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April 2018

NEXT MEETINGS:

April 15, 1:00 First United Methodist Church
**** SPRING AUCTION ****
(Meet Downstairs in the church!)

May 20, 2:00 First United Methodist Church

IN THIS ISSUE

Don't miss our April meeting!

**** ORCHID AUCTION!! ****

We'll be meeting *downstairs* in the church,
so please use the rear parking lot.

Meeting NOTES

****Note:** In the event of a weather emergency, please check your email the morning of the meeting. If nothing is received from STOS, the meeting 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.

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President Message

April is finally here and spring can't be far behind. It's been a long time coming. April is an important month for the orchid society. We have the Spring Auction on the 15th and the Show the 27th -29th. The two auctions, spring and fall, are our main source of income. Please come and support your club. We will start the meeting on the 15th at 1:00 downstairs to allow time for final pre-show information followed by the auction. Please park in the back. This year, by popular request, we are including some small and miniature orchids--some in pots and some mounted. Please remember small does not necessarily mean small in price. Many miniatures can cost as much as its bigger cousins but can be just as enjoyable and take up much less space. A special thanks to Pete O'Connell for ordering the plants for the auction, creating a list of the plants with a description, and supplying images of each plant. That is lot of work. Thank you Petel! We also appreciate Pete coming a long way from Key West to do the registration of plants for the show. Pre-registering your plants via e-mail to Pete is helpful. Preregistering forms and plant classification information is available on the website under "Annual Show" (<http://www.storchidsociety.com>). I will also bring some forms to the meeting. Remember--there is always room for another orchid!

The show is coming closer. The schedule is as follows:

- **Friday April 27-** set up at approximately 3pm center court. It depends on when the mall maintenance people set up the tables. It could be a little earlier. I and Jack Mandeville (thanks Jack!) will be bringing all the infrastructure for the show including all the set up things for center court and the storefront. The first order of business is to skirt the 8 foot tables with black plastic and place black plastic on the top of the 6-foot table tops. The mall provides table covers for the 6-footers, but we need to put plastic on top in case of spills. Please do the vendors tables first as they need to set up. They also appreciate help bringing their plants in. For those who have not preregistered their plants, please do so in the storefront. At 5pm, there will be pizza and drinks in the storefront for members and vendors.
- **Saturday April 28-** Judges and vendors breakfast 9am. Please remember that the breakfast is for the judges and vendor--not members--so please have breakfast at home. Clerks please come to the storefront by 9:30. If there is food left over after the judges and vendors finish, you may help yourself. From approximately 9:30 to noon, judging will be in center court. At noon, in the storefront for all who participated in the Show, there will be a Phil's Chicken House luncheon. After lunch, ribbons and plaques will be placed by the clerks.
- **Sunday April 29-** enjoy the fruits of your labor, answer the questions of the public, and try to recruit new members. At 4pm we will hold the raffle. Ticket holders do not need be present to win. We will call them if they win and are not present. At 5pm, the show ends and we do cleanup. This year is challenging for the Mall and the Orchid Society. Here's hoping for a good turnout. Above all have fun!

John Zygmunt-President STOS 2018



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Meeting Minutes for March

STOS President, John Zygmunt, called the meeting to order at 2:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made and accepted to approve the February 2018 Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report:

- Jane reported that we currently have \$9162.00 in our STOS account.

Committee Reports:

- Plant Auction Committee:
 - John explained that Auctions are our main source of income; we had \$1191 auction income in 2017, which was the lowest in years. Could be because membership is down
 - Members suggested smaller orchids, miniatures for the auction; however, miniatures are more expensive
 - Decision was made to have 50 plants at the April auction: 20 miniatures and 30 regular-sized
 - John already received some of the miniatures, and has repotted/mounted them all! They're off to a good start!
 - Members can feel free to donate orchid-related items for the auction—plants, books, etc.
 - Expenses per year are ~\$5,000; we either need to cut expenses, or increase income; speakers are one of our main expenses, as well as the Show
 - John pointed out that Pete O'Connell is a valuable member—he orders plants, is our auctioneer, does registration for the show, repotting clinic, and also the website! Pete recently moved to Florida; we'd like to get someone to sit with him at the Show to learn the registration
- Program Coordinator:
 - Wade Hollenbeck is scheduled for November; Krum is interested in speaking also
- Website Committee: Pete O'Connell and John Zygmunt
- Newsletter and Membership: Linda Mandeville
- Facebook: Ben Cabot and Marissa Cuthberson
- Library Committee: Jnx. The library "procedure" needs to be updated. Currently requires a "3-day notice" to check out a book. Should update to allow borrowing during meetings.

Old Business: None

Show Table:

- Members showed some of their flowering beauties.

Raffle and Refreshments:

- We then we broke for some delicious, light refreshments and conducted our member raffle. There were many wonderful items in the raffle this month; thanks to many of you members for so generously bringing in plants/items to raffle!

Show Discussion:

- Vendors: We now have two vendor confirmed: Wade and Kim Feddersen
- Advertising: everything moving along
- Judges are all set, as well as housing for vendors. We have 5 judges signed up; we need 2 clerks per judge, so members—please sign up for clerking!
- Storefront coordinator: John; pizza will be ordered for Friday night; Saturday is a judges breakfast (cannot feed everyone), so please eat breakfast before you come; Saturday lunch is Chicken BBQ from Phil's.
- Display Coordinator: Carol Bayles. If members wish to have their own display, please contact John Zygmunt; (members are encouraged to set up a display...only a few blooming orchids are needed!).
- Members should see Jane Trey to sign up for the member's table and for clerking.
- Show Set-up: Friday afternoon (4/27) at 3pm, but can usually get started earlier
- Art & Photo: Geof Gould coordinator

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Mandeville, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Jane Trey presented the treasurer's report, stating that we currently have an account balance of \$9,162.

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Reminder--Membership Dues

Just a reminder---there are a few members that have not yet paid their membership dues for 2018. Annual membership dues are \$20.00. If you have not turned in your membership for 2018, please take this opportunity to do so. January 1st was the due date and all dues are past due. If you have any question whether or not you've paid-up, please see either Linda Mandeville or Jane Trey. ****NOTE:** You'll need to have your dues paid-up in order to participate in the April Auction...

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April 15th Meeting—Orchid Auction and Pre-Show Meeting!!!

You won't want to miss our April 15th meeting - at 1:00!--it's our ****SPRING AUCTION****! Pete O'Connell and John Zygmunt have been working very hard to obtain some beautiful orchids—including **MINIATURES**—for our April auction! Peter ordered, and John has received and cared for, many of the miniatures. John has re-potted and/or mounted many of them to give them a good start! New this year, and thanks to the monumental efforts of both Peter and John, they have provided us, in advance, the listing of all the plants for auction, as well as photos of many of them. Please see the attached list of auction plants and photos! This will be a wonderful opportunity to obtain some flowering beauties -both large and small--for your collection!!

*NOTE: Orchids purchased at our auction on April 15th can be registered for judging at the Show (except for cultural awards). We encourage you to please bring your flowering orchids in for our STOS Orchid Display and also judging during the show!! You may go home with some ribbons!!

We will also spend time at the meeting to discuss the last-minute details for our Show, and then start in with the Auction. It is important that everyone assisting with the Show attend this meeting, as the Show is only a few weeks away! We'll need many helping hands for our Annual Show, so anyone who can pitch in, with even an hour or two of their time, would be greatly appreciated! No experience is necessary! Our April meeting will start at 1:00, to allow enough time for both a short meeting and then the auction... Please come and support your club! Peter and John have worked very hard to order the types of orchids that you've asked for, so please be sure to attend and lend your support and appreciation for all their hard work on our behalf!

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SOME USEFUL INFORMATION ON AN ORCHID SHOW

If this is your first attendance to an orchid show or you have attended a few of them but you have wondered how the different awards and ribbons are given to plants and exhibitions, the following summary will help you to understand the criteria for awards whether or not it is an American Orchid Society-(AOS) judged show.

In addition to the tasks listed here, many other jobs such as set-up, take-down, advertising or sitting at the information booth require the assistance of members. I hope this encourages you to become an active participant in the upcoming and future shows.

Luis J. Matienzo

RIBBON AND AOS JUDGING

Judges accredited by the American Orchid Society are invited to the Southern Tier Orchid Society (STOS) show to evaluate exhibits and individual plants. Using exhibits and plant classifications given in the STOS brochure, the judges decide on what ribbons and special awards will be made to the various exhibits and individual plants properly registered by the exhibitor.

At the discretion of the judges, plants of very high caliber may be selected for consideration of AOS awards. Plants designated for AOS awards will need to be photographed and registered with AOS. If an AOS-awarded plant is part of an exhibit, STOS will cover the cost of photographing the plant. The owner of the plant, however, must pay AOS for the award certificate fee.

WORKING GROUP PRIOR TO RIBBON JUDGING

CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRATION: Review and comparison of entries according to schedule classifications are made. Verification of information on entry list by the exhibitor is made. Exhibitor is ultimately responsible for the correct classification of an entry.

ENTRY REGISTRATION: Receipt of plant/exhibit entries from exhibitors. Proper entry number is included and added to other entries in the same class. Typically, two or more people share this task which consists of entries into a computerized data base.

WORKING GROUP DURING RIBBON JUDGING

TEAM LEADER (HEAD): Responsible for the efficient performance of the judging process. Records judges' decisions, awards, and leads judges to next class. This leader can be assisted by at least another person.

RIBBON ASSISTANT(S): Keeps (keep) ribbon supply, adds (add) class, entry number and date to awarded ribbon. Makes (make) sure that ribbons are signed and placed on awarded plants.

SPOTTER: Locates exhibits and plants to be judged in a particular class.

RIBBON JUDGING AWARDS

Blue ribbon: First place in a particular class

Red ribbon: Second place in a particular class

White ribbon: Third place in a particular class

Green ribbon: Honorable mention (*)

Note: In any class more than one plant may be given a blue, red or white ribbon

(*) Honorable mention ribbons are given to a plant or plants with uncommon features or not frequently seen at shows
In addition, STOS has some rosette awards described in the show schedule and brochure.

A DESCRIPTION OF AOS AWARDS

First Class Certificate (FCC): Awarded to an orchid species or hybrid which scores 90 points or more.

Award of Merit (AM): Awarded to an orchid species or hybrid which scores between 80 and 89 points.

Highly Commended Certificate (HCC): Awarded to an orchid species or hybrid which scores between 75 and 79 points.

Judges Commendation (JC): Awarded to flowers or plants, individually or in groups, which in the opinion of the judges, have specific values, but they are unable to score.

Award of Distinction (AD): Awarded once to a cross, exhibited individually or collectively, representing a worthy new direction in breeding.

Award of Quality (AQ): Awarded once to a cross, exhibited by a single individual as a group of not less than 12 different clones or the inflorescences thereof, of a raised species or hybrid when the result is a sufficient improvement over the former type. One or more cultivars exhibited must receive, or have received, a flower quality award.

Certificate of Cultural Merit (CCM): Awarded to the exhibitor of a specimen plant of robust health and appearance with an unusually large number of flowers. Must score at least 80 points and must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least six months immediately prior to the award.

Certificate of Horticultural Merit (CHM): Awarded to a cultivar of a well-grown and well-flowered species or natural hybrid outstanding esthetic appeal that contributes to the horticultural aspects of orchidology. Must score at least 80 points and the entire plant must be exhibited.

Certificate of Botanical Recognition (CBR): Awarded to a cultivar of a species or natural hybrid deemed worthy of recognition for rarity, novelty, and educational value. The entire plant must be exhibited and no award of any kind may have previously been made to the species as a taxon. No point score is used but the award shall be granted only by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the judging team assigned

SOME OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS

AOS SHOW TROPHY: This award is given to the best display in an orchid show and it may not be given every year is the judges do not have a worthy candidate exhibit

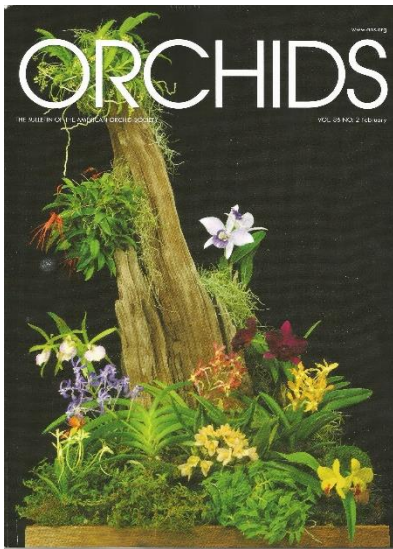
JIM KIE MEMORIAL AWARD: Given to the best non-greenhouse grown plant by an amateur.

You can set-up your individual exhibit or share one with another member



Luis and Paula Matienzo (STOS show 2005)

Or have your own exhibit with very few plants



Orchids Magazine (February 2017)



Upcoming Meetings

April 15 ~ Spring Auction!

April 28-29 ~ STOS Show! (set-up on 27th)

May 20 ~ Repotting Clinic

June-July ~ Summer break

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