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NEXT MEETINGS

March 18, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott

***Mar 18:** Show meeting at 1:15 prior to the start of our normal meeting*

April 15, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

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- **Ray Barkalow, First Rays Orchids** will be speaking on semi-hydroponic orchid growing

****Reminder:** Our annual orchid show April 20-22! Please spread the word!!

March PROGRAM NOTE

Ray Barkalow, First Rays Orchids

- Extensive travel lead him to a great deal of experimentation surrounding keeping plants healthy and happy during his absences, and that's what led to the development of Semi-Hydroponics.
- First Rays came into being by accident-literally - courtesy of a greenhouse heater and alarm failure on a 7°F night in January of 1994. His 20-year collection of plants from around the world was a total loss
- "The best part about the exposure that First Rays has given me is the ability to communicate with folks from around the world on the fascinating subject of orchids. Sharing the obsession is second only to growing the plants."

EDITOR'S NOTE

Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed. Contributions must be submitted by the 5th day of each month to the editor. If you have difficulties with the electronic format of this newsletter, please contact the webmaster at: southerntierorchidsociety@gmail.com



The Cymbidium pictured below (Cym. Tiger Moth x Sinense) was one of the AOS award winners at our spring show of several years ago:



Ken Hull: (Below) This is a NYS endangered species. Very difficult to find and each blossom lasts only one day:



This is also an endangered species of orchid in NYS, very difficult to find and very tiny:



