MARCH 2006

President’s Message

In spite of the cold weather, the last meeting and show table display were quite impressive. I was personally glad to see that many members, including some relatively new ones in the group, were able to bring so many dainty plants for all of us to share. I would encourage you to continue sharing your orchids in flower, both at monthly meetings and at our upcoming annual show the last weekend in April. We hope for exhibits that will be abundant with flowering plants so that our visitors will have plenty to see, enjoy and photograph.

The show committee has been working very diligently in coordinating all of the preparations to make this year’s show one to remember. The participation of a few more members in various activities is still requested. It is not too late to volunteer and I encourage you to see either Paula Matienzo or Bob Rudin to lend your assistance.

The website committee is working on a new and more flexible site. You will receive information on how to access it soon so we can all of us share and keep informed about future, present and past events of interest.

In an effort to continue offering exciting programs of a varied nature, the club is proud to present at this month’s meeting Dr. William Mathis of the Wild Orchid Company who will discuss orchids that can be cultivated in outdoor gardens as well as containers. I hope that all of you can attend this presentation.

Luis J. Matienzo, STOS President
February Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 19, 2006

Meeting was opened by President Luis Matienzo.

Secretary LuAnn Myers read the January minutes.


A motion was made to pass the proposed budget. It was seconded and carried.

A motion was made to confirm changing of checking account from interest bearing at 0.1% to totally free, with no interest. (Last year this account paid a total of $.61 in interest and we were charged $36.00 in fees.) It was seconded and carried.

A motion was made to close the Money Market account.

A motion was made to open a one year CD for not less than 3% APR for an amount of $2,000 from the Money Market funds. It was seconded and carried.

A motion was made to have two officers on the checking account, treasurer and president, either of whom is authorized to sign checks and perform other account functions. It was seconded and carried.

A motion was made to purchase a laptop computer, case and software for an amount which will not exceed $1,200.00 with the money coming from the Money Market funds. It was seconded and carried.

It was discussed that a receipt will be needed for any bill that is to be paid.

A discussion followed that in the future we will be purchasing a Power Point projector.

It was discussed that the library list needs to be updated and that we need a volunteer to be the librarian.

Reminder: April’s meeting will be on April 9th, which is the second Sunday.

A Shafer Bus Tours trip to the Greater New York Orchid Society’s International Orchid Show will be on April 21st. Cost will be $40.00 for the bus and $5.00 for the show.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the refreshments, please let Roxanne Shank know so that it can be posted in the newsletter.

We broke for refreshments and the raffle.

Show table was discussed.

Ray Barkalow of First Rays Orchids (www.firstrays.com) gave an interesting presentation on growing orchids using Semi-Hydroponics. Many members will be trying it.

Meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, LuAnn Myers

STOS Treasurer’s Report

March 19, 2006
By: Peter O’Connell

Current balances are as shown below. Total funds available are $4,760.14.

Income: $108.00 (dues, raffle, and money market interest)
Expenses: $371.46 (speaker’s fees, refreshments, website registration, computer memory, and orchid show management program)

Regarding the motions accepted last month:

Open a one-year CD for not less than 3% APR for an amount of $2000 from Money Market funds. This has not been completed due to change in Mall leadership and my needed assurance that the $2,000 would be coming in for the show. Now confirmed, so will purchase this month. Rates have gone to 4.5% +- so should be better.

Close Money Market account. Tied with above.

Have two officers on the account, Treasurer and President, either of which is authorizes to sign checks and perform other account functions. President is now an official signatory.

Purchase a laptop computer, case, and software for an amount of not to exceed $1200. Funds to be taken from reserve. Purchased a Dell computer and printer and cable for $702.39 (802.39 minus mail in rebate). Computer is here as of meeting. Purchased MS Office, Student and Teacher edition (includes PowerPoint) for $161.95. Total spent of the $1,200 was $864.34 (after rebate).

February Show Table

We’ve been most fortunate to have Iris Cohen of the CNYOS offer to review, update and correct the names of the orchids on our show table according to current taxonomic nomenclature.

If you display a plant at one of our meetings, please check the following newsletter and note especially all names and abbreviations in boldface, and correct or complete your records, including parentage and new registrations. Members are encouraged to put the parentage & registered names on their label & the show table report, so they don't have to be looked up again.

Additional notes provided by Iris on plants marked with an asterisk follow the listing.

Many thanks to Iris for providing this valuable service.

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Cypripedium Alliance

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Oncidium Alliance

*Onc. Twinkle (cheirophorum x ornithorhynchum) Coleman
Incdm. Misty (Inps. utricularioides x Onc. flexuosum) "
Hwra. Lava Burst (Mini Primi x Rdza. lanceolata) Shank

Trichocentrum (Trt.) splendidum O’Connell

Pleurothallid Alliance

Masd. Shinichi Komoda (Copper Angel x tonduzii) O’Connell

Dendrobium Alliance

*Den. “Mini Nagasaka” Coleman
Den. Nora Tokunaga (atroviolaceum x rhodostictum) "
Den. lichenastrum Matienzo
Den. Maiden Charlotte (rhodostictum x aberrans) "
Den. atroviolaceum O’Connell

Miscellaneous

Max. variabilis Coleman
Mlca. ringens "
Zspm. labiosum Matienzo
Max. variabilis "
Max. variabilis Myers
Cym. (?) San Francisco (Blue Smoke x Balkis) O’Connell
Aërgs. citrata "
Ludisia discolor "

* This is not a registered grex so far. It is an unregistered trade name.

Where there are question marks, I gave it my best guess. There is no such thing as Angcm. San Francisco or Paph mousetianum, as far as I could find.

Iris Cohen

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Abbreviations

If you’re confused by the many different (and often changing) abbreviations used in orchid identification, you’re not alone.

Anyone interested in finding out about the accepted abbreviations for intergeneric hybrids should have a look at:
http://www.aos.org/aos/orchids/documents/RHSIntergenericHybridsNov05.xls

There is also a list of abbreviations available for natural genera at:
http://www.aos.org/aos/orchids/documents/RHSNaturalGeneraNov05.xls

Our Annual Show is Coming Up
And We Need Your Help!

Thanks to those of you who signed up during the February meeting to help at the show. We are still in need of even more help, especially in the areas of setup, clerking at judging, hospitality, and teardown. We’re hoping that the following schedule and description of these tasks will help you to decide with which ones you’d like to help.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 – 2 P.M.: (1) SETUP and skirting of tables for orchid exhibits and sales tables and panels for art and photography exhibit. (2) Arrangement of our club’s exhibit in the Center Court. STOS will provide a light meal to show workers helping out on Thursday evening.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 – 9:30 A.M.: JUDGING: Clerks needed to assist with judging are asked to report to the storefront which Oakdale Mall makes available (to be announced later), where the Head Judge will make assignments of judging teams. Judging then begins at 10:30. Those who partici-
pate as judging clerks and show workers on this day are invited to attend the luncheon served at noon. So we need to know how many of you will be there.

THE SHOW WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DURING THESE HOURS:

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 – 4-9 P.M.
SATURDAY, APRIL 29 – 10 A.M.-9 P.M.
SUNDAY, APRIL 30 – 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

HOSPITALITY TABLE volunteers are needed in 2-hour shifts on these days to talk with visitors, sell raffle tickets, and answer questions. To offer your help, please contact Bob Rudin at (607)-748-6036.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 – 4 P.M. Raffle drawing. 5 P.M. TEARDOWN – All exhibits are taken down, tables and chairs folded, and Center Court area cleaned. To finish up here, we really need your help!

We’ll be asking you to sign up at the meeting on Sunday, March 19. If you are unable to attend this meeting or have any questions, please feel to contact Paula Matienzo by e-mail, pmatienzo@stny.rr.com or at her home phone: (607)-754-5702.

So please help us!

Would Anyone Be Interested In Hosting One of Our Vendors?

We have received a request from Joe Kunisch, owner of Bloomfield Orchids, for someone to host him from Thursday through Sunday. Bloomfield Orchids, specializing in paphiopedilums and phragmipediums, will be selling orchids at our show for the first time, and we’d like to welcome Joe to our already fine lineup of vendors.

If you are interested in providing hospitality to Joe, would you please see Paula Matienzo at the meeting on March 19, e-mail her – pmatienzo@stny.rr.com – or call her at home at (607)-754-5702. Thanks.

March Meeting

Date: March 19, 2006 - 2:00 p.m.
Place: Vestal Public Library
Speaker: Dr. William Mathis

Dr. William Mathis of The Wild Orchid Company (http://www.wildorchidcompany.com/) will give a presentation entitled “The Best Kept Secret in the Gardening World: Hardy Perennial Orchids.”

April Meeting

Date: April 9, 2006
Please note that the April meeting will be held on the second Sunday in April rather than the third.

This meeting will focus on planning for our annual Orchid Show to be held April 28th through the 30th, with show setup on Thursday, April 27th. Please be sure to attend this very important meeting and to volunteer to help with the show.

Refreshment Volunteers

Following is the current list of 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.

March – Roxanne Shank
April – the O’Connells & L. Richards
May – volunteers needed
September – volunteers needed
October – Pat Cotter & Donna Coleman

Please sign up at the next meeting for the open slots and/or to assist those who’ve already signed up.

GNYOS Show Bus Trip

Friday, April 21, 2006 * $40 per person

Arrive at Rockefeller Plaza, home of the 23rd Greater New York Orchid Society’s International Orchid Show. Thousands of vivid and exotic orchids will be on view under a tent floating over the Rockefeller Center Rink! There are workshops and walking tours. Before you leave, stop by the Show Boutique and pick up an orchid from one of many vendors.

Package includes round trip transportation, snacks, refreshments, taxes and gratuities. It does not include the entrance fee to the show (approximately $5.00).

To reserve a seat on the bus contact Shafer’s by phone (607-797-2006 or toll-free 800-287-8986) or register on their website, www.shaferbus.com.

Items of Interest

New York Botanical Garden

The Orchid Show
February 25 to April 2, 2006
An Exhibition in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory:
http://www.nybg.org/orchid_show06.php

A wintertime escape to exotic and balmy locales is closer than you think. Visit The Orchid Show at The New York Botanical Garden and you’ll swear you’ve been transported to a lush Palm Beach estate or into the depths of the rain forest.

The 2006 show brings new features and an extra week to revel in the fascinating world of orchids. More than 8,000 orchid plants in hundreds of varieties fill expertly designed formal displays, dramatic settings, and naturalistic habitats. Explore an enchanting orchid garden whose beds and bowers overflow with bold colors and intriguing shapes. Experience a rainbow of orchids: vivid blue vandas; maroon paphiopedilums; yellow phalaenopsis; green and gold cymbidiums; deep pink miltoniopsis; and so many more. Marvel at a "fountain" of orchids tumbling into a pool, and stroll through a tropical rain forest to see them clinging to branches and twining around tree trunks.

Genessee Region Orchid Show

GROS annual show will be held March 24, 25 and 26 in Rochester, NY.

Capital District Flower and Garden Show

NENYOS will be participating in this event held at the Hudson Valley Community College March 24, 25 and 26.
Delaware Valley Orchid Council Speakers’ Forum

The 18th Annual Delaware Valley Orchid Council Speakers’ Forum will be held on April 1, 2006 in Mt. Laurel, NJ.

The forum will feature three speakers, as well as panel discussions, a continental breakfast, hot buffet lunch, plant raffle and vendors of quality orchid plants.

The fee for the event is $35 per person with advance registration required. Contact Lois Duffin, 7411 Boyer St., Philadelphia, PA 19119.

Central Pennsylvania Orchid Society Show

CPOS will be holding their annual show on May 5 & 6, 2006 at the Agricultural Arena, diagonally across the intersection from Beaver Stadium on the Penn State campus in State College, PA. (Ed. note: This is about a 3 hour drive from the Southern Tier.)

Longwood Gardens Celebrating Its Centennial

May 12-14, orchid vendors from throughout the United States and South America will arrive at Longwood for a judged orchid show and symposium. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society will kick off the event by unveiling a ruffled flower with a light fragrance and a yellow center - a new strain of cattleya orchid the society bred itself and will dub the "Alice B. du Pont," after Longwood's first lady.

In conjunction with the orchid symposium, visitors to the gardens April 22- May 21 can view paintings and charcoal sketches of the flower in the "Orchids in Contemporary Art" exhibit. 

Source:

One of My Favorite Orchid Species

Angraecum leonis (Rchb.f.)

Distribution: Grand Comore island and Madagascar

Flowering season: Late fall to winter

Requirements: Reliable plant, grown in coarse and moisture-retentive medium

Comments: Lovely compact plant with fragrant and waxy flowers. Each flowering stalk can contain up to four flowers. Plant can be grown under lights or a windowsill.

Luis J. Matienzo
SOUTHERN TIER
ORCHID SOCIETY
PRESENTS

Orchid Show
2006

Friday, April 28, 4pm to 9pm
Saturday, April 29, 10am to 9pm
Sunday, April 30, 11am to 5pm

at
The Oakdale Mall
JOHNSON CITY, NY

EXHIBITS/PLANT SALES/ADVICE
PLEASE PRINT OR COPY THE ATTACHED SHOW FLYER AND POST IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

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2006 Membership

Starting at the January 15, 2006 meeting, your STOS membership is up for renewal. The dues are $15 per household, for which we ask you to complete the following form to update our membership and mailing lists for the newsletter. Please bring this form and your payment (either cash or check made payable to: Southern Tier Orchid Society) with you to the meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please send the form and your payment to:

Anne Tinker
163 Crary Avenue
Binghamton, NY 13905

Name:___________________________________________________________
Address:________________________________________________________________
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Telephone:______________________________________________________________
E-mail address:___________________________________________________________
I would like to receive the newsletter (please check one): by mail ____________
by e-mail____________

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CALL FOR ENTRIES

Southern Tier Orchid Society – 2006 Orchid Art Show

What: Original art portraying orchids
Where: Center Court, the Oakdale Mall, Johnson City, NY
When: April 28, 28, and 30

Works will be judged and ribbons awarded in three categories:
  Painting & Drawing – Photography – Sculpture and Other media
A set of ribbons also has been reserved for K-12 student artist works.

Paintings, drawings, flat multi-media works, and photographs must be
framed with wire attached for hanging. Other items must be able to be
placed on tables. You may offer items for sale or not, as you wish. A name
tag will be typed from your entry form for each work and will include your
sale price or NFS (not for sale). The price of items must include 8% NY
State sales tax for which you are responsible. Purchasers should make out
checks to STOS who will pay artists directly after taking 20% commission.
PLEAS EPlete and return this form by April 20 to Geoffrey Gould at
500 Magnolia Drive, Vestal, NY 13850. Address questions to:
  ggould@binghamton.edu or call 607/757-0499. Thanks for your interest.

Artist’s
Name_____________________________________Phone:_______________________

Address________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________E-Mail:______________________

K-12 Student artists, please list your teacher’s name, school and phone number:

_______________________________________________________________________

Art Works:    Title      Category        Size (outer dimensions)         Price/NFS

1. ______________________________________________________________________

2. ______________________________________________________________________

3. ______________________________________________________________________

(Please list additional art works to be entered on the reverse side)