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NEXT MEETINGS

September 16, 1:00 First United Methodist Church
of Endicott (***Note: Earlier time!**)

October 21, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of
Endicott

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- Flowering plants are needed from members for CNYOS Orchid Show Oct 6-7!
- Monthly Show Table - helpful and informative!

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Important Note: The Central New York Orchid Society (CNYOS) Orchid show (Syracuse) will be held Oct 6-7. We will need members to bring in flowering plants to take to the show!! More information will be provided at our Sept. 16 meeting.

Any contributions, articles, and/or photos for the monthly newsletter are appreciated! Please submit any inputs by the first week of the month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.

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

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President's Message

As summer is drawing to a close, we move into our fall programs at STOS and a great opportunity to both acquire orchids and learn from our very knowledgeable speakers. Please take note of our listings in the newsletter.

Our first big event is Sunday, September 16, when we will be having our annual auction. This is a good opportunity to acquire many lovely orchids that are brought in from vendors we don't normally have access to. Many of the orchids are blooming or budded so you have the opportunity to see what you are getting, if you are unfamiliar with that particular orchid. In most cases, you can acquire your orchid of choice for less than if you ordered it yourself and had to pay shipping on it. Because of the volume of orchids we will be auctioning, we will be starting at 1:00 pm and will be holding the auction downstairs, instead of our regular meeting area upstairs in the church. For the auction, please park in the parking lot behind the church and enter through the door in the back. Once you get in the door, turn left to the downstairs area where we had the repotting session in May. We will need help setting up, labeling plants and recording the sales, so please try to come a little early and give us a hand. This is always a lot of fun and we always have a beautiful selection of auction plants to appeal to everyone.

The CYNOS orchid show will be coming up October 6 and 7, with set up on Friday, October 5. This is held at the Beaver Lake Nature Center and we need to have, not only plants to display, but help setting up our display, transporting plants and tearing down our display on Sunday. Please let us know if you would be willing to help out with this in any way. We will discuss further details for the CNYOS show at our September meeting, and will be looking for volunteers.

I am sorry to announce that we are losing one of our long-time friends and STOS member, Gary Stensland. Gary is relocating outside of our area so will no longer be a member of STOS. For many years, Gary has helped us set up our club display at our show as well as at the CYNOS show. Our club was awarded the American Orchid Society Show trophy again this year, thanks to Gary's artistic talent. We wish Gary the best of luck for the future and we will truly miss him.

See you at the auction!

Anne

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Minutes for May 20

Members who wished to partake in a discussion about planning for the 2013 STOS Show met today at 1:00PM, an hour before the regular meeting being held at 2:00PM. Those present gave opinions to basic questions posited such as:

-Do we want a Show?; Length of next year's show ?; Need to appoint a Show Chair ?; -Date of the Show?

It was decided that in order to move forward with potential plans, our President, Anne Tinker, would talk with the Oakdale Mall and confirm availability for the suggested date of the 3rd weekend in April 2013. The number of vendors was discussed. Several vendors will be contacted for a commitment.

We then gathered to conduct the first meeting since the Orchid Show in April of this year. That meeting commenced at approximately 2:10pm. Our President Anne Tinker welcomed new members. Our newest "orchid lovers" were asked to stand and introduce themselves to the current membership. We are pleased to announce that Heather, Jeannette (Rich standing in for his Mom), Kay, Mary Ellen, Lorie, Kathy and Paul are now part of the STOS. Anita, a previous member has returned. Welcome ONE and ALL! We are delighted to count you among us!

We then moved on to new business. Our members were asked for a show of hands regarding the length of next year's show. Members voted to shorten the show to two days instead of three. We voted and decided the show would be two days long.

Peter O'Connell talked about the Syracuse Orchid Show in October. It's being held at the Beaver Lake Nature Center. Because they are always support our show, we are asked to do the same. People can car pool and help that club set up and tear down. Members who help in Baldwinsville, with the CNYOS Show, will get gas mileage reimbursement from the STOS. If interested, please ask at the next meeting for details.

Anne reminded members that the annual picnic WILL be held at her home. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 26th. More information will follow. Note for new members: The STOS takes a summer hiatus. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Sunday, September 16th at this same location. (First United Methodist Church of Endicott).

There will be an auction in September. Bring guests, if you wish. This is a fund-raiser for the STOS.

October and November meetings will have speakers to add information to help in your orchid growing. December is our Holiday Party. January, February and March we will have speakers at our meetings. April, of course, brings our annual show.

We broke for the re-potting segment and sold raffle tickets for \$1 each. We partook of a beautiful array of refreshments provided by our members. Thank you one and all!

Our May meeting concluded around 3:45PM. See you in August at the summer picnic!

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Browne, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report will be provided in next months' publication.

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Annual STOS Auction

September is time for STOS's annual Orchid Auction. This year the date is Sunday, September 16. 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 variety of growers. Of course there may 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.

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

Member Plants Auction Policy

STOS members who want to donate or sell orchid plants in the 2012 Auction, Sunday, September 16, 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 Peter O'Connell (petermoconnell@yahoo.com), or SouthernTierOrchidSociety@yahoo.com by September 9 (one week 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 Tuesday, September 11.

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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CNYOS (Syracuse) Orchid Show

The [Central New York Orchid Society](#) (CNYOS) Orchid show (Syracuse) is scheduled for the first weekend in October: October 6 and 7 with setup Friday afternoon, October 5th. We are planning to participate in the show by setting up an exhibit to represent our organization. We will need members to begin collecting flowering plants that we can use for our display. It is important that STOS participates in this year's show; if STOS does not participate, it is likely that the CNYOS club will not participate in our 2013 and future shows! So please keep this in mind, and help by providing flowering plants and perhaps offering your time and assistance. We will need volunteers to transport plants and set up on Friday, set up the display, and also tear down on Sunday. We will discuss details at our meeting on Sunday; please help if you can!

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Monthly Show Table

Because the auction will fill all of the time at the meeting on Sunday, September 16, we request that you wait until the meeting on October 21 to bring along plants in flower for our monthly show table. During meetings in October through May, we'd like to share your pride in those orchids that you have coaxed into blooming, as well as any other information you'd like to present and discuss with fellow STOS members.

It would be most helpful if you would prepare a list in advance of the meeting. Please start with your name, then list all parts of the name of each plant, including the clonal name (in single quotation marks - for example, 'Sunshine,') and awards, such as AM/AOS. For some hybrids, you may have only the names of parents on your plant's label - e. g., Paph. Ho Chi Minh 'Pink Bubbles' x Avalon Mist 'Sunshine.' - and from this information we may be able to determine whether the cross has been registered.

Before publishing your lists in the following month's newsletter, I consult at least two databases to check for current taxonomy - that is, what your plant is now called. Plant names that appear in the newsletter may reflect corrections found in these databases to the names you provided.

For hybrids, the Royal Horticultural Society's International Orchid Register provides both the accepted genus and registered cross. If you use the internet, you may want to try searching this database yourself. This is fairly easy to use with straightforward directions if you use the name of the cross, called **grex** in this resource. If you have only the names of the parents, you may also determine whether this cross has been registered. Here's the address:

<http://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/>

For species, I google Kew Gardens Monocot List Orchids but have to caution you that this database is very scholarly and quite a bit more challenging to use. If you need more information on this, please see me and perhaps we can work on a name together.

So starting in October, we look forward to seeing what you have in bloom!

Paula Matienzo

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Upcoming Meetings

September 16 ~ Annual Auction

November 18 ~ TBA

October 21 ~ TBA

December 16 ~ Annual Holiday Party

Please remember that these are tentative and subject to last minute change.

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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. Just let Anne Tinker know if you can help. Her contact info is on the front page.

Current refreshments list includes:

September 16 ~ We Need Your Help!
October 21 ~ We Need Your Help!

November 18 ~ We Need Your Help!
December 16 ~ Everyone!!!!