



# Southern Tier Orchid Society

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**President's Message**

After some traveling that has made me enjoy two different spring seasons this year and given me a taste of early snow recently in Seattle, I am back in our region to face some more cold weather and snow for the next few months. However, I am always hopeful that some interesting and intriguing plants will brighten up the days of winter. As a matter of fact, a number of complex paphiopedilums and some species from the southern hemisphere are trying to do so right now in my growing area. As always, I will try to bring these to our show table so you can see them.

This year STOS has been successful in organizing a fantastic show, it has featured a list of well known speakers, produced a dynamic website and has increased its membership. As this year ends, we are planning to have another successful year but this can only be accomplished by having your help and cooperation. Since our organization is based on volunteer help, we rely on you and I should remind you that dues for 2007 will be collected very soon. If you enjoy the activities we have managed to bring to you, please help us to keep the quality of work we have achieved.

Our next meeting on **December 17, 2006 at 2 p.m.** will be held at the Vestal Public Library. As in previous years this is our **Holiday Party** and we ask you to bring your spouse or other persons dear to you. Again, we ask you that you bring a dish to share and a serving spoon. If this party has the markings of previous ones, there will be plenty to eat and good conversation to enjoy. In order to decorate the tables, we request that you bring plants you have in flower and if you want to help with table set up, please come to the meeting room by **1:15 p.m.** since there will be plenty to do.

As a preview of our January 2007 meeting, STOS is pleased to announce Tom Daily of CNYOS who will

present a program titled IPM for Orchids: Integrated Pest Management for Orchids. Further details will follow in the January 2007 newsletter.

Enjoy the holidays and happy growing.

Luis J. Matienzo, President

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## November Meeting Minutes

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of New York Minutes  
November 19, 2006

Meeting was opened by President Luis Matienzo.

Treasurer, Peter O'Connell gave his report.

Anyone interested in helping with the newsletter, please contact Roxanne Shank. Everyone is welcome to share an experience about orchids to be included in the newsletter. Also anyone who has a question on the correct name of their orchid, contact Iris Cohen, [iriscohen@aol.com](mailto:iriscohen@aol.com).

Show Chair. Paula Matienzo gave her report on the 2007 Show. Also asking to find a new Show Chair for 2008.

Reminder: The STOS Holiday Party is December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Vestal Public Library. Please bring a dish to pass with serving utensil if needed and an orchid plant to decorate the tables.

Once again the Shafer's Charter & Tours will have a trip to New York City during the New York City Orchid Show. It will be on April 20, 2007 and will be \$45/person. More details contact Shafer's Charter &

Tours at [www.shaferbus.com](http://www.shaferbus.com), 1-800-287-8986, or 797-2006.

We need programs for February, March and October 2007. If you can do one or have ideas, please contact John Zygmunt.

Dave Clemens gave the nominating report: Luis Matienzo nominated for President, Anne Tinker nominated for Vice President, Peter O'Connell nominated for Treasurer, Gen Downs nominated for Secretary and Pat Bonamo for Board Member. Election will be held December 17<sup>th</sup> during the meeting/holiday party.

We broke for refreshments, raffle and shopping.

A very full show table was discussed.

Paul Sheetz of Just Pat's Orchids gave an interesting slide show on Paph. rothschildianum crossed with other Paph. species. Sometimes it was a surprise how the hybrids turned out.

Meeting was adjourned.

LuAnn Myers, Secretary

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## Treasurer's Report

November 19, 2006

Current balances are as shown below. Total funds available are \$4310.49, plus CD of \$2000.

Income since the October meeting was \$261.00 from the Auction. I have also deposited the \$15 dues from the Sept meeting, as well as \$26 from the October raffle (using an auction plant).

Expenses were: Newsletter Printing of \$13.48, misc. newsletter expenses of \$3.24, and October's speaker's fee of \$250.00.

To date we have had income from the Auction of \$2969, and expenses of \$1579.40. We still have a lot of plants left and have sold some since October, which will be reported as the cash comes in. The remainder will be silent auctioned at the November meeting.

Peter O'Connell, Treasurer

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## November Show Table

Dave Clemens

C. Candy Tuft 'Fairy Floss' HCC/AOS  
Lyc. Elizabeth Powell  
Onc. *onustum*  
Gram. *scriptum* var. *citrunum*

Donna Coleman

Ornithophora *radicans*  
Brassophronitis Donald Prince  
Dendrochilum *glumaceum*  
Paph. Barbi-Doll  
Brassidium Nittany Gold 'Dr. John'  
AM/AOS  
Max. *praestans*

Gen Downs

Blc. Golden Tang  
B. *nodosa*

Dick Lambertson

Brassia *caudate alba*  
Lc. Chan Hsiu Jewel  
Bc. Moon Miss 'Lunar Dawn'

Luis Matienzo

Paph. *spicerianum*  
Phrag. Praying Mantis  
Dor. *pulcherrima* (*coerulea*) var. Kodama  
Otaara (Blc. Naples Gold x Ctna. Keith Roth)

Pete O'Connell

Onc. *splendedun*  
Slc. Bright Angel x Lc. Mini Purple  
C. *intermedia* 'Tropical' x C. *acalndiae*  
Brassia *arguigera*  
Tricopilia *marginata* x T. *suavis*  
Soph. *cernua*  
Ludisia *discolor*  
Pesc. *lehmanni*

Soini O'Connell

Paph. Depente

Bob Rudin

Lc. Frosty Pink

John Zygmunt

Platystele *ortizianna*

**Editor's Note:** I did the best I could deciphering everyone's handwriting. I don't pretend to be an orchid expert, so sometimes I had to guess as to proper spelling and/or whether plants were species or hybrids. To facilitate proper listing of your plants, please print clearly and be sure to use both upper and lower cases to distinguish between species and hybrids. Thanks! R.S.

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## *Dues Are Due!*

### December Meeting

Our December meeting, to be held this Sunday, December 17, is the annual holiday party. Additional information appears below.

The annual election of officers will also be conducted at this meeting.

Nominees are:

Luis Matienzo: President  
Anne Tinker: Vice President  
Peter O'Connell: Treasurer  
Pat Bonamo: Board Member.

Also, as per our bylaws, STOS dues are payable at the meeting in December. Delinquent memberships will have no vote in membership decisions. Memberships delinquent after May 1 will be dropped from the rolls, including newsletter and other mailings, until full annual membership is paid.

**Place:** Vestal Public Library

**Speaker:** Tom Daily

**Topic:** IPM for Orchids: Integrated Pest Management for Orchids.

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❧❧ **HOLIDAY PARTY** ❧❧  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.**

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We'd like to welcome everyone – members, friends, and their families – to our annual winter holiday get-together in our customary meeting room at the Vestal Public Library. On this festive occasion, we will furnish a meat and cheese platter, rolls, hot and cold beverages, and disposable table service (plates, cups, flatware, and napkins).

To round out the menu, all we ask is that you bring a dish of your own choosing to pass, whatever utensils may be needed to serve your dish and an orchid plant in flower to decorate the table. Even without coordinating who should bring what dish, our food table has been filled with quite an array of holiday fare, such as appetizers, main dishes, salads, casseroles, and desserts.

We hope that all of you will come on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> and celebrate the season with us. If you can't join us, we wish you very happy and safe holidays, and hope to see you in January.

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### **A Look at January's Meeting**

**Date:** January 21, 2007 – 2:00 p.m.

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### **Refreshment Volunteers**

Following is the current list of refreshment volunteers. We suggest a buddy system where more than one person may sign up for an individual meeting so that the cost and work can be shared among members.

December – Holiday Party. Everyone brings a dish to share.

January – Susan Gal

February – *open*

March – Martha Birch

April – *open*

Please sign up at the next meeting for the open slots in February and April and/or to assist those who've already signed up

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"Carlos Fighetti was elected president of the American Orchid Society at the organization's recent annual Members' Meeting in St. Louis.

Fighetti, who lives in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, is a retired senior research associate of the Engineering School at Columbia University in New York, where he was the director of a research laboratory working on the safety of power-generating nuclear reactors."

[http://www.palmbeachdailynews.com/comm/content/community/BriefOrchidNow\\_1204.html](http://www.palmbeachdailynews.com/comm/content/community/BriefOrchidNow_1204.html)

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