



Tidewater Orchid Society

August 2023 Newsletter

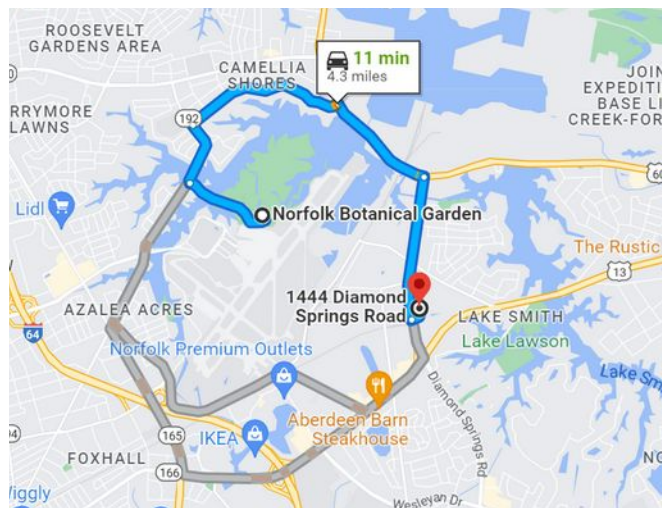


President's Message

Greetings TOS Membership,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Be sure that you are giving your orchids enough shade during these hot days.

Our first meeting is coming soon on August 27 at 2:00. We are continuing with in-person meetings at the VA Tech AREC located at 1444 Diamond Springs Road. The Norfolk Botanical Gardens is still undergoing updates. The AREC is located not far from the NBG near the intersection of Northampton Boulevard (Route 13) and Diamond Springs Road. There will be plenty of parking at this location to accommodate the TOS members. The VA Tech AREC is the same location where the last few meetings were held.



Our Vice President Dori Iwanowski has been working hard on Programming. Our first speaker is Tom Etheridge. We will host Tom through a Zoom meeting.

2023-2024 Schedule

- 8/27: Tom Etheridge – (Zoom)
- 10/1: Mary Gerritsen
- 11/5: Jean Stefanik, AOS Accredited Judge
- 12/3: Awards Banquet

Officers

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| President | Sandra Cross |
| Vice President | Dori Iwanowski |
| Secretary | Traci Firgau |
| 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 ??

Volunteers

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| AOS Rep | Louise Roesser |
| Auction | Jamie Krochmal, Brandt Moran |
| Budget | Barbara MacKechnie |
| Conservation | Richard Palley |
| Door Prize | Kathy Greaser |
| Education | Patsy Temple |
| Table Judging | Don Greaser |
| Exhibits | VACANT |
| Historian | Don Greaser |
| Hospitality | Jeanette Spreeman, 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 |

With our speaker coming to us through Zoom, that means our sales table is OPEN! Folks who have extra plants they'd like to sell, feel free to bring them. Also don't forget to bring your blooming orchids for our show table.

With a new year comes a new series of Beginners Classes. For those members current on dues who want to learn more about orchids, contact Patsy Temple to sign up for attendance either by email or phone (consult your membership roster for her details) . Classes are held monthly on Saturdays at 10:00 at the Virginia Tech Agricultural Research and Extension Center located at 1444 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Friendly reminder to ensure your dues are current. You can bring payment to our next meeting, cash, check or charge. To offset the fees associated with using the credit card system, a charge of \$1 will be applied to memberships. That means, single membership paid by credit card will be \$31 and family memberships will be \$41.

The new Board met on July 18. Here are some highlights of what was discussed:

- A discussion took place on the availability of NBG for our 2024 Show and Sale. Dori is looking into the plans and availability of our normal space. More details to follow as we hear more on NBG's schedule.
- The Board voted to reinstate the TOS insurance that was discontinued for a short time last year. Thank you to the members who raised this as an issue. We appreciate your speaking up.
- An update was made to the listing of the Committee volunteers to reflect recent changes. The updates are reflected in this newsletter.

Following that meeting, Susan Bohache had to step down as a Trustee. The Board will be searching for a replacement. If you have interest, please let me know.

I'd like to send a big THANK YOU to our members who keep coming back to support the TOS. You are

part of a great Society. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. You can find the list of future meeting dates with speakers and activities in our newsletter and on the TOS website.

Happy Growing!
Sandra Cross

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>

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

Speaker's Bio:

Tom Etheridge

Tom began growing orchids more than 40 years ago while growing up in Northwest Florida. His parents supported his hobby and, understanding the value of education above all else, bought him a membership in the AOS. After graduate school he settled in Oregon where he and his wife built a greenhouse designed for cool-growing genera, *Odontoglossums*, *Masdevallias*, and *Draculas*, that thrive in the US Pacific Northwest.

Tom has been a member of the American Orchid Society since 1977, has been involved in AOS judging since 2000 and been an AOS accredited judge since 2007. He served as AOS Trustee 2010-2013, AOS Vice-President 2013-2014, again as a Trustee until 2017. He has received more than 100 AOS awards, more than 20 of which have been granted to his *Draculas*, as well as the Dugger, Jesup, and Carpenter Special Awards of the AOS.

Tom will be speaking about *Draculas* and *Odonts*, general growing, and judging.

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Minutes
June 4, 2023

The June membership meeting was called to order by President Sandra Cross at 1:00pm at the Virginia Tech AREC.

Our members were treated to a delicious pot-luck lunch as the first order of business.

A motion was made by Jamie Krochmal to approve the minutes of the May 2023 membership meeting and seconded by Dori Iwanowski. Minutes were approved as written.

Dori announced our next speaker for the August membership meeting will be Luanne Etheridge via Zoom at the VA Tech AREC location.

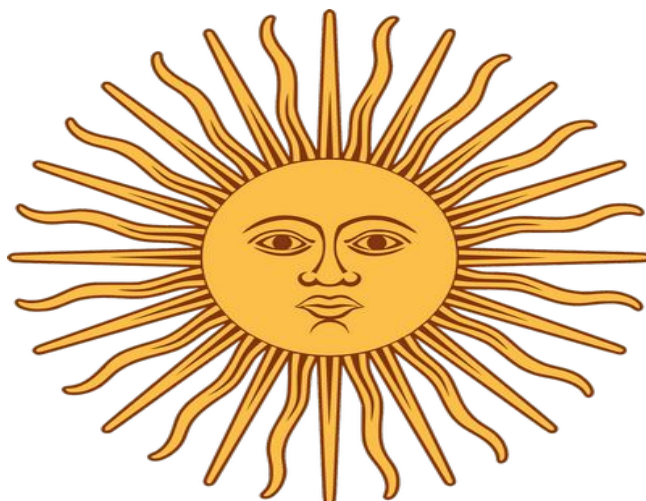
New officers for the upcoming 2023-2024 year were inducted by Jamie and are as followed:

- President- Sandra Cross
- Vice-President- Dori Iwanowski
- Secretary- Traci Firgau
- Treasurer- Barbara MacKechnie
- Trustees (2023-2026)- Susan Bohache and Naomi Sato

Rules for the member donated plant auction were reviewed by Jamie and auctioneers did a great job selling all the donated plants. Members that donated plants received 75% of the proceeds and the TOS received 25%.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Louise Roesser



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 \$81 (one year) \$162 (2years) includes online + print magazine OR Silver \$54 (one year) \$108 (2 years) includes online magazine only. For more information go to aos.org.



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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!



Encyclia prismatacarpa - Brandt Moran



Milt. bluntii - Brandt Moran



Cattleya walkeriana - Brandt Moran

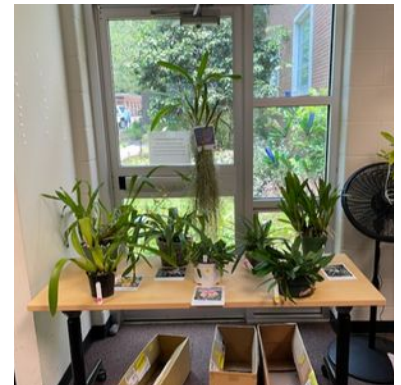
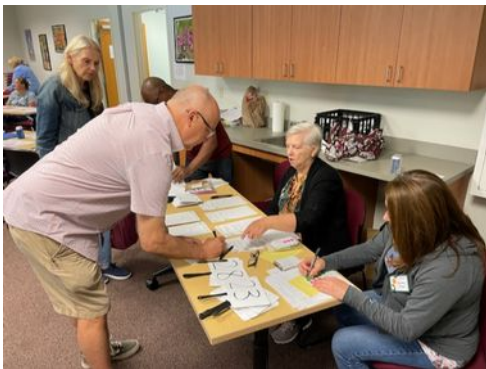


Paph. Darling - Brandt Moran



Enc. prismatacarpa close-up - Brandt Moran

The TOS Meeting, Summer Picnic, and Orchid Auction was held 4 June, 2023 at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Extension site in Norfolk, VA. Photos: Don Greaser.





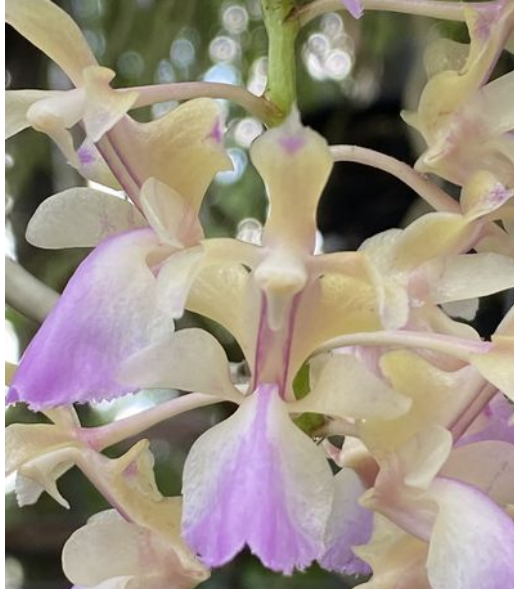
Lc Supersonic 'Striking Lip' - Jamie Krochmal



Aspasia lunata - Jamie Krochmal



C. Marjorie Hauserman 'York' - Jamie Krochmal



Aerides Houlettiana - Jamie Krochmal



Vanda Golden Doubloon - Jamie Krochmal



C. Sea Breeze 'Blue Ribbon' - Jamie Krochmal



Epidendrum Max Valley - Jamie Krochmal



Grammatophyllum elegans 'Maj'

“From the TOS Historian, A deep look back into the TOS archives. The photos depicted below are the gracious courtesy of Dave Bryan who let your historian extract, and scan into digital format, pertinent pieces from a photo album Dave had assembled to document two field trips. The time frame is 1992; TOS members first went to Grove Creek; next they visited Back Bay Wildlife Refuge. The field trips were in search of Orchids Native to Virginia. They were very successful!



Grove Creek group photo: Grove Creek is south of Busch Gardens and flows into the James River.



At Grove Creek, they found: *Cypripedium acaule* “Pink Lady’s Slipper”



Cypripedium calceolus “Yellow Lady’s Slipper”



Galearis spectabilis “Showy Orchid”



Goodyera pubescens “Downy Rattlesnake Plantain”

Back Bay Wildlife Refuge is south of Pungo and Sandbridge, VA.



Back Bay group photo



Back Bay unveiled the *Calpogon puchellus*

A simple walk about in your own backyard reveals many nice orchids, all native to Virginia!” Could this be a future TOS outing? We could revisit the areas in 2023 or 2024. DCG



C. Granier's Delight 'Carol' - Jamie Krochmal



Lctna. Flying Colors 'Sky Rocket' HCC/AOS-
Jamie Krochmal



Gal. greenwoodiana 'Purple Lip' – Jamie Krochmal



Miltonia spectabilis var. moreliana - Brandt
Moran