



# Southern Tier Orchid Society

February 2020

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## MEMBER MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

2:00PM - First United Methodist Church, Endicott, NY

Gregory Griffis from Longwood Gardens will be giving a talk on "The Wonders of Orchid Roots". Greg has been growing orchids professionally for 8 years including at Parkside Orchid Nursery in Ottsville, PA and Hilo Orchid Farm in Hawaii. While at Hilo, he focused significant time working with Paphiopedilum, as well as Intergeneric Oncidiinae and Miltoniopsis. In 2015 Greg began working as the orchid grower at Longwood Gardens, a position he holds today. He will be bringing orchids from Longwood to sell at the meeting.

We will meet upstairs in the First United Methodist Church, located at 53 McKinley Ave. in Endicott, NY.

An Executive Board meeting will be held at 1pm, before the regular member meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Don't forget to pay your annual membership dues for the 2020 club year. Still only \$20!

If mailing your dues, please fill out the attached membership form and return it with your check, made payable to Southern Tier Orchid Society.

## NEW STOS SOCIAL MEDIA



The Southern Tier Orchid Society has a Facebook group page where STOS members can get updates on events, meetings and educational opportunities. Check out the new Facebook group on the Southern Tier Orchid Society's Facebook page. The FB group is a place to share everything Orchids with fellow hobbyists. Group members are

encouraged to share their orchid plants, educational resources, and ask questions other Orchid hobbyists can answer.

Additionally, follow us on Instagram, STOS has a new Instagram page to showcase beautiful Orchids and promote the STOS events.

### Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernTierOrchidSocietInc.1992>

### Facebook Group:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/202330030907902/?source\\_id=1517296851900666](https://www.facebook.com/groups/202330030907902/?source_id=1517296851900666)

### Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/southerntierorchidsociety>

Pam Pucci, Board Member



*Vanda Orchids at Longwood Gardens. Photo by Pam Pucci.*

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

### President

Anthony Mercado

### Vice President

Carol Bayles

### Treasurer

Jane Trey

### Secretary

Ben Cabot

### AOS Representative

Bernice Magee

### Members-At-Large

Luis Matienzo

Pamela Pucci

Sharon Voorhees

### Newsletter Editor

Renee DePrato

*Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed! Contributions must be submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month to the editor.*

### Web Site:

[www.storchidsociety.com](http://www.storchidsociety.com)

### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernTierOrchidSocietyInc.1992>

### Email:

[southerntierorchidsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:southerntierorchidsociety@yahoo.com)

## DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting Held at 1:00pm.

### Attendance:

President Tony Mercado, Carol Bayles, Jane Trey, Bernice Magee, Renee DePrato, Pamela Pucci, Luis Matienzo, Joe Sniezek, Ben Cabot

- Discussion regarding continuing edits to the bylaws, some edits made during discussion, additional edits will be finalized by President Tony.
- Discussed ways to increase community involvement, and partner with other organizations.
- Discussion regarding the 2020 treasury budget. Accepted as prepared by Jane Trey
- Deposit for the Orchid show has been sent to Roberson museum. More vendors that last year.
- Renee DePrato discussed her interest in developing a new club logo.
- Joe Sniezek discussed his progress in developing a new and easier to use website hosting service. Currently in editing mode under his name, and he will share a link for viewing it and offering feedback for team development.
- Reviewed several options of changing our URL(Uniform Resource Locator), from .com to .org, and renaming the website title.

Membership meeting planned start at 2:00pm, 30 people in attendance.

### Welcome:

At the suggestion of Past President Ben's suggestion we would start with the guest speaker Wade Hollenbach. Tony did some business until the technical glitch was resolved.

- Technical glitches cause by a bad wall outlet caused a half hour delay in getting the guest speaker started.
- President Tony called the meeting to order at 2:15pm
- Minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- Jane Trey gave the treasures report.
- Tony recapped the topics of the Executive Board Meeting

### Committee Reports

- Carol Bayles discussed the upcoming Orchid show April 25 and 26, and the need for volunteers.
- Joe Sniezek discussed the developing website.

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## UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS

**Now - March 22, 2020 - Orchid Extravaganza at Longwood Gardens, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA**

More info at [www.longwoodgardens.org](http://www.longwoodgardens.org)

**February 15 - April 19, 2020 - The Orchid Show at New York Botanical Gardens, Bronx, NY**

More info at [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org)

**March 26-29, 2020 - Genesee Region Orchid Society Show and Sale, Rochester Museum & Science Center, Rochester, NY**

More info at [www.geneseeorchid.org](http://www.geneseeorchid.org)

**April 3-5, 2020 - Southern Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA**

More info at [www.sepos.org](http://www.sepos.org)

**April 18, 2020 - Mid-Hudson Orchid Society Show and Sale, Union Presbyterian Church, 44 Balmville Rd, Newburgh, NY. More info at [mhos.us.com](http://mhos.us.com)**

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### Show Table

Dominick Ponzi, Jessica Bebel, and Laurel Shaefer brought orchids to show and signed the book.

### Guest Speaker

Wade Hollenbach showed photos and discussed features of 50 different orchids, and brought orchids to sell.

### Old Business

- Ben has got prices for a Coachways bus trip to the Genesee Orchid Society Show March 28th at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. A 49 passenger bus cost \$2,342.40 = \$47.80 per person.

### New Business

- Carol Bayles discussed the Orchid Show scheduled for April 25-26th. It will be an American Orchid Society judged show. Rental of Roberson Museum and Science Center cost more than last year because of additional early hours to accommodate judging.

### Notable

- John Zigmunt brought many orchids mounted on wood, and Pamela Pucci brought some beautiful orchid photographs for the raffle. The Raffle made \$79 for the club.

STOS meetings are always held the 3rd Sunday of every month. Meetings are scheduled as follows: Feb 16, March 15, April 19 (Typically hold our Spring Auction), May 17 (Typically hold our Repotting Clinic), June thru August: Summer break (no meetings, although Anne Quain usually hosts a STOS Picnic at her home on a Sunday in August.) Sept 20 (Typically hold our Fall Auction in Sept), Oct 18, Nov 15, and Dec 20 (Holiday Party).

Respectfully submitted,  
Ben Cabot, Secretary



Member show table from our January Meeting. Photo by Renee DePrato.

## STOS 2020 ORCHID SHOW

While the Orchid Show is still a few months away (April 25-26), I want to emphasize that with the AOS-judging, this show will be more complicated than last year. We need a few people to take on larger tasks. This includes plant registration, which is mostly done in advance of the show. This person could also supervise label-making by those bringing plants on Friday. We definitely need someone to be in charge of judging, which includes organizing supplies on Friday (clipboards, paper, forms, pens markers, ribbons, etc, hopefully we have all of this). On Saturday this person will interact with the judges, set up the judge/clerk teams and keep the judging running smoothly.

We also need a Food Coordinator who will choose sources, menus, and go get the food if necessary. Also, if anyone has any marketing ideas, we need lots of advertising. I can make posters that can be hung at garden centers, the local farmer's market, etc and I'll hand them out at the March meeting. Think of a place that you would like to hang a poster. Think about other groups/clubs in the area who might be interested in putting our show on their event calendar. Anyone affiliated with the University? Bring your ideas to the meeting or even better send me an email.

Note that anyone can clerk, someone will tell you what to do, and it's fun and interesting. You will have a list of plants in each category and you help find them and watch the judge evaluate and record their ratings. Then you fill out the ribbons and put them on the plants. We need 10-12 people and it will take all Saturday morning, at least.

I will have a volunteer signup sheet for setup, manning tables, clerking, tear down, etc, later on. Start thinking about where your interests lie and be the first to commit to your favorite job.

Carol Bayles, Show Chair

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, 2/16	Meeting	The Wonders of Orchid Roots - <i>Gregory Griffis</i>
Sun, 3/15	Meeting	Orchid Show Awards: Ribbons and American Orchid Society (AOS) Judging - <i>Luis Matienzo</i>
Sat & Sun 3/25 & 3/26	Show	Roberson Museum and Science Center

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are now two months into 2020 and chugging right along into the creation of new opportunities for the Southern Tier Orchid Society. I am delighted to share the society's improvements thus far and where we hope to be within the next month. First, on the administrative side, most Bylaw proposals submitted for Board and Membership approval has been overwhelmingly approved. These approvals allow for the ease of conducting society business as it relates to our future growth. Also, during our last meeting I had recommended and announced that the annual membership dues will remain the same for fiscal year 2020.

The newsletter has taken an extraordinary transformation thanks to Renee DePrato as the new newsletter editor.

Ben Cabot has transitioned away from being the Facebook Administrator for a well-deserved rest from those responsibilities. Pam Pucci is currently the newly appointed Facebook Administrator.

Pam wasted no time in engaging our Facebook audience and has created a "Southern Tier Orchid Society Facebook group page where members can interact. Members are invited to participate in the group where they can engage with other members. Share your "Orchid Pride" with your favorite orchid pictures, ask questions for member feedback, and share anything orchid related. Members are also invited to share our Facebook and newly created Instagram page with their friends and family.

These improvements are just some of the society's forward-thinking concepts to help grow our membership and improve on future society endeavors.

Finally, I would like to remind the membership of our upcoming AOS judged orchid show at Roberson Museum and Science Center on April 24 and 25. This is an opportunity for family and friends to spend time together and enjoy the beauty of the best of the best in Orchidaceae family and a chance to walk away with the orchid purchase of your dreams.

Anthony Mercado, President



*Vanda Orchids at Longwood Gardens. Photo by Pam Pucci.*