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December 2017

HOLIDAY PARTY

NEXT MEETINGS:

December 17, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott (downstairs)

January 21, 2:00 First United Methodist Church
**1:00 Executive Board Meeting

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

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

Meeting NOTES

Please bring a covered dish to the annual holiday party on Sunday, December 17, with a serving spoon. Dessert, main or side dishes are all welcome! Each paid-up family who attends will get a FREE raffle ticket for an orchid plant. Please bring any in-bloom plants to decorate the tables, to make the party more festive!!

****Note:** In the event of a weather emergency, please check your email the morning of the party! If nothing is received from STOS, the party is on. Likewise, those who receive the newsletter by regular mail will receive a call from one of us. If any questions, members may also call one of the Board Members.

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



President Message

Hello, everyone! I hope this holiday season finds you all well. While these temperate days belie the fact that it is indeed December, there's the inundative holiday music, the frantic shoppers, and the crunch of a gift giving time line to show us that New Year draws near.

Fortunately, we orchid enthusiasts have a whole different set of goals and gifts this time of year. The blooming season continues in full force. The temperature difference of day and night and the changing light prompt our beauties to show off their stuff. As someone fairly new to this obsession, I find myself grateful for the different set of priorities that come with the territory, never more so than at this time of year. While everyone bustles, I can quietly contemplate a bloom.

On a mildly different topic, I would like to thank John Zygmunt. I received a phone call last week from him, in which he graciously offered to take over as society president for the upcoming year. I accept with wholehearted thanks. So, we will of course be voting again at our upcoming meeting. Thank you, John.

I will enjoy stepping back to focus more on learning, with a goal to serve again in some capacity in the coming years. I would like to focus more of my energy next year on improving membership and diversity for our club, and welcome any like minded ideas. I am of course looking forward to our society's holiday get together, and as always, to bringing home a new orchid. See you then!

Jnx



Minutes for November

Jnx brought the meeting together at 2:05 pm. Meeting notes for October were approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report

- Jane Trey reported we have \$10,100 in the treasury. Reminder to all that 2018 dues are due.

Old Business

- Show Committee - we need one more person to house a judge.
- Ongoing show issues discussed.

New Business

- Discussed were: Buying a new viewing screen. There might be a problem with storage. Luis said he would donate a screen.
- Programming was discussed as who would be doing them. Two of the judges said they were willing to do presentations at our monthly meetings.

The speaker was introduced for her presentation.

- Isabel Lopatin gave a visual presentation of Dendromiums. There were various species to view. She also brought in orchids to buy.

Jnx said we needed a nomination committee for 2018 officers. Officers were discussed:

- Jnx said she would remain President if no one else was willing, but she would need assistance
- Carol Bayles agreed to remain Vice President
- Jane Trey agreed to remain Treasure
- Linda Mandeville offered to take on Secretary responsibility from Carol Brunnabend
- Luis Matienzo's term is up on the Executive Board; John Zygmunt agreed to assume this opening.
- Anne Quain and Sharon Voorhees to continue their terms on the Executive Board
- Pete O'Connell to continue as AOS Representative
- Jnx offered to take over as librarian.

A motion was carried to accept the nominees. Official voting will take place at the December meeting.

Reminder to all that December is the holiday party. Several members to bring in food and paper ware. It was suggested for the winter months to have a question and answer on orchids and to bring in "trouble plants". A break was taken and members could buy orchids. There was a free raffle for a few items. Show Table was presented.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Brunnabend, Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey presented the treasurer's report, stating that we currently have an account balance of \$10,100.



Membership Dues

It's that time of year - membership renewal time! The 2018 membership form is included in the newsletter below and, for your convenience, hard copies will also be brought to our December meeting.

Annual membership dues of \$20.00 for 2018 is payable now. If you have not turned in your membership for 2018, 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 2017 dues will be dropped from the active membership list and will no longer receive the Newsletter. If you did not pay dues in 2017, you may renew your membership now in order to continue receiving the Newsletter in January.





SOUTHERN TIER ORCHID SOCIETY 2018 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: _____



JOIN US FOR THE 2017 STOS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

DATE: Sunday, December 17

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.



December Meeting

Also on the agenda at our December meeting will be election of candidates for office for next year. Dues for 2018 can be paid at the meeting.





Slate of Candidates for 2018 STOS Executive Board

STOS is pleased to announce the following candidates for the open positions for Officers and Executive Board for 2018:

- President: John Zygmunt
- Vice-President: Carol Bayles
- Treasurer: Jane Trey
- Secretary: Linda Mandeville
- AOS Representative: Peter O'Connell
- Executive Board: Anne Quain (term ends 12/19)
- Executive Board: Sharon Voorhees (term ends 12/18)
- Executive Board: Open for nomination

According to the by-laws of STOS, the immediate past president becomes a member of the executive board for one year.

The Executive Boards reminds all of the active members of STOS that any member in good standing can be included as a candidate for any of these positions, if desired, before the official vote takes place by the membership at the December 2017 meeting. If anyone would like to become a candidate, please contact Linda Mandeville at 607-227-1563.



Upcoming Meetings

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| December 17 ~ Annual Holiday Party | February 18 ~ To be announced |
| January 21 ~ To be announced | March 18 ~ To be announced |

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



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!!

