



Tidewater Orchid Society

April 2024 Newsletter



President's Message:

Hello TOS members!

It was great to be back at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens for our April membership meeting. We had several new orchid enthusiasts join the Society. Welcome! We also heard from Jeff Morris of Charlottesville, Virginia who provided great advice on growing orchids. During the meeting, the membership heard from our Treasurer Barbara MacKechnie on next term's budget. There was good discussion and the budget passed. The meeting minutes are provided below. Please take the time to read through them as several new challenges/goals were presented to the members focusing on the next few years for TOS.

April 20th a beginners class was held at Frank Drew's greenhouse where members were able to learn how to repot their orchids. Thank you for hosting Frank! The next beginners class will be held May 18.

Our next meeting will be held on May 5 at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens in the Administration building at the front of the Gardens. Meeting time begins at 2:00. The membership will be voting on the slate of Officers and Trustees for next year's term:

2023-2024 Schedule

- 5/5: Panel of Member Speakers
- 5/18: Beginner's Class
- 6/2: Member Picnic and Auction
- 6/15: Beginner's Class

Officers

President	Sandra Cross
Vice President	Dori Iwanowski
Secretary	Tracey Fergau
Treasurer	Barbara MacKechnie
Past President	Bert Bennett

Trustees

- 2021-2024 – Peney Williams, Richard Palley
- 2022-2025 – Jamie Krochmal, Judy Hyszcak
- 2023-2026 - Naomi Sato and Dona Storey

Volunteers

AOS Rep	Louise Roesser
Auction	Jamie Krochmal, Brandt Moran
Budget	Barbara MacKechnie
Conservation	Richard Palley
Door Prize	Kathy Greaser
Education	Dave & Joanne Bryan
Table Judging	Don Greaser
Exhibits	Frank Drew, Brandt Moran
Historian	Don Greaser
Hospitality	Pat Coderre, Judy Hyszcak
Library	Kathy Greaser
Membership	Patsy Temple, Sonja Singh
Newsletter	Ellen Hansen
Program	Dori Iwanowski
Publicity	Dori Iwanowski
Sales Table	Peggy Rogers, Roseann Wade
Sunshine	Cynni & Red Taylor
Webmaster	Paul Chung, Kathy Greaser

Nominations:

- President: Dori Iwanowski*
Vice President: Tom Chapman
Secretary: Tracey Firgau
Treasurer: Barbara Mackechnie
Trustee 1: Karen Jones
Trustee 2: Pat Coderre

Our speakers for this month will consist of experienced growers who will form a panel to talk about their secrets of success in getting their orchids to grow. Come hear how they tackle growing.

With the panel discussion format, the Sales Table is OPEN.

Don't forget to bring your blooming orchids for the Show Table. As a reminder, please clean your plants before you bring them in.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Best,
Sandra Cross

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>

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Tidewater Orchid Society is a 501(c)(3) organization

Would you like photos of your flowering orchids included in the monthly newsletter photo gallery?

Please email your photos as an attachment to Ellen Hansen. Refer to your roster for the email address.

Please remember to include your name and a clear description of your plant's name.
Thank you!

04/07/2024

**Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)
Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President, Sandra Cross at 2:01 pm. Sandra welcomed everyone back to Norfolk Botanical Gardens (NBG). Sandra also welcomed the new members and reported that Peter Breed had donated some plants so that we could have a special raffle just for the newest members.

Business:

- **March Show and Sale:** Sandra thanked everyone for their efforts to make the show and sale a success. Dori Iwanowski extended a thank you to all who helped as well. In addition, Dori offered special thank yous to the following: Brandt Moran, Frank Drew and Peter for coordinating and getting the display together; Paul Chung, Barbara MacKenchie and Tracey Firgau for being there throughout the show; Karen Jones, Sonia Singh and Ailin Harpole for posting information about the show in the neighborhood newsletter, Facebook, and Instagram, respectively; Dave and Joanne Bryant for the behind-the-scenes help with whatever was needed; Nancy Perkins and Pat Coderre for hospitality; and Patsy Temple for her behind-the-scenes work signing up and organizing volunteers.
- **February Meeting Minutes:** Jamie Krochmal moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Brandt and passed unanimously.
- **Hospitality:** Sandra reminded the members that they can bring in food for hospitality during the meetings. There are no longer any COVID restrictions in place. She did remind everyone that they need to follow NBG's rules regarding the use of plastics and single use items.
- **Chair Change:** Louise Roesser is moving to Savannah and will no longer be able to be the American Orchid Society (AOS) representative. Jamie has volunteered to take over the position. Jamie reminded everyone that AOS has a monthly Greenhouse Chat that is available to both members and non-members. Louise informed everyone that on April 17th there is a presentation on viruses. That presentation is only open to members.
- **Nominating Committee:** The term for current officers ends in June. The nominating committee presented a slate of nominees for consideration. A vote for new officers will take place at the May meeting.

- Richmond Orchid Society (ROS) Show: Brandt presented Sandra with TOS's third place ribbon for the show and \$100 check. He also passed on a note from ROS thanking us for participating in the show.
- Budget Committee: The budget committee has met and the recommended budget has gone through the board. The budget will be presented to the members for a vote. Prior to the vote, however, Sandra addressed several issues and presented three challenges:
 - (1) We have had a negative budget for quite a few years and Sandra would like it to be a priority to balance the budget. Part of this would be to look at how to create growth within the society. This could be done through an existing committee or a 'Growth Committee' could be created. Doña Storey reported that she had already put some thought into this committee and had some ideas. She indicated that PR and promotion will turn into growth for the society. Doña asked that anyone who wanted to volunteer to be part of the committee and to discuss her ideas should send her an email within the next ten days expressing their interest. After the committee meets they will take their ideas and suggestions to the board.
 - (2) There is currently a committee chaired by Dave looking at changes to the bylaws. Some of the changes that will be suggested may help to balance the budget. Sandra asked for all members to have an open mind when the bylaws changes are presented.
 - (3) Sandra challenged TOS to gradually increase the number of shows that we participate in over the next several years. The goal would be to be ready to host a large AOS sanctioned show by the time the renovations are complete at NBG. Sandra noted that NBG was voted the third best botanical garden in the U.S. and that we as an organization should rise to the occasion!

Barbara went over the proposed budget. The budget was discussed and Barbara answered members' questions regarding the information. Jamie moved that the budget be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Gerry Chrabot and approved with one member opposing.

- Beginners Class: The Beginners class for this month is on April 20th at Frank Drew's greenhouse.
- Other Committee reports: Show committee-Brandt found the owner of the plant that had not been picked up after the March show.

*****Break for refreshments and show and sales tables.*****

The meeting reconvened and Dori introduced our speaker, Jeff Morris. Jeff's presentation was: Listening to Your Orchids-what they are saying about their health and nutritional needs.

Raffles: There were nine winners for the new member raffle. Thank you again Peter for the donated plants. There were four lucky winners for the regular raffle.

Show table: Brandt briefly spoke about the plants that he had brought for the show table.

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Submitted by Tracey Firgau, Secretary

Thinking of joining the AOS (American Orchid Society)? There are many benefits to joining. Here are a few:

- **Monthly Orchid Magazine** which includes great articles & a gallery of AOS awarded plants
- **Webinars** are internet-connected audiovisual presentations from industry experts which you can view live or later at your leisure.
- **OrchidPro (95k+ photos)** a program which includes the history & description of many awarded plants
 - **Save** a minimum of 5% from top 50 orchid vendors
 - **Popular Orchid Care Articles**
 - **And More**

The AOS supports educational opportunities, orchid conservation & research & world-class awards & judging system. Our goal is to promote the appreciation of orchids, the American Orchid Society delivers the most up-to-date, accurate, educational information about orchid culture and sponsors research and conservation initiatives to improve the outlook for orchids around the globe.

Membership levels are: Gold \$84 (one year) includes online + print magazine OR Silver \$54 (one year) includes online magazine only. For more information go to aos.org.



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A TOS meeting was held 7 April, 2024 in the Rotunda Building at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk, VA. Jeff Morris gave a presentation titled, “Listening to your Orchids”, which was well received.

Lots of discussions between members before the meeting. All were happy we were back in our regular meeting space!





Tidewater Orchid Society Informal Table Judging Results
Date: 4-7-2024

Category Award Level/Orchid Owner

I. Cattleya Alliance

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Pot Cloud Nine x Slc Purple Doll | Brandt Moran |
| 2) Bc. Groganiae | Dylan Wittkower |
| 3) LC Park Ridge 'Thornridge' | Vijai Singh |

II. Cypripedium Alliance

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Phrag. Calurum | Jamie Krochmal |
| 2) Phrag. Fritz Schomberg | Dylan Wittkower |
| 3) Paph. St Swithin | Brandt Moran |

IV. Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance

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| 1) P. Lianher Orange | Yulia Moshkariova |
| 2) P. Streetwise Spain | Yulia Moshkariova |
| 3) P. No Name | Tracey Fergau |

V. Oncidium Alliance

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1) Onc. Wildcat Bobcat | Brandt Moran |
| 2) Oncostele Catatante 'Los Roble' | Kathy Greaser |
| 3) Vuyl Celtic Sun 'Maya' | Kathy Greaser |

VII. Dendrobium Alliance

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1) Den. Hamana Lake | Sandra Cross |
| 2) Paph. Sheldrake x Marlborough | Louise Roesser |
| 3) Den. Aggregatum | Sandra Cross |

VIII. Hybrids other than the above

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| 1) Mps. Arthur Cobbledick 'Springtime' | Jamie Krochmal |
| 2) Encyclia Serena O'Neill | Dylan Wittkower |
| 3) Epi. Wedding Valley | Dylan Wittkower |

IX. Species other than the above

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Stanhopea embreei | Dylan Wittkower |
| 2) Bulb. Falcatum | Brandt Moran |
| 3) Medicalcar versteegii | Dylan Wittkower |



Masdevallia 'Redwing'-Richard Palley



Lycaste cruenta-Richard Palley



Dendrobium 'Maloflake'-Richard Palley



Tolumnia Red Mask-Richard Palley



Sarcochilus-Richard Palley



Trichoglottis pusilla-Richard Palley



Dendrobium jenkinsii-Richard Palley

