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NEXT MEETINGS

September 20, 2009 ~ 1:00 Vestal Library

October 18, 2009 ~ 2:00 Vestal Library

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We Need Your Pictures

Our newsletter could use a little sprucing up and to do that we could use any pictures that we have of your orchids or anything to do with orchids!

If you have pictures of your plants or the rooms or greenhouse that you grow your orchids in or of orchid related items such as pictures or any collectibles, please consider sending them to the newsletter editor to brighten up our look.

Thank you!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed. Contributions must be submitted by the 25th day of each month to the editor.

If you have difficulties with the electronic format of this newsletter, please contact the webmaster at:
info@storchidsociety.com

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President's Message

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are heading into fall already. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, in spite of our less than ideal weather.

This month is our annual auction and an opportunity for everyone to acquire some great plants at very reasonable prices. We will need help on the day of the auction with set up, distributing numbered plates and keeping track of our sales. If you are able to help us with one of these tasks, please let Pete O'Connell know or email me.

We will be starting promptly at 1:00 pm to set up, with the auction to begin as soon as we are set up. Don't miss this opportunity to buy some great plants at great prices!

See you at the auction!

Anne Tinker, President

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Minutes

There are no minutes for the May meeting. This was our repotting session.

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Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was in our abbreviated August issue.

Pete O'Connell, Treasurer

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Central New York Orchid Society Show

The Central New York Orchid Society (Syracuse) Show is rapidly approaching on October 3rd and 4th. Set up for this show on the 2nd between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. at the Beaver Lake Nature Center. Pete O'Connell has graciously offered to work on the set up but he will need a few volunteers to help him. We will also need some volunteers to help with the tear down after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please contact Pete if you can help.

Each year CNYOS honors us by putting together an exhibit for our show and STOS wants to reciprocate so if you have any plants in bloom, we would definitely appreciate your adding them to our display at their show. Please contact Anne Tinker at 607-797-1383 and let her know that you have plants for our exhibit. Anne will need the plants by Wednesday and will deliver them to Pete.

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**Southern Tier Orchid Society
Annual Auction**

Sunday, September 20, 2009

1:00 PM

Vestal Public Library Meeting Room

September is time for STOS's annual Orchid Auction. This year the date is Sunday, September 20. We will start shortly after 1:00 PM as we need to sell as many plants as possible.

This year's sources will include a different Hawaiian grower with great younger Cattas and Dendrobiums and a few miscellaneous species, the ever popular Klehm Growers with great Paphs, and hopefully, a grower from Oregon with species and Pleurothallids. Of course there will be plants from our own members as well, many of which are specimen size. If you wish to have some of your plants in the auction, please see the guidelines for this, below.

Due to the economy, we are sourcing some younger plants so we will have some great crosses starting in the \$6 range, so everyone should be able to obtain some new plants for their collection.

If you have any questions about the auction, please contact Pete O'Connell at 607-423-1202.

Invite your friends and neighbors. You don't have to be a member to buy plants at the auction. See you there!

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**STOS Auction
2009 Member Plants Policy**

STOS members who want to donate or sell orchid plants in the 2009 Auction, Sunday, September 20, are invited to do so. All plants must be in good shape and free from pests and diseases. Plants must be registered with Pete O'Connell by listing the following information:

Owner Name

Plant genus and species or given name and clonal name if given

-example *Phal Summer Beach 'Sandy'*

Any Awards give the clone such as AM/AOS

Size of the plant and pot

Any description of the flower you have

A suggested starting bid

Send the list of plants to poconnel@pall.com, or SouthernTierOrchidSociety@yahoo.com by September 16 (four days before Auction). If you do not have e-mail access, please call Pete at 607/423-1202 to let him know you are mailing a list. The list must be received by Wednesday, September 16.

The Auction committee will confirm the receipt of your list and reserves the right to limit the quantity.

Reimbursement: the member can ask for reimbursement for up to 50% of the proceeds of the sale of the plants if desired. The first plant listed will not be subject to reimbursement (first plant donated).

The auction committee reserves the right to sell purchased plants first.

Any plant that is not sold due to time restrictions or no bids must be taken back by the owner or given away as they see fit. No member plants will be held over for the next month's silent auction to sell remaining purchased plants.

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Scale—A Grower's Nightmare

I've just come inside from the greenhouse and am thoroughly disgusted with myself. I didn't follow my own advice and quarantine some new plants and now I have an infestation of scale. For those of you who have never had it, scale is one of the most important of orchid pests and one of the most difficult to treat. I don't think that it is possible to actually get rid of it once you have it, but it is controllable.

