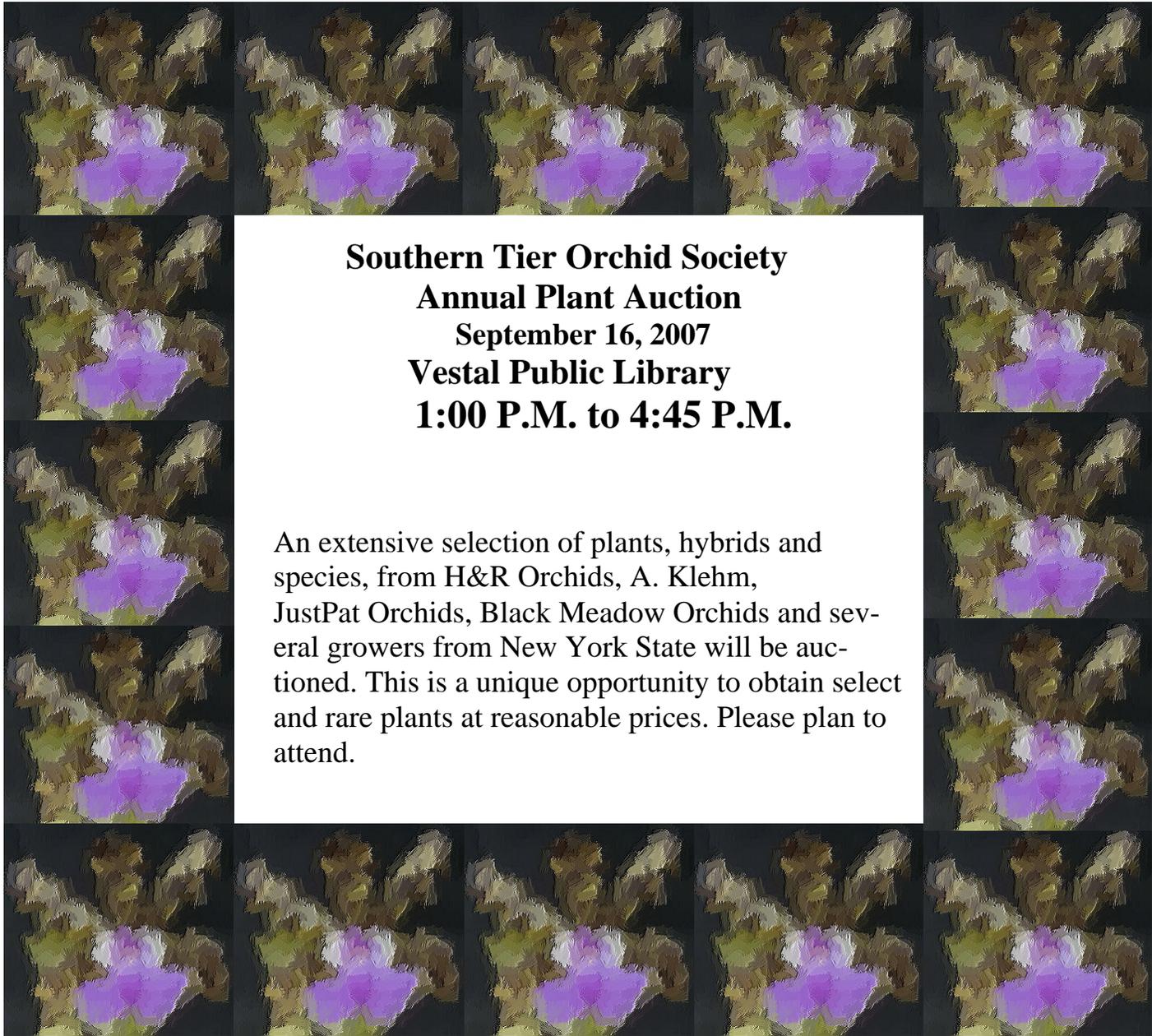
January – Open

February – Open

March -- Open

April -- Open

May -- Open



**Southern Tier Orchid Society
Annual Plant Auction
September 16, 2007
Vestal Public Library
1:00 P.M. to 4:45 P.M.**

An extensive selection of plants, hybrids and species, from H&R Orchids, A. Klehm, JustPat Orchids, Black Meadow Orchids and several growers from New York State will be auctioned. This is a unique opportunity to obtain select and rare plants at reasonable prices. Please plan to attend.