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December 2016

HOLIDAY PARTY

NEXT MEETINGS

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

January 15, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott

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- **HOLIDAY PARTY!!! Downstairs at our normal meeting location:**

[First United Methodist Church](#)
53 McKinley Ave.
Endicott, NY 13760

Meeting NOTES

Meeting location: 2:00 pm-- Downstairs in the First United Methodist Church of Endicott; please park in the back of the church and use the rear entrance:

[First United Methodist Church](#)
53 McKinley Ave.
Endicott, NY 13760

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: southern-tier-orchids-society@gmail.com



President's Message

The Science of Christmas Orchids,

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***Angraecum sesquipedale***, also known as **Darwin's orchid**, **Christmas orchid**, **Star of Bethlehem orchid**, and **King of the Angraecums**, is an epiphytic orchid in the genus *Angraecum* endemic to Madagascar. The orchid was first discovered by the French botanist Louis-Marie Aubert du Petit-Thouars in 1798, but was not described until 1822. It is noteworthy for its long spur and its association with the naturalist Charles Darwin, who surmised that the flower was pollinated by a then undiscovered moth with a proboscis whose length was unprecedented at the time. His prediction had gone unverified until 21 years after his death, when the moth was discovered and his conjecture vindicated.



*Angraecum sesquipedale* is a monocot with monopodial growth and can grow to a height of 3.3 ft. Its growth habit is rather similar to species in the genus *Aerides*. The leaves are dark green with a bit of a grayish tone and leathery with a bilobed tip. They are usually around 7.9–15.7 in. long and 2.4–3.1 in. wide. The roots are dark gray, thick, and emerge from the orchid's stem. There tend to be few roots and they attach to the bark of the trees quite strongly. Each of the succulent roots can extend along the trunk of the tree for several meters.

From [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angraecum\\_sesquipedale](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angraecum_sesquipedale)

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The year end is upon us, when the passing of a flashing year, opens a threshold to a new one. At this time of year many think upon their personal beliefs about the world, life, creation, family, and personal purpose. It has been a privilege for me to serve as a president of the Southern Tier Orchid Society this year. While I am not knowledgeable about Orchids, or even a hands on orchid hobbyist: I love the beauty and elegance of orchids, and to support my wife's passion.

Lori and I wish blessings upon you and your orchids. May you all enjoy good health and prosperous orchid blooms.

At the December 18th Christmas party we will be electing new officers and the history of the Southern Tier Orchid society will continue.

Meet you in our downstairs meeting room, use the rear door. 53 McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY. The club will provide a meat tray, please bring a dish to share if able. Celebrating 30 years as the Southern Tier Orchid Society. Look forward for a raffle and show table exhibit. New members are always welcome.

See you soon,
Ben Cabot ~ President





Minutes for November 2016

Ben Cabot, President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Minutes from October were approved by the members with no additions or corrections.

Treasurer's report: Jane Trey reported our bank balance is \$10,065. \$600.00 was made at the October auction.

Ben thanked Luis Matienzo and Pete O'Connell for all their hard work at making the October auction a success. Ben introduced John Dunkleberger, the speaker for the meeting. His speech and slide show was on his many trips to Ecuador. He stated there are over 4,000 species of orchids in Ecuador. The slide show consisted of pictures of the terrain, people, fabrics, Panama hats, insects and many species of orchids.

Anne Quain discussed a date for the orchid show next year. The best date will be May 20th and 21st. She will email judges and try to get vendors. After a brief break, a Dutch auction was held for the orchids that were left over from last months' auction. The raffle was also held at this time.

Show Table: Pete O'Connell, John Zygmunt and Linda Mandeville showed their beautiful orchids.

Old Business: Money for shirts that were ordered must be in by the December meeting. The web site is still on hold after many issues were encountered.

Jnx, nominated and accepted president, discussed her need for information from the members in completing the nominations as well as any other issues.

The December 18th meeting will be the Christmas party as well as a brief meeting. Linda Mandeville will be assisting with setting up the party's refreshments.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Brunnabend, Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey reported that we currently have an STOS account balance of \$10,065.





JOIN US FOR THE 2016 STOS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

DATE: Sunday, December 18th

PLACE: First United Methodist Church of Endicott (Downstairs)

53 McKinley Ave, Endicott, NY 13760

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

Please join us in celebrating the holidays! Bring your spouse, significant other, and other family members to this enjoyable gathering. The holiday party will be downstairs in the church, so please park in the back parking lot and use the rear entrance.

The holiday party relies on the active participation of its members, and we ask you to bring a dish of your choice to share and the utensil needed to serve whatever you decide to prepare. We, in turn, will provide a meat platter, rolls, plates, cups, napkins, flatware, and beverages.

Because we need some help in organizing the tables and the goodies, we ask some of you to come a little bit earlier (1:30P.M.) to help with the set up. We would also appreciate your bringing your lovely flowering plants, which will serve as table decorations on this festive occasion. We'd also appreciate your help with cleanup afterwards.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our party. If you can't come, our best wishes for a happy holiday season to you and your loved ones



Membership Dues

It's that time of year - membership renewal time! The 2017 membership form is included as in the newsletter, and also in the .pdf attachment.

Annual membership dues of \$20.00 for 2017 is payable now. If you have not turned in your membership for 2015 or 2016, please take this opportunity to do so. January 1st is the due date and dues need to be paid no later than May 31st. We need you! The STOS is a great organization, full of camaraderie and people who are willing to share of their orchid knowledge.

****NOTE:** Those who have not paid their **2015** dues will be dropped from the active membership list and will no longer receive the Newsletter. If you did not pay dues in 2015, you may renew your membership now in order to continue receiving the Newsletter in January.



SOUTHERN TIER ORCHID SOCIETY 2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) annual memberships are \$20 per individual or household, and we ask you to complete the following form to update our membership and mailing lists for the newsletter. Payments are accepted in cash at the meeting or by check or money order, made payable to **Southern Tier Orchid Society**.

Please send this form and your payment to:

Jane Trey, STOS Treasurer
62 Lincoln Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13905

or

Linda Mandeville, Membership Coordinator
1515 Walker Rd.
Endicott, NY 13760

NAME: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

_____ I AM A NEW MEMBER (PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW).

_____ I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP AND MY CONTACT INFORMATION IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S.

_____ I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP AND AM UPDATING MY CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

**Please indicate if you would allow your contact information to be released to other members: (Yes___ No___)

I would like to receive the newsletter (please check one). *Please help us conserve – if you have email, please let us send your newsletter to your email:

By mail _____

By e-mail _____

Please note: This form can also be found on our website (www.storchidsociety.com)

Received: _____
Date

By: _____





November Show Table

Peter O'Connell:

- 1) Masdevallia Georgina Franczyk (not registered in RHS)
- 2) Masdevallia Cheryl Shohan 'Big Mamma'
- 3) Ryncholaeliocattleya Lisa Taylor Gallis
- 4) Blc. Hsinying Willette '#9' (not registered in RHS)
- 5) Ryncholaeliocattleya Golden Dancer 'NN'
- 6) Oncidium Heaven Scent 'Sweet Baby'

John Zygmunt:

- 1) Brassia Memoria Fritz Boedeker
- 2) *Platystele ortiziana*
- 3) *Diodonopsis erinacea*
- 4) Ryncholaeliocattleya (Rlc.) Liberty Creek = C. Red Empress x Ryncholaeliocattleya Memoria Crispin Rosales
- 5) Ryncholaeliocattleya Mildred Holingsworth

Linda Mandeville

- 1) **Brassacathron** (Bcn.) Aka's Aloha 'Dream Dust' *
- (*) Brassacathron is a cross between a *caulocattleya* and a *brassocattleya* previously known as *Iwanagaara*
- 2) Oncidium chaculatum 'Golden Pacific'
- 3) *Stenorhynchos speciosum* 'C.H.' x sib.

Changes in taxonomy, as well as difficulties with spelling, necessitate that authorities in the study of orchids be consulted. Hence names of hybrids - those which are not of Greek or Latin derivation - have been checked against the RHS Orchid Hybrid Registry. It is not the hybrid name that changes, but the genus. On the other hand, names of species - those which are completely of Greek or Latin origin - have been searched in the Kew World Checklist of Monocotyledons. Parts of plant names appearing in boldface represent corrections in spelling or additional information found in these databases that may be of interest to the grower.

Luis and Paula Matienzo



Upcoming Meetings

Date	Program		Date	Program
18-Dec-2016	Holiday Party	***	19-Mar-2017	Program -TBA
15-Jan-2017	Program -TBA	***	16-Apr-2017	Program -TBA
19-Feb-2017	Program -TBA	***	21-May-2017	Program -TBA

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

