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NEXT MEETINGS

September 20, 1:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott (***Note: Earlier time!**)

October 18, 2:00 First United Methodist Church of Endicott

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- Flowering plants are needed from members for CNYOS Orchid Show September 26-27th!

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES



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

Hello Everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful summer! It sure flew by so quickly!! It's hard to believe September is almost here!! It was wonderful to see so many of you at our picnic on August 30th! THANK YOU SO MUCH, ANNE and John, for your generosity in hosting our Picnic each year! We all had a terrific time! It was so nice to have an opportunity to visit with each other and get all "caught up", while enjoying a fabulous feast!!

Well, the first order of business is our September Auction!! STOS purchases plants from professional growers to be auctioned off at our September meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to purchase orchids at a reduced price, while at the same time, making money for our club. We invite you to bring any friends or relatives to the auction! All are welcome to participate, and purchase orchids that cannot be obtained locally, and at a great price!! Our meeting/Auction will be held September 20th (downstairs at the church), starting at 1:00. (Please park in the back of the church). All members are urged to attend and support STOS.

We are working on speakers for October and November. A big "Thank you" to Carol Vargason, for all your hard work and effort to obtain speakers for our monthly meetings!! In October, we will also look to have a nominating committee. Their duty will be to present a slate of 2015 officers and Board members to present at the November meeting for December vote.

On September 26-27th, the Central New York Orchid Society (CNYOS) in Syracuse will have their annual show at the Beaver Lake Nature Center in Baldwinsville. They have faithfully supported us with a display at our show every year, and we need to reciprocate and support their club, as well. As such, I am asking for a few volunteers to help set up a display representing STOS. Set up is Friday, September 25th from 1 to 6 pm, with their show being on September 26-27th. *Note: this is a week earlier than usual..

No prior experience is necessary. We will need a few people to set up on Friday, and also for tear-down on Sunday afternoon (4pm). Please let me know if you could help in any way! Even if you cannot drive yourself, but would be willing to ride along with another member, your help would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to either call me (607-227-1563) or email me, so that we can start pulling a team together. We will discuss this in more detail at our Sept. meeting, but I'd really like to start getting things coordinated before then. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to support and give-back to our club!

Also-- All Members! -- Please keep in mind that we will need flowering plants for our display at CNYOS!!! We can discuss the specifics (e.g. a convenient location for people to drop off their plants (or arrange for plant pick-up) when we meet in September. But please keep that in mind over the next few weeks!!

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday, September 20th for our meeting/Auction!! Remember to bring your family and friends!!

Linda Mandeville

Respectfully,

Linda Mandeville, STOS President

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Annual STOS Auction

September is time for STOS's annual Orchid Auction. This year the date is Sunday, September 20. We will start at 1:00 PM, as we need to allow enough time to have a meeting prior to our auction, in which we will sell as many plants as possible.

This year's sources will include a variety of growers. Of course there may be plants from our own members as well, many of which are specimen size. If you wish to have some of your plants in the auction, please see the guidelines for this below.

If you have any questions about the auction, please contact Pete O'Connell at 607-423-1202.

Member Plants Auction Policy

STOS members who want to donate or sell orchid plants in the 2014 Auction, Sunday, September 21, are invited to do so. All plants must be in good shape and free from pests and diseases. Plants must be registered with Pete O'Connell by listing the following information:

Owner Name

Plant genus and species or given name and clonal name if given

-example *Phal Summer Beach 'Sandy'*

Any Awards give the clone such as AM/AOS

Size of the plant and pot

Any description of the flower you have

A suggested starting bid

Send the list of plants to Peter O'Connell (petermoconnell@yahoo.com), or

SouthernTierOrchidSociety@yahoo.com by September 7 (two weeks before Auction). The list must be received by Tuesday, September 9.

The Auction committee will confirm the receipt of your list and reserves the right to limit the quantity.

Reimbursement: the member can ask for reimbursement for up to 50% of the proceeds of the sale of the plants, if desired. The first plant listed will not be subject to reimbursement (first plant donated).

The auction committee reserves the right to sell purchased plants first. Any plant that is not sold due to time restrictions or no bids must be taken back by the owner or given away as they see fit. No member plants will be held over for the next month's silent auction to sell remaining purchased plants.

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CNYOS (Syracuse) Orchid Show

The [Central New York Orchid Society](#) (CNYOS) Orchid show (Syracuse) is scheduled for the last weekend in September: Sept 26 and 27th with setup Friday afternoon, Sept. 25th. We are planning to participate in the show by setting up an exhibit to represent our organization. We will need members to begin collecting flowering plants that we can use for our display. It is important that STOS participates

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Because the auction will fill all of the time at the meeting on Sunday, September 20, we request that you wait until the meeting in October to bring along plants in flower for our monthly show table. During meetings in October through May, we'd like to share your pride in those orchids that you have coaxed into blooming, as well as any other information you'd like to present and discuss with fellow STOS members.

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October 18 ~ To be announced
December 20 ~ Annual Holiday Party

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