



TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY

APRIL NEWSLETTER



President's Message:

March 20th was the first day of Spring and that means it's time for

.....OUR PURCHASED PLANT SALE !!!!!

The sun feels warmer, the days are beginning to get longer. The threat of frost is almost gone, and all my plants can soon move to their outdoor home. That leaves me much more room for the new plants I hope to buy.

Brandt and Jamie have been working very diligently to get some amazing specimens to auction off and I understand that we have 70 plus Slippers and Catts as well as a handful of Oncidiiae and species coming. For some time, they have talked about and been working on doing an online catalog, this year we are actually going to have one. We will have more information coming on this so we can all look over everything and will shop with a purpose.

Remember that our auctions always start at **1pm**. The plants will be available to be viewed half an hour before we start the auction so come early to see the plants, sign in and grab your paddle. Also, invite all the Master Gardeners you know as well as neighborhood Garden Clubs and other orchid enthusiasts.

As far as business, I am asking the Board to meet at 12noon on Sunday so we can go over the Budget. We have several topics to discuss which may take a little longer than half an hour. If there are items you would like to bring up, send me a text but we will more than likely shelf it until our May meeting unless it is urgent.

For the Society, we are meeting at our usual venue at the Botanical Garden for the auction, but our May meeting (which takes place April 27th) will be back at the Agricultural Center.

Thanks to ALL who are helping with the committees and showing your enthusiasm. It really is contagious and rubs off on all of us.

Happy Spring

Dori

2025 Schedule

- 4/6 Member Meeting (NBG)
- 4/12 Beginner's Class
- 4/27 DATE CHANGE !!!! Member Meeting (Extension Center)
- 5/10 Beginner's Class
- 6/1 Member Picnic & Auction (NBG)
- 6/7 Beginner Class

Officers

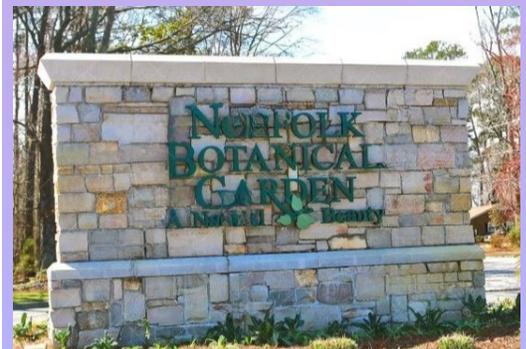
- President: Dori Iwanowski
- Vice President: Vijai Singh
- Secretary: Tracey Firgau
- Treasurer: Barbara MacKechnie
- Past President: Sandra Cross

Trustees

- 2022-2025 – Jamie Krochmal, Judy Hyszczak
- 2023-2026 - Naomi Sato and Dona Storey
- 2024-2027 – Patricia Corderre, Karen Jones

Volunteers

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| AOS Rep | Jamie Krochmal |
| 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, and Jamie Krochmal |
| Historian | Don Greaser |
| Hospitality | Pat Coderre, Judy Hyszczak |
| Library | Kathy Greaser |
| Membership | Sonia Singh |
| Newsletter | Judy Hyszczak |
| Program | Vijai Singh |
| Public Relations | Position Open |
| Sales Table | Kathy Greaser |
| Sunshine | Cynni & Red Taylor |
| Webmaster | Paul Chung, Kathy Greaser |



APRIL MEETING LOCATION!

3/2/2025
Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)
Meeting Minutes

Dori Iwanowski, president, called the meeting to order at the Virginia Tech Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AREC) at 1:59 pm. She welcomed everyone and commented that she has been getting calls from people who went up to the Virginia Orchid Society (VOS) show and that everyone loved it.

Business

VOS show: The TOS display won First place in Tabletop and second place for Visiting Orchid Society display. TOS also won numerous other awards. A monetary award of \$150 dollars was given for the second place award.

Treasurer's report: Barbara MacKechnie reported that there has been a significant increase in TOS's overall balance due to a generous donation by a good friend of Vice President, Vijai Singh. The money will be used to pay speakers for our lecture series per the donor's request. Barbara also reported that the use of Square for credit card charges has increased from 10 cents per transaction to 15 cents per transaction. Barbara is developing the budget for next year and needs a volunteer to be on the budget committee along with Dori. Ellen Hanson volunteered to be on the committee.

Longwood Gardens trip: Dori asked if there was any further information regarding the Longwood Gardens bus trip. Don and Kathy Greaser said that they had signed up but don't know if there is still room for others to join.

April plant sale: Karen Jones developed three flyers to advertise the sale. Judy will email them to all of us. Members are asked to advertise the auction using the flyers on facebook pages or other social media, as well as other businesses that we frequent that would allow us to post a flyer. In addition, we are opening up the auction to other societies and garden clubs.

Group project: Dori would like TOS to get involved in some type of group project in the community to get us known as a society. An example might be volunteering to repot orchids.

Three members of TOS were speakers for the meetings. Paul Chung attended the Paphiopedilum Forum in Maryland in February. He presented a powerpoint about the forum and information about types of paphiopedilums. Yulia Moshkariova presented information about how to grow orchids in inorganic medium. Ellen presented a powerpoint about growing paphiopedilums.

There were three lucky raffle winners.

Dylan Whittaker, Dori, Paul, Vijai, and Jim Massay spoke about the beautiful plants they brought in for the show table.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48pm.

Submitted by: Tracey Firgau, Secretary

Getting Ready for the Show

Meeting at the Greenhouse over at Frank Drew's on the Saturday before the VOS Show was to be held at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, plants were dropped off and readied for the show.



SETTING UP ON THURSDAY



"EMPTY" booth area - plants just brought in.



Brandt taking measure of what we are working with.



We were lucky enough to put plants outside before placement in our display.



Hanging around waiting their turn...



Can't help but think as if it's saying, "I'm ready, put in me coach!"



Our booth all set up and ready for judging.

RICHMOND ORCHID SHOW



CHARLOTTESVILLE



TRIANGLE



RICHMOND



PENINSULA



NORFOLK



CHADWICK'S

AT THE SHOW



Partial overview of vendors that were selling orchids and products to grow them.



What goes up, must come down. With the exception of the photographer, Jamie, here is our Tear Down Crew who took care to bring our plants back to us.

VOS 2025 SHOW JUDGING RESULTS

Results of the Virginia Orchid Society Show by owner - plant - award:



Brandt Moran	Coilostylis parkinsoniana	1st
	Enantheleya Exotic Seashell	3rd
	Cattleya kautshyana	Honorable Mention
	Rlc Portage Glacier	2nd
	Cattleya Roberta's Doll	3rd
	Paphiopedilum Jogjae	1st
	Paphiopedilum Winston Churchill	2nd
	Dendrobium kingianum	3rd
	Dendrobium Lowana Nioka	2nd
	Coelogyne wenzelii	2nd
Tracey Firgau	Dendrobium Chocolate Chip	3rd
Darrin Duling	Paphiopedulum Rosy Dawn #1	2nd
	Paphiopedulum Rosy Dawn #2	2nd
	Phragmipedium Calurum	1st
	Dendrobium acutilingue	2nd
	Pelatantheria insectifera	2nd
	Coelogyne wenzelii lutea	1st
	Coelogyne wenzelii lutea	Best Misc. Genera
	Coelogyne wenzelii lutea	Best Species
	Coelogyne wenzelii lutea, Pelatantheria insectifera, and Dendrobium acutilingue were pulled for AOS judging. No awards were given.	
	Dylan Wittkower	Epidendrum Wedding Valley
Guaricyclia Kyoguchi 'Fumi'		3rd
Epicyclia Serena O'Neil 'Patty'		Honorable Mention
Laeliocattleya Newberry Glow		
x L. anceps		2nd
Phalaenopsis Little Gem Stipes		3rd
Phalaenopsis Younhome Little Snow		3rd
Gastrochilus bellinis		3rd
Cymbidium Dorothy Stockstill		1st
Pleruothallis grobyi		3rd
Ophrys ferrum-equinum		Honorable Mention
Pleruothallis grobyi		3rd
Judy Hyszczak		Phalaenopsis White 'Snowball'

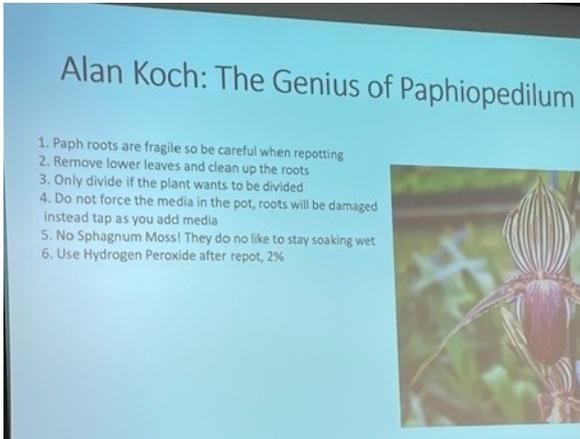
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Betty Hicks	Tolumnia Jairik Star	3rd	
Jamie Krochmal	Epicattleya Frances Dyer 'Cariad'	2nd	
	Laeliocatonia Flying Colors	3rd	
Vijai Singh	Brassavola glauca 'Waltons'	2nd	
	Lc Irene Finney 'York'	3rd	
	Cattleya Bouton D'Or	3rd	
	Cymbidium African Adventure	3rd	
Yulia Moshkariova	Dendrobium Sherry Abe	1st	
	Dendrobium Mini Snowflake x Nida	2nd	
	Dendrobium Chocolate Antlers	1st	
Kathy Greaser	Phalaenopsis Surf Song	3rd	
Tidewater Orchid Society	Tabletop	1st	
	Visiting Orchid Society Exhibit	2nd	
	Visiting Orchid Society Exhibit		\$150

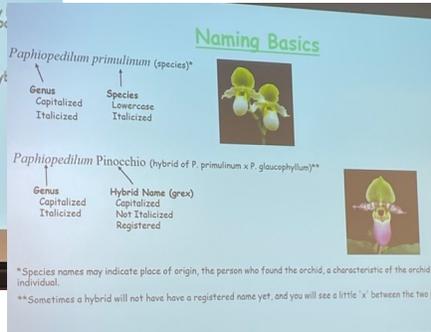
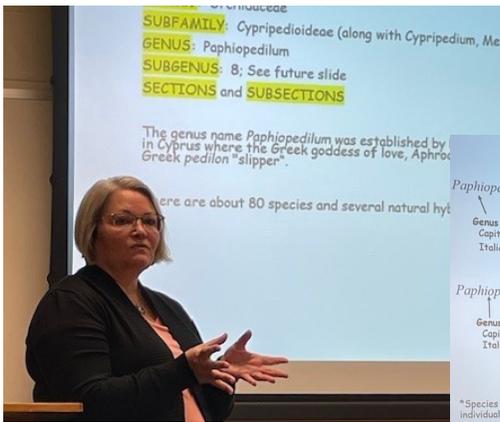


Meeting Highlights (continued)



Paul gave us a report of the Paphiopedilum Conference he went to in January.

Yulia spoke her methods of rescuing and growing orchids.



Ellen shared part of her presentation on Paphiopedilums that she gave to the Beginner's class in February.

MEMBER SHOW AND TELL



Paul, Vijai and Jim explaining plants they brought in for table judging. Paul finally got his Lepotes to bloom by watering it upside down!

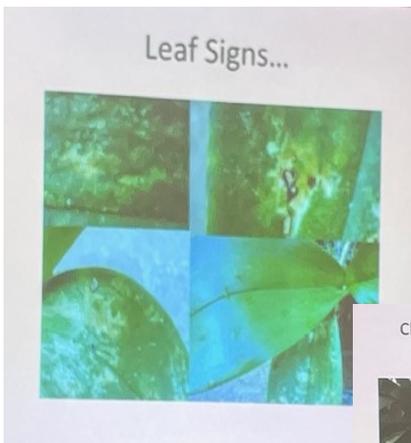
March Beginner Class Highlights

Another successful Tidewater Orchid Society Beginners' Class was held at Frank Drew's classroom on 8 March 2025. There were two parts to this class: orchid pests and potting flask grown orchids. Dave Bryan, Jamie Krochmal, and Brandt Moran led the discussions.

Both were well received; Jamie gave a detailed coverage of orchid pests and treatments.



Opening the class



Chlorosis (loss of chlorophyll)



HOW TO SAVE AN ORCHID

Pests are wide ranging including bugs, viruses, and bacterial. Key takeaways included:

- Avoid continuous use of chemicals, better to apply on a rotational basis to avoid build up of resistance.
- Primary damage mechanism is breakdown of the cell walls of the orchid plant.
- Always read the labels before applying miticides, bactericides, etc.
- Several home remedies were discussed, including use of honey and borax as a home remedy for control of ants. Ants don't damage the orchids, however, they do carry in pests that do.
- * Biosecurity is critical to successfully growing orchids. Swap out scissors, instruments, etc.

March Beginner Class Highlights (continued)

Brandt and Jamie split a flat of orchids grown from seeds. Brandt demonstrated initial potting of seedlings into 2 1/2" clay pots.



Separating the flask of Gaskelliana orchids. Brandt and Jamie washed their hands extensively BEFORE handling the entire flat contents.



Add some well moistened sphagnum moss,



Brandt has a few more to put up once he gets these home .

View in the Greenhouse...



The view as you walk in.



Vijai Singh's Cymbidiums

TOS MARCH 2 INFORMAL TABLE JUDGING RESULTS



Category	Owner	Plant Name
I. Bulbophyllum Alliance		
1)		
2)		
3)		
II. Cattleya Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	Rlc Irene Finney
2)		
3)		
III. Cymbidium Alliance		
1)		
2)		
3)		
IV. Cypripedium Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	Paph. Rothschildianum
2)		
3)		
V. Dendrobium Alliance		
1)	Dori Iwanowski	Den. Willette Klausner Super Nova
2)	Gerry Chrabot	Den. Forte nobile
3)	Dylan Wittkower	Den. Toressae
VI. Oncidium Alliance		
1)		
2)		
3)		
VII. Vanda/Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance		
1)	Kathy Greaser	Phal. No Id
2)	Dori Iwanowski	Phal. No Id Miniature
3)	Kathy Greaser	Phal. No Id
VIII. Hybrids other than the above		
1)		
2)		
3)		
IX. Species other than the above		
1)	Dylan Wittkower	Brasiliorchis schunkeana
2)	Dylan Wittkower	Serapias vomeracea
3)	Gerry Chrabot	Restrepia dodsonii





American Orchid Society
Education. Conservation. Research.
 Affiliated Society

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 \$88 (one year) includes online + print magazine

OR

Silver \$56 (one year) includes online magazine only.

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>
 An AOS Affiliated Society
 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 Judy Hyszczak. Refer to your roster for the email address.

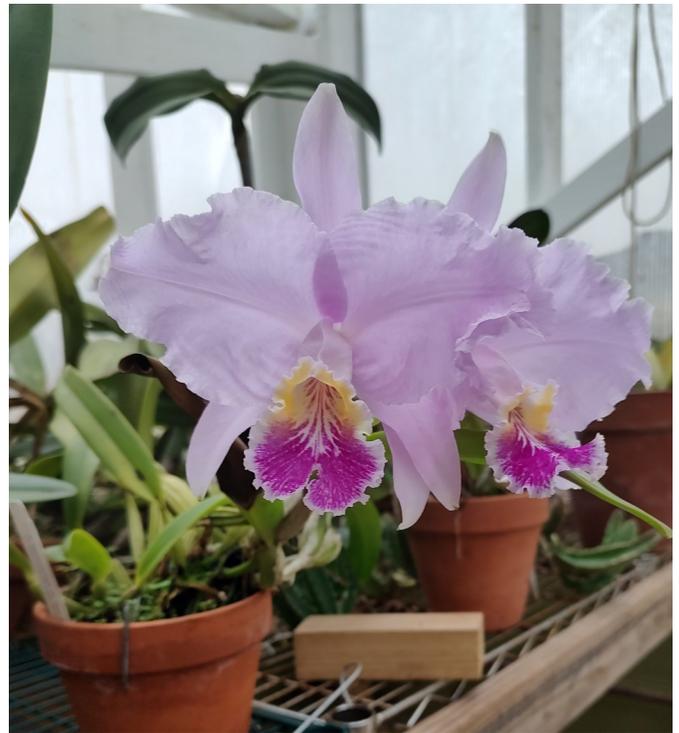
Please remember to include your name and a clear description of your plant's name.

Thank you!

MEMBER'S ORCHIDS IN BLOOM DURING MARCH



Jamie Krochmal's Laeliocatonia Flying Colorrs
"Sky Rocket"



Brandt Moran's
Cattleya leuddemanniana



Yulia Moshkarovia's
Phalaenopsis Surf Song



Vijai Singh's
Cymbidium African Adventure

MEMBER'S ORCHIDS IN BLOOM DURING MARCH



Vijai Singh's
Cattleya Irene Finney



Vijai Singh's Cattleya Bouton D'Or



Kathy Greaser's
Phalaenopsis Nonami



Yulia Moshkarovia's Dendrobium
Mini Snowflake x Nida



Yulia Moshkarovia's Dendrobium
Sherry Abe



Vijai Singh's Cattlianthe Gold Digger
'Orglade's Mandarin'



Tracey Fergau's Bulbophyllum
Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry

MEMBER'S ORCHIDS IN BLOOM DURING MARCH



Vijai Singh's Dendrobium
Aggregatum 'Miami Show'



Vijai Singh's Dendrobium Speciosum



Vijai Singh's Brassavola little
stars (B nodosa x B cordata)



Vijai Singh's
Rhy Gigantea 'Long Spike' x Rhy Chorchalood

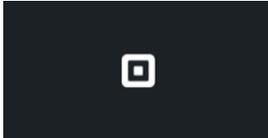
Yuli

**The monthly plant photo on page one is of: Oncidium
Twinkle - Pink Profusion

PAYMENT OF DUES ONLINE

You now have the *option* to pay your TOS membership dues for FY 2024-2025 online by selecting any of the links or QR codes provided below. Online dues are \$32 for a single membership or \$42 for a family membership and include all applicable Square fees. As a friendly reminder annual dues are to be paid at the start of each fiscal year which begins in September. For those that choose to pay online, I will be providing a monthly report that shows who paid online to Sonia Singh, TOS Membership, so she can update membership payment records.

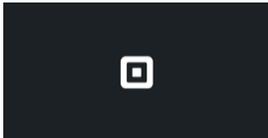
2024-2025 Membership Dues - Single - \$32.00



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2024-2025 Membership Dues - Family - \$42.00



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2024-2025 Membership Dues - Student- \$9.00



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