



# Southern Tier Orchid Society

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Contributions to the STOS newsletter from members are welcomed. Contributions must be submitted by the first day of each month. If you have difficulties with the electronic format of this newsletter, please contact the webmaster at: [info@storchidsociety.com](mailto:info@storchidsociety.com)

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This lovely *Aerangis rhodosticta* belongs to Pat LaPierre and was displayed at our November meeting and in our December newsletter. If you have orchids that you would like to have featured in our newsletter, please submit your pictures to Dee Janis at ([deejanis@yahoo.com](mailto:deejanis@yahoo.com)) and we will try and fit them all in.

We'd like to see your plant here in the future!

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year to all! This year's activities begin with a brief business meeting to elect officers and a new executive board member, followed by the belated holiday party. We hope that you and your loved ones will be attending the celebration, which we had to cancel last month because of bad weather. You'll find more details on this party in the ensuing newsletter. Right before this party, STOS's executive board will meet to discuss some issues concerning the club's 2008 budget.

We'd like to remind you that the start of the new year marks the beginning of a new membership year as well, and we will begin collecting dues and forms for renewal at this meeting. To assist us in updating any relevant personal information (such as new phone numbers, home addresses, and/or e-mail addresses), we are including the membership form in this newsletter. Your contact information enables us to send you the STOS newsletter regularly, as well as to notify you of emergency situations, such as the cancellation of December's meeting and party.

We look forward to having you become more involved in STOS's activities and join forces with the dedicated core group of volunteers who have made these activities possible. Only with your help can the events which so many seem to enjoy – the auction in September, our informative programs throughout the year, and our very beautiful annual show in April – continue successfully. For this reason, I urge you to join one of our various standing committees and participate actively, especially as a helper in our yearly show, for which we are already planning. Any of your STOS officers or chairs would be willing to answer your questions and would welcome your assistance.

Here's hoping that all of you had a festive holiday season and that we'll see you soon at our post-holiday celebration.

Luis

## **NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE FOR 2008**

President: Luis Matienzo  
Treasurer: Peter O'Connell

Vice-President: Anne Tinker  
Secretary: Sharon Voorhees  
Executive Board Member (for 2008): Bob Rudin

Anyone else interested in running for office should contact Dave Clemens and ask to have his/her name submitted for nomination at the meeting on Sunday, January 20.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, January 20** – January Celebration

**January 23-27, 2008** - 19th WOC, Sheraton Miami Mart Hotel, Exhibition Center, Miami, FL. For information: (786) 621-9962; woc19@aol.com; www.19woc.com.

**April 24-27-2007** – STOS Annual Show and Exhibition, Center Court, Oakdale Mall, Johnson City, NY

**A JANUARY CELEBRATION**  
**DATE: Sunday January 20, 2008**  
**PLACE: Meeting Room, Vestal Public Library**  
**TIME: 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M**

Please join us to celebrate the winter season and bring your spouses, significant others, and other family members to this enjoyable gathering. A short business meeting to elect STOS officers for 2008 will precede our chance to socialize and enjoy the celebration spread.

The belated holiday party relies on the active participation of its members, and we ask you to bring a dish of your choice to share and the utensil needed to serve whatever you decide to prepare. We, in turn, will provide plates, cups, napkins, flatware, and beverages.

Because we need some help in organizing the tables and the goodies, we ask some of you to come earlier (1:15 P.M.) to help with the set up. We would also appreciate your bringing your lovely flowering plants, which will serve as table decorations on this festive occasion.

We'd also appreciate your help with cleanup afterwards.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our party!

**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.

Current refreshments list includes:

January – Winter Celebration	July – Informal Meeting – details to be announced
February – Open	August – Open
March – Open	September – Open
April – Julia Whitehouse	October – Open
May – Donna Coleman, Pat Cotter and Monica Kot	November – Open
June – No Meeting	December – Holiday Party



We're trying a new feature - orchid articles in the news! If you find any articles that might be of interest, please forward them on to the newsletter editor (deejanis@yahoo.com) and we can post them here.

Also, if you have a favorite website having to do with our favorite flowers, please send me that also and we will keep an ongoing list that will be periodically posted.

**Second rare orchid found in the WCape**

The discovery of a second rare and endangered orchid in the Western Cape in the space of a week is proof that the....  
[http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set\\_id=1&click\\_id=13&art\\_id=vn20071116034336811C678331](http://www.iol.co.za/index.php?set_id=1&click_id=13&art_id=vn20071116034336811C678331)

**Rare orchid found on spoil heap**

Rare orchids found growing on a spoil tip next to an old coal mine could represent "evolution in progress", according to experts.  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/scotland/tayside\\_and\\_central/7081306.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/tayside_and_central/7081306.stm)

**After wildlife, orchid smuggling**

A three-million-year-old fossilised bee found in the Dominican Republic with orchid deposits on its back was all that scientists needed  
[http://www.telegraphindia.com/1071109/asp/northeast/story\\_8526453.asp](http://www.telegraphindia.com/1071109/asp/northeast/story_8526453.asp)

**SOUTHERN TIER ORCHID SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW  
CENTER COURT, OAKDALE MALL  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24 - SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

The annual show, S.T.O.S.'s biggest event of the year, is rapidly approaching, and we need the help of all of our members to make the show as successful as those in the past.

Our show committee welcomes new members, even those who may not be sure how they might provide assistance with show planning and/or with tasks as the show is in progress. If you would like to receive announcements of our committee meetings, please give me a call at (607)-754-5702 or e-mail me: [pmatienzo@stny.rr.com](mailto:pmatienzo@stny.rr.com).

The following schedule and list, I hope, will be helpful to you in deciding how you may lend a hand:

**THURSDAY, April 24 – SETUP DAY**

- Plant registration in storefront (morning)
- Vendor and exhibit tables (afternoon) – skirting and covering
- STOS exhibit – plants and people needed (afternoon & evening)
- Registration of plants on computers (all day)
- Light evening meal for show workers

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25 – JUDGING**

- Clerks for ribbon judging (morning)
- Setup of luncheon for judges, clerks, and other show workers (morning) and cleanup (afternoon)
- Retrieving plants from exhibits for AOS judging (afternoon)

**SHOW OPENS TO THE PUBLIC AT 4 P. M. ON FRIDAY:  
PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP AT THE INFORMATION TABLE!**

A schedule for volunteers at our Information Table from 4:00 p.m. until closing on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. will be prepared for sign-up at meetings before the show. Helpers are needed in 2-hour shifts in Center Court to welcome visitors, sell raffle tickets, accept memberships, and distribute our information sheets. When you come to see the show, we'd greatly appreciate your signing up for a slot here.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27 – THE LAST DAY AND RAFFLE AT 4 P.M.**

- Teardown and cleanup of storefront (all day)
- Teardown and cleanup in Center Court at 5 P.M.

We're counting on you to make this another spectacular event. Please see me at the meeting or contact me to let me know where you'd like to help. Thanks!

Paula Matienzo, 2008 Show Chair

## STOS MEMBERSHIP

STOS annual memberships are \$15 per individual or household, for which we ask you to complete the following form to update our membership and mailing lists for the newsletter. Payments are accepted in cash at the meeting or by check or money order, made payable to **Southern Tier Orchid Society**. Please send this form and your payment to:

Pete O'Connell, STOS Treasurer    or  
3718 West Road  
Cortland, NY 13045

Dee Janis, STOS Newsletter Editor  
2 Spurr Avenue  
Binghamton, NY 13903

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM A NEW MEMBER (PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW).

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP AND MY CONTACT INFORMATION IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S.

\_\_\_\_\_ I AM RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP AND AM UPDATING MY CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.

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\_\_\_\_\_

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**I would like to receive the newsletter (please check one):**

By mail \_\_\_\_\_

By e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** This form can also be found on our website ([www.storchidsociety.com](http://www.storchidsociety.com))

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