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NEXT MEETINGS

October 19, 2008 ~ 2:00 pm Vestal Library
November 16, 2008 ~ 2:00 pm Vestal Library

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Please Note:

To prevent spam for our volunteers listed in the left column, we are now eliminating the at and dot symbols from our listed email addresses. Please remove the extra spaces and insert the correct symbol when you email one of us.

Our newsletters are posted on our website and software has been designed for spammers to harvest email addresses that are posted on the internet as ours are. Thank you for your understanding with this.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Contributions, including pictures, to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed. Contributions must be submitted by the 25th day of each month to the editor.

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Massachusetts, from Messrs. Loddiges of Hackney, near London, through his brother, Mr. James Boott, then residing in England. These first orchids were grown in a small greenhouse in the yard of Mr. Boott's house, Bowdoin Square, Boston, the site being later occupied by the Revere House." Ref.: American orchid Society Bulletin, Vol. 17, September, 1948, No. 9; Beginners' Corner, Synopsis of Orchid Culture, p. 531.

Orchids mean beauty!

Orchids mean beauty to most of us and to some of us, the unusual and bazaar also have appeal. Most of us who love orchids also appreciate plants and flowers of all kinds. The grounds of the AOS are proof as more and more plants, flowers and orchids have taken root there with plans for more to come. We are fortunate to have seen the home of the AOS a couple of times in the past, but photos do recall the beauty for us. We had already seen the virtual tour of the gardens at the AOS, but not the greenhouse. When wandering around on the AOS Website, a virtual tour of the AOS display greenhouse was discovered.

More touring at the AOS Website:

The greenhouse tour is made up of some very nice photos of orchids and other plants on display at the AOS. You can get there by clicking on this link: <http://www.webbuild.net/greenhouse/Home.htm>, prepared by Alan L. Kaitz, MD, AOS Volunteer, with the assistance of Nick Ewy, Director of Botanical Garden and Greenhouses. The tour includes photos of multiple walls and backdrops where wonderful plants and materials are displayed. Then the orchids that reside in the greenhouse can be viewed as photos by each month of their bloom season. You will enjoy it!

Previously, the link was given for the virtual tour of the gardens at the AOS, but if you didn't go there then, be sure to try again now because it is really worthwhile. It is located at: <http://www.webbuild.net/AOSgarden/>, also prepared by Alan L. Kaitz, MD, AOS Volunteer, with the assistance of Nick Ewy, Director of Botanical Garden and Greenhouses and Pat Jennings, Head Gardener.

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STOS Auction A Great Success

Thanks to all who helped make our Annual Orchid Auction a great success. There was heated battle for several of the plants, especially divisions of awarded Paphs from Klehm and the Masdevallias and other small growing species. The feedback from bidders was that they were very pleased with the variety and quality of the plants.

Thanks to Luis who was a great help as usual with the plants, Pat and Pat who kept track of the purchases and (for the first time in recorded history) were so accurate that the proceeds actually matched the records that they kept through the afternoon! No small task. And thanks to the members of the Auction Committee for the help and guidance.

We actually netted \$500 more than we budgeted by selling \$1000 more than last year and than we had budgeted. Thanks to our suppliers; Klehm Growers, Hoosier (now out of business) and H&R. Also to all who donated plants, including Black Meadow, Just Pat, Ken and Colin.

Thanks to all the bidders. We know you will enjoy these great plants and expect to see many of them on the display table at meetings and in shows.

Pete O'Connell
Auction Chair

