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NEXT MEETINGS

March 20, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

April 17, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

IN THIS ISSUE

Don't miss our March meeting! Kim Feddersen will be our guest speaker! His presentation will be "Growing Vandas in the Northeast".

Meeting NOTES

Meeting location: Upstairs in the First United Methodist Church (please use front door 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:
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President's Message

Dearest Orchid lovers,

At our February meeting our guest speaker, Isabel Lopatin, from Equinox Orchids, described raising orchids in cold temperatures, and gave us a list of 25 different names of orchids that do well in cooler temperatures. Every bit of information helps our knowledge to care and provide for our living hobby.



We had a very successful raffle table, thank you to John Zygmunt, with so many items that the 29 attendees went home with something, and some went home with several items, not all orchid related. In fact my wife Lori won a collector's edition beanie baby, a red white and blue patriotic one in a sturdy collector's case. Lori had purchased several tickets and what I perceived to be a very valuable item. Well I put it on E-bay and it finally sold for \$75. I may need to add that bonus income to my 2016 tax returns.

Some future items developing are a tri fold flyer to promote our organization, press releases are making the public aware of our meetings and we got new members from them. In this newsletter is design from Knucklehead embroidery for STOS collared polo / golf shirts. Logo colors are being coordinated, and shirt quality is being selected. Priced somewhere between \$18 to \$30 per shirt, depending on shirt quality. I hope to have order forms at our next meeting. An exciting thing is that a reporter from the newspaper contacted me as a result of our last press release, and wants information to do a feature article about us. This is our 30th year anniversary as the Southern Tier Orchid Society, and worthy of community recognition.

Our next speaker is Kim Feddersen from "Fair Orchids", coming from Maplewood, New Jersey. You can read more about Mr. Feddersen at his web site <http://www.fairorchids.com/>. He is an accomplished speaker with a busy schedule of speaking engagements, and has traveled around the world.

If you believed that I sold that beanie baby for \$75, April fool a little early.

Keep in mind we will be having an orchid auction at our April 17th meeting.

We love orchids,

President

Ben Cabot

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Minutes for February 21

Ben Cabot, President, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

Ben told the members there will be a notebook for members to sign attendance at every meeting as well as a notebook on the Show Table for members to sign in their orchids.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved by the membership.

Jane Trey, Treasurer, gave the report of the STOS financial status which is \$8,745.00.

John Zygmunt talked about the raffle and all the items he brought in which included mini orchids, orchid supplies and beanie baby bears.

Old Business:

- Anne Quain (welcome back) talked about the cancelled orchid show for this year. No vendors are available with a possibility of one. We may have to regroup and do fund raising.
- The Mid Hudson is having an orchid show but for us to be a vendor we would have to file a tax form.
- Ben discussed the Roberson Museum Arts and Craft Show which is held yearly. We could set up an educational board with information of the STOS, a screen with power point, and sell orchids. But selling orchids will need that tax form. Also, we could check into local colleges, e.g. Cornell to have a show.
- April will be an orchid auction. Members can bring in some of their own orchids to sell.

New Business:

- STOS has a website and is on now Facebook.
- The meeting was advertised in the paper. Business cards can be available to put out into the community. A STOS flyer was shown to members.
- T-shirt decal was discussed. Knuckle Head Embroidery is designing a STOS decal. Price for shirts will be investigated. One of our new members that does art work would be willing to help. We may be able to get orders in 2 months.
- There will be a summer picnic this year at Anne Quains' house . Date to be announced later.
- Survey results will be put into spread sheet, and should be ready for March meeting.

Refreshments were then enjoyed and a thank you to all who brought in the goodies. Raffle tickets were sold after which the raffle was held.

Luis Matienzo gave a short speech on the start of the STOS. He resurrected the society with the help of his friends. He started an award for one of the founding members. In 1986 the STOS had its first orchid show at Boscovs with 10-15 vendors. He wanted to educate members on how to grow, take care of orchids and have shows for new orchids.

Show Table: Several members then showed their beautiful orchids.

Featured speaker: Isabel Lopatin from Equinox Orchids was introduced. She had a program that was geared on how to grow orchids in various temperatures and light. Examples of orchids were: Phalaenopsis japonica - likes cool and moist; Vanda falcata likes sun in winter and shade in summer; Cymbidium (5 species) have various reactions to temperatures. No direct light. Other orchids discussed were: Dendrobiums ; Eucilias; Laelias; Oncidiums; Maxillarias; and Cattleyas. Most of the orchids came from Australia, Mexico and Brazil. Isabel also had information to hand out of the tolerant orchids. These orchids can be found on Wikipedia for more information. Isabel also brought in many orchids for members to purchase.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Brunnabend, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

February Show Table

- 1) *Phragmipedium schlimii*
- 2) *Brassavola nodosa*
- 3) *Dendrobium convolutum*

- 1) *Lc.* Frosty Pink

- 1) ***Paphiopedilum* Lady Luck (*Paph. primulinum* x *Paph. insigne*)**
- 2) *Oncidium* Twinkle
- 3) ***Rth.* Fuchs Orange Nugget***
- (*) *Rth.* Is the abbreviation for *Rhyncocattleanthe*, a synonym of *Blc.*
- 4).. *Paphiopedilum niveum*
- 5) *Paphiopedilum* Sorcerer's Star

- 1) **Ctt.** Secret Love *
- (*) *Cattlianthe* (Ctt.) is a synonym of *Lc.* as recognized by RHS

- 1) ***Brassicostele* Gilded Tower ‘Mystic Maze’** (*Brassicostele* Summit x *Brassidium* Gilded Urchin)*
 (*) *Brassicostele* is the genus recognized by RHS, but *Banfieldara* is its synonym according to RHS data

- 1) *Paphiopedilum* Judge Philip (*Paphiopedilum phillipinense* x *Paphiopedilum Pinochio* var. *flavum*)

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.

The SEPOS show will be held from Friday, April 1 through Sunday, April 3, at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA. There is a full-page advertisement of this show in the back cover of the January 2016 issue of Orchids, and considerably more information on their website: <http://www.sepos.org>

If you are interested in visiting other orchid shows in the next few months, the American Orchid Society has a listing of these venues. If you are a member of AOS, you should be receiving Orchids, its monthly publication that includes the calendar of orchid shows (domestic and foreign) for the month of the issue and the following month. If you use the internet, you have access to the calendar by simply copying or pasting the following link into your Internet browser: <http://www.aos.org/Default.aspx?id=512>

More specific information on shows of affiliated societies like STOS and SEPOS can be found by clicking on the links (highlighted in blue) to the individually listed orchid societies. For example, Genesee Region Orchid Society in Rochester and Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society in State College, PA, have shows scheduled the same weekend on April 9 and 10.

Since our society has decided not to organize an AOS-judged show this year, we hope that some of you will have a chance to visit at least one other show not too far from here just to see what other clubs are doing.

Paula and Luis Matienzo

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Come see us on Facebook!

Yes—you heard it right!! STOS is now on Facebook!!! A big “Thank You” to Ben Cabot, who has established a new Facebook account for our organization! This is a great opportunity for us to “reach out and touch someone”—and share our love for orchids!! Please go and check it out! Here’s the link: [STOS Facebook](#). Please “Share” it with your friends, and give it a few “Likes”! ☺

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Upcoming Meetings

Date			Program	
20-Mar-16	Kim Fetterson	***	18-Sep-16	Annual Auction
17-Apr-16	Orchid Auction	***	16-Oct-16	Luis Matienzo
15-May-16	Repotting Session	***	20-Nov-16	John Dunkleberger
June-August	Summer Hiatus	***	18-Dec-16	Holiday Party

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