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NEXT MEETINGS

October 16, 2:00** First United Methodist Church of Endicott (**Note: Board of Directors will meet at **1:30!**)

November 20, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott

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MARCH PROGRAM NOTE

Luis J. Matienzo, Ph.D. has been growing orchids for thirty-five years. He has visited natural habitats in North and South America with his wife Paula as a companion. These visits have allowed him to photograph and observe orchids *in-situ*. His collection contains mainly orchid species, miniatures and lady slippers which grow under lights. He has also presented several talks on orchids domestically and overseas. Luis is a former member of the Maryland Orchid Society, a co-founder of the Southern Tier Orchid Society, a member of the American Orchid Society, and a virtual member of the Peruvian Orchid Club.

In his professional career, Luis holds degrees in chemical engineering and chemistry and he has worked for several research centers and corporate organizations. In addition, he has served as a visiting professor at several domestic and foreign universities.

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

A very big "Thank you" to Pete O'Connell, Luis Matienzo, our vendors who donated plants, and everyone who worked on our auction! As always, we had a wonderful selection of plants to choose from, with many being in bud or bloom.

Congratulations to STOS members whose plants were awarded ribbons and to Pete O'Connell who received a trophy for his beautiful masdevallia in the CYNOS show in Syracuse. Our club display took second place, thanks to the artistry of Pete O'Connell and Gary Stensland. We appreciate so much those who contributed plants and to Paula and Luis Matienzo who went to Syracuse to tear down and bring back all of our plants.

This month, we will need several volunteers to serve as the nominating committee to propose a slate of officers next month for 2012. Please consider doing this - it is very easy job to do and yet very important.

We would like to have a very brief executive board meeting, just ahead of our regular meeting so I would ask officers to be available to meet at 1:30 pm.

See you at the meeting!

Anne

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Minutes for September 18, 2011

The meeting of the STOS was called to order, informally, at 2:20PM. Because the primary purpose of this meeting was our annual orchid auction, the minutes will be brief:

Peter O'Connell, our Treasurer, gave a financial report that encompassed May 1st to September 1st. Our STOS experienced a loss for the first time. Expenses for monthly rental space and orchids and shipping (for the auction) increased exponentially, to name a few of the reasons for the loss.

Questions were asked with regard to the IRS and our "Not for Profit" status. Several phone calls were made in this regard and we continue to await clarification.

Anne Tinker, our President, noted that we have dates for the 2012 Southern Tier Orchid Society Annual Show at the Oakdale Mall. The dates are April 20, 21 and 22 in 2012. All judges from the past accepted an invitation to return, along with our past years' vendors. More information will follow AFTER the holidays.

Several speakers are lined up for future meetings and next month we will be looking for volunteers to organize the holiday party in December.

Luis Matienzo asked our members to try to attend the Syracuse (CNYOS) Show the first weekend in October: October 1st and 2nd. We are looking to represent our STOS by setting up an exhibit to represent us. We need members to collect their flowering plants to display. Please offer your time for

41	Lyc Gamora Ablaze	Great plant. Reds?	\$21
70	Paph. Love Potion x Nulight	New unregistered hybrid. Chance of awards	\$18
83	Lyc Kurt Servos	Nice plant. Greenish with white petals.	\$21
100	Paph. Nulight x gatrixianum	Unusual cross of a complex and a species lady slipper/ Bronze/dark brown and white colors. Chance for awards	\$18
103	Paph. Happy Hill x Hampshire Hill	Expect dark red on white flowers	\$18
109	Paph. Baute x Honey Plume	Complex with yellow sunset tones	\$18
115	Paph. Hanes Bells x Northern Cascades	Expect light yellow on white. Big flowers	\$18
117	Paph. Chunky mamma	Maudiae vini-type. Reds and contrasting white	\$18
126	Paph Tom Fujiwara	Bright Pink. Multiflowered. Not in bud	\$28
130	Lyc macrophylla	Many white to pink flowers form base of plant. Fragrant	\$20
133	Paph Cheryl Ann Boyde	Dark red/purple Churchill complex	\$28
14	Anthurium schlechterianum	Accompanying plant for orchids. Long lasting red bracts	\$22
40	Dtps. Sin Yuan Golden Beauty	Multifloral plant with yellow flowers and reddish center	\$18
56	Masd herraduræ	Star-shaped flowers in leaves. Temperature tolerant – warm.	\$22
64	Anthurium sp.	Extremely unusual bracts of pink with a greenish background cast	\$22
66	Den hodgkinsonii	Green with purple striped lip.	\$22
79	Dendrochilum sp.	Beautiful species with may spikes and diminutive flowers. In flower, fragrant	\$27
84	Lc Angel Heart Hihimanu AM/AOS	Great shape round lavender.	\$22
88	Phal. Little Sunny	Compact light pink multifloral/multi spike phal	\$18
91	Stenorchis aureo-fulva	Beautiful compact South American species with bright orange flowers. In spike	\$22

106	Phal. Katheleens's UFO	Soft pinks with spots on white. In flower	\$21
125	Slc Fire Magic 'Solar Flare'	Excellent yellows with red overlay and flares. Red lip.	\$16
136	Lc	Well shaped pinks with purple lip. In bud	\$16
144	Lctna Happy Face 'HR'	Lavender with purple lip and flare. Easy. 2x per year.	\$16

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AN EXPLORATION OF ORCHIDS

The distribution of orchids is quite extensive and varies throughout the world; however, little is known of those orchids that are not frequently seen because they may not have immediate commercial value. Orchids as plants are easily recognized by some specific characteristics, but some exceptions to these rules exist. Orchid fascination is not a new phenomenon and many legends and folk tales are known from different parts of the world. As the knowledge of nature developed through the centuries, classification methods for living organisms have also evolved from cumbersome formats to more accurate descriptions. These approaches are illustrated with some time-lines along with the use of current schemes to name and classify plants. This presentation will also try to explain why certain types of orchids exist in some areas of the world and the environmental factors leading to these results. Because many hybrids and species are known in our current population of orchids, examples of hybridization will also be presented to provide the audience with a flavor of time required for hybrid production. Finally, a series of orchid habitats, lesser known orchid species, and the future of orchids and orchid collecting will close this discussion.

Luis Matienzo

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STOS PRESENCE AT THE 2011 CNYOS SHOW AND EXHIBITION

Our club proudly exhibited plants at the 2011 Central New York Orchid Society Club show. Our thanks go to Pat LaPierre, Bob Rudin, Linda Mandeville, Pete O'Connell, Linn Layman, and Paula and Luis Matienzo for providing plants which were masterly arranged by Gary Stensland and Pete O'Connell. Our display received a second place ribbon among the various exhibits that competed for the awards.

In addition to the display, several of our members obtained some ribbons and special awards: Linda Mandeville received two first places for plants in the cattleya alliance and a second place for a plant from the oncidium alliance. Luis and Paula Matienzo received first and second place ribbons for vinicolor paphiopedilums and Pete O'Connell received the Clifford Rossler Memorial Trophy as a second best for a pleurothallid grown by an amateur. Pete's plant was masdevallia Tortoise. In the art and photography competition, Kenneth Hull received a first, second and third place for his in-situ photographs of some wild orchids of New York State.

An image of the STOS display at this recent show is shown below:



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Upcoming Meetings

October 16 ~ Luis Matienzo - An Exploration of Orchids

November 20 ~ Glen Decker from Piping Rock Orchids

December 18 ~ Annual Holiday Party

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

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Refreshment Volunteers

More than one person may sign up for an individual meeting so that the cost and work can be shared among members. Please note that volunteers are still needed for several upcoming meetings, so be sure to sign up if you haven't already. Just let Anne Tinker know if you can help. Her contact info is on the front page.

Current refreshments list includes:

October 16 ~ We Need Your Help!

November 20 ~ We Need Your Help!

December 18 ~ Everyone!!!!