



# Southern Tier Orchid Society

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## NEXT MEETINGS

December 20, 2009 ~ 2:00 Vestal Library  
January 17, 2010 ~ 2:00 Vestal Library

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## STOS Holiday Party!!!!

STOS will supply plates, napkins, plastic dinnerware, a meat platter, soda, cider, coffee and tea. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass (and a serving spoon, if necessary) and something(s) orchidaceous to brighten the room. Bringing significant others is both permitted and encouraged.

Please come and enjoy this holiday season!!!!

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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

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southern-tier-orchid-society at gmail dot com

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**President's Message**

Happy holidays everyone! 2009 is almost over and we will be celebrating at our December meeting with our annual holiday gathering. Please come and bring a dish to pass, an orchid to display (if you have any in bloom) and your family or guest and enjoy a festive holiday meal. The club will be providing a meat platter, beverages and table service and we thank Bob Rudin for again carefully planning this event for us. We also want to express our thanks to Pete O'Connell who will be ordering in some lovely orchids for us to raffle the day of our party.

We will be having a brief meeting ahead of the luncheon, at which time we will be holding an election for officers for next year. If you would like to run for an office, please contact Dee Janis at 607/217-5889.

We would appreciate help ahead of the meeting to do the set up of tables and chairs.

Hope to see everyone at our holiday gathering!

Anne Tinker, President

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**Minutes**

President Anne Tinker called the meeting to order at approximately 2:05 p.m.

Treasurer Pete O'Connell presented his report and a draft of the 2010 budget for the vote at the December meeting.

After some discussion of multimedia needs by the organization to present our programs, a motion was made by Bob Howe and seconded by Bob Rudin to purchase a computer projector in the \$2,000 to \$2,500 range, motion carried. Pete O'Connell will purchase a suitable projector.

Dee Janis, membership chair, reminded everyone that if you haven't paid your dues your newsletter will be stopping soon - a membership form was sent with the November newsletter and one is available on our website.

Bob Rudin invited everyone to our Holiday Party at the December meeting. You are requested to bring a dish (and serving utensils) to share. STOS will provide place settings, a meat platter, beverages. If you have any plants in bloom or anything 'orchidaceous', please bring it to help brighten the festivities. Please bring your spouse or significant other!

We adjourned to an excellent presentation by Cordelia Head from J & L Orchids on "Warmth Tolerant Pleurothalids".

Respectfully submitted, Dee Janis, Acting Secretary

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**Treasurer's Report**

The October reporting period (October 1 to November 1) started with a balance of **\$9,550.43**. We had income from memberships, auction and raffle of **\$129.00**. Expenses from auction, CNYOS show, refreshments and speaker's fee totaled leaves a total of **\$9,435.94**. In addition there is the CD of **\$2,227.12**. Last year we had a total balance of **\$8069.66**, plus CD of **\$2188.12**. This trend of having about \$1000 - \$1500 more at the end of each year is continuing. Last year we made additional donations to the AOS and the NER Judging Center to put some of this to good use. Last year we projected between \$1500 and \$2000 surplus.

I have formulated the proposed budget for next year and it will be available at the November meeting. All the actuals are not in yet as we have a speaker this month and holiday party and newsletter expenses yet. We will probably be about \$1200 ahead of budget (surplus).

It again projects a balanced budget, but we consistently do better than expected in some area. This year it was less for speakers and some extra from the show. We should discuss and decide what to do with these additional funds. More books, equipment, speakers from different and maybe more expensive sources (AOS Orchid Conservation, Education, West Coast speakers, nationally recognized speakers, etc), more donations to causes, more reserve in the form of additional CDs, a Computer projector, etc. Please think about these and discuss at the December meeting, where we need to vote on the budget for 2010. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be at the meeting and party on December 20.

I apologize for missing the December meeting. I am willing to take on the treasurer's post again should the membership want me to. We do need to suspend the by-laws to permit it. If anyone wants to be treasurer, I would be glad to work with them for a smooth transition.

### **American Orchid Society and North East Judging Center Donations**

Again this year, we will end with a budget surplus of about \$1200. We have already authorized a Computer Projector, which will use up a lot of this surplus, but we still continue to carry additional funds from previous years.

Last year we made an additional donation to the AOS Educational Fund of \$100 as well as a donation to the operating fund of \$200 (budgeted \$100). As you know, the AOS continues to struggle in this economy and the work they do is very important. I ask that the membership approve these amounts again. They will be sent after the first of the year.

The Northeast Judging Center supports our show with highly competent judges each year. Our normal and budgeted support has been \$200. Last year we sent an additional \$200 to help balance their budget. All affiliated clubs in the region are supposed to support the operation of the Center, but many are not as successful as we are in fund-raising and operating a show. Many lose considerable money on shows, and make it up in other fundraising events. I ask the membership to approve these amounts again.

The budget needs to be voted on at the December meeting as well. I am sorry that I will not be there.

Pete O'Connell - Treasurer

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### **Looking for Assistance**

The STOS Nominating Committee is searching for someone who is willing to serve on the board. We had three positions to fill and now have two volunteers but are still in need of one more. If you are willing or know of someone who is please contact Dee Janis at 607/217-5889.

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### **Phalaenopsis Orchids**

Phalaenopsis is without doubt the most popular and easily available of all the orchids. They are the most popular potted plant in the United States after the Christmas Poinsettia. There are many reasons for this popularity - the color range of the flowers, the ease of care, the long flowering time, and the elegance of the flower presentation.

Phals come in some of the widest ranges of colors of all the orchids. The original wild whites and pinks have been bred into an incredible range of pure white to dark purple to red and most recently orange. In



sign up if you haven't already. Just let Dee Janis know if you can help. Her contact info is on the front page.

Current refreshments list includes:

**December 20 ~ Holiday party - Everybody!**

Please think about bringing refreshments for the coming year - we can always use the help and a little snack makes the meeting more enjoyable!!!! Volunteers are needed for the January, February, March, April and May meetings. Just give us a call if you can help!

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**Memberships Due**

It's that time of year - membership time! A membership form was included with the November newsletter and for your convenience there is one available on our website:

<http://www.storchidsociety.com/docs/2009%20docs/STOS%202010%20Membership%20Appl.pdf> If you have not turned in your membership for 2010, please take this opportunity to do so. We need you! The STOS is a great organization, full of camaraderie and people who are willing to share of their orchid knowledge. Come join us again and share and learn!

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