



TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY

AUGUST NEWSLETTER



President's Message:

I am thrilled to get back together to share our orchid photos and stories of growing our plants this summer. So many of you have done some fabulous traveling or like me, have stayed home to enjoy all that Hampton Roads has to offer so come and share!

Our meeting, still at the Admin. building at the Botanical Garden (for now), begins at 2pm but come early and catch up with friends and newcomers. Bring your plants to show off or sell at the Plant Sale Table, there are always some very unique species there and you never know what beauties may follow you home.

The Board, the Trustees and I have been diligently working on updating our Constitution, tweaking our By Laws and reconfiguring the TOS Operational Guidelines. You will be receiving a copy of the re-written documents before the August 25th meeting so you can look them over before we have the opportunity to vote on the changes. Barbara MacKechnie, our treasurer, will be sending out new directions on how to pay our dues online. We are working to streamline our processes to make life easier and to resolve the question of "Did I pay my dues???"

My goal, as the new president, is to be more inclusive of all the Society members and will be calling on all of you to assist in some of the fun new projects we have planned. Come with an open mind and let your creative juices start to flow, let me know what you would like to see in our organization.

Many of the "Committees" will be revamped but this is taking a little more time than we thought, so be patient as it is a work in progress. You have all heard me talking about doing more promotional work for our organization so Dona Storey came up with the "Public Relations Committee" which will be doing digital and print promotional materials as well as personal appearances of our members to different venues to promote our TOS. If you have digital experience or just would like to learn, step up and let's get this group going.

See you all August 25th and remember we always welcome newcomers, experienced growers or newbies; we all learn together.

Dori

2024-2025 Schedule

- 8/25 Member Meeting (NBG)
- TBD: Beginner's Class
- 10/6: Member Meeting (NBG) Member Plant Auction
- TBD: Beginner's Class
- 11/3: Member Meeting (NBG)
- TBD Beginner's Class
- 12/1: Member Awards Banquet (NBG)
- 1/5: Member Meeting (Extension Center)
- TBD Beginner's Class
- 2/2 Member Meeting (NBG)
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- TBD Beginner's Class
- 4/6 Member Meeting (NBG)
- TBD Beginner's Class
- 5/4 Member Meeting (NBG) Purchased Plant Auction
- TBD Beginner's Class
- 6/1 Member Meeting (NBG)
- TBD Beginner Class

Officers

- President: Dori Iwanowski
- Vice President: Tom Chapman
- 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 | Tom Chapman |
| Publicity | Tom Chapman |
| Sales Table | Peggy Rogers, Roseann Wade |
| Sunshine | Cynni & Red Taylor |
| Webmaster | Paul Chung, Kathy Greaser |

06/02/2024
Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President-elect, Dori Iwanowski at 1:07 pm at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens (NBG) Administration Building. Dori welcomed everyone to the meeting. She reminded the group that there will be no meetings in July or August; however, the September meeting will be held the last weekend in August so it does not interfere with Labor Day weekend. The meetings will continue to be held at NBG until January. January through March the meetings will be held at the Virginia Tech Agricultural Research Extension Center. (AREC). We hopefully will be back at NBG for the April meeting. Dori also reported that the society has various committees that need help so she will be reaching out to everyone to ask if they can serve on a committee. She noted that serving on a committee helps you to meet members of TOS.

Business

Installation of officers and trustees. Dave Bryan introduced the new officers and trustees. He also recognized the two trustees who have completed their three years of service, Richard Palley and Peney Williams. The new officers and trustees took the oath of office. The following members were installed:

President-Dori Iwanowski
 Vice-President-Tom Chapman
 Treasurer-Barbara MacKechnie
 Secretary-Tracey Firgau
 Trustee-Karen Jones
 Trustee-Nancy Perkins

Newsletter. Dori introduced Judy Hyszcak who will be taking over newsletter duties. Judy talked a little bit about her experience with writing a newsletter and presented an idea to the members. She would like to spotlight a member for each newsletter who could tell something unique about what they do and who would be willing to share that information with the members. Judy will be looking for volunteers to participate. Ellen Hansen said that it was a pleasure doing the newsletter for TOS and she thanked Judy for volunteering to take over. She encouraged members to volunteer to be 'spotlighted'.

Table Judging. Don Greaser will be putting information in the next newsletter about table judging. He will provide details on what table judging is about and how it is done.

Treasurer report. Barbara presented the current budget information.

Minutes. Ellen moved that the minutes from the May meeting be passed as written. The motion was seconded by Jamie Krochmal and passed unanimously.

*****Break for Lunch*****

The meeting reconvened at 2:15 for the member auction.

Members were reminded that they needed to register and get a paddle to bid. Brandt Moran prepared a powerpoint showing the plants that were to be auctioned in bloom. He also reviewed the rules of the auction. Typically proceeds are split 75% to the seller and 25% to TOS. Some members agreed to split the proceeds 50/50. Brandt said that he would donate 100% of his proceeds to TOS. Brandt, Jamie and Paul Chung served as auctioneers.

Many beautiful plants were auctioned off. The auction ended at 3:30 pm.

Post-auction announcements: Jamie reported that the next auction will be in October and the purchased plant auction will be in the spring. Dave reminded everyone that the beginners' class will be Saturday, June 8th at 10:00 at Frank Drew's greenhouse.

Submitted by: Tracey Firgau, Secretary

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



KATHY GREASER

The spotlight this month is on Kathy Greaser. Kathy is originally from Michigan and marrying Don and traveling with him to various duty stations across the US, they decided that they wanted to return to the Tidewater area to set down roots. They live in Chesapeake. For the past 25 years, Kathy has raised parrots so if you have parrot related questions, she would be the one to go to.



Sign on entering the greenhouse

In 2018 a royal blue Phalenopsis in a grocery store caught Kathy's eye and although she figured right from the start that if she was able to get the plant to bloom again, it would probably be white; she liked it enough and brought it home. After friends and family saw the orchid in her home, they assumed that she liked this type of plant and she received more of them as presents and suddenly, she had a collection. She joined TOS in 2019.



Kathy has her mounts mounted on chicken-wire for their summer vacation outside.

Don wanted to build her a greenhouse but with their property having lots of trees and is very shady, she couldn't see how it would work. He kept asking her and as she tells it, she told him that she would only want a greenhouse that was 15 x 4 feet and she wanted to be able to see her orchids while she was inside her house. She thought that the subject was closed. Little did she know that Don would meet her challenge! That summer Don worked on a deck along the back of the house in anticipation of what he had planned. Unknown to Kathy, Don ordered a greenhouse in the size she wanted. Adjacent to the large windows in the family room, Don built the greenhouse so that Kathy could see her orchids from inside the house. They added the grow lights due to the shading from the trees.

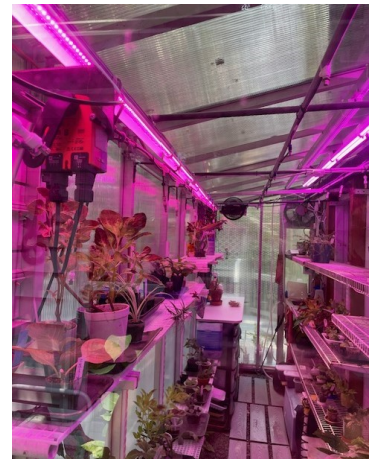


View from the family room right into the greenhouse and inside the room - the place of honor displaying any orchids blooming!

Kathy found it easier to grow and bloom orchids in the greenhouse than when she had grown them indoors on a windowsill because indoors her windows cut the red and blue light spectrum they would normally get from the sun if they were outside.

Kathy likes oncidiums especially because she has been successful in having them bloom for her.

Kathy said that moisture is her greatest challenge in growing orchids. She explained that in the greenhouse, there is an automatic water system that comes on 4 times a day for 1 minute. The problem lies in the way the water sprays, it does not get all the plants evenly. She has switched to a semi-hydro method of watering and that has made it better.



<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>
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 Tidewater Orchid Society is a 501(c)(3) organization

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**

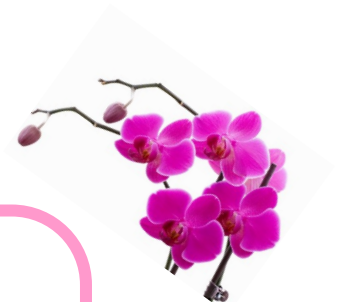
The AOS supports educational opportunities, orchid conservation & research & world-class awards & judging system. Our goal is to promote the appreciation of orchids, the American Orchid Society delivers the most up-to-date, accurate, educational information about orchid culture and sponsors research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



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Education. Conservation. Research.
 Affiliated Society



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 OVER THE SUMMER

JUNE BLOOMS



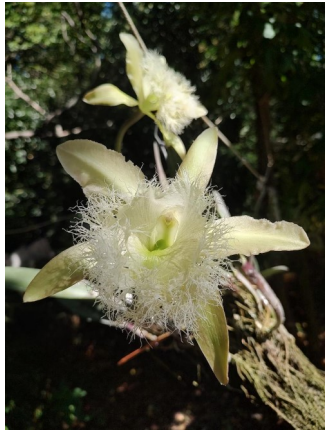
Judy Hyszcak's Stanhopea Tigrinda var Nigroviolecea 'The Predator'



Brant Moran's Cattleya Warscewiczii



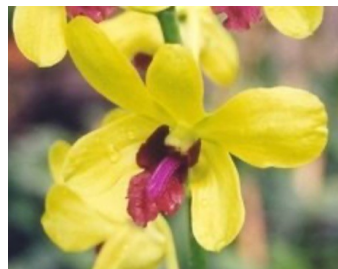
Brant Moran's Cattleya Leopoldi - a very dark clone



Brandt Moran's Brassovola Digbyana



Kathy Greaser's Nonami Phal



Kathy Greaser's Dendrobium Maynin Uraliwon



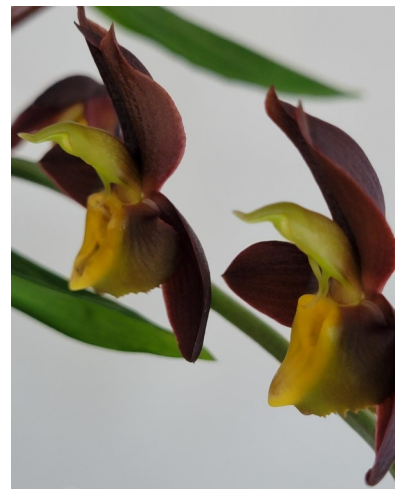
Kathy Greaser's Nonami Phal



Brandt Moran's Brassia Rex



Kathy Greaser's Nonami Phal



Dona Storey's Catasetum Ten Dragons

MEMBER'S ORCHIDS IN BLOOM OVER THE SUMMER

JULY BLOOMS



Dona Storey's Bl. Richard Mueller '4N' B.Nodosa



Judy Hyszczak's Slc Firemagic (Fire Fantasy 4LUR X LC Tokyo Magic)



Yulia Moshkariova's Bc. Hamlyn's Magic 'Leilani' (Catt. Jalapa x B. nodosa)



Judy Hyszczak's Phal Liu's Cute Berry

AUGUST BLOOMS



Dona Storey's Nonami Dendrobium



Judy Hyszczak's B Flabellum Veneris



Dona Storey's Mps Edie Brown x Maui Stars

The pictures are grouped according to when they began blooming. There may have been more orchids that bloomed this summer but these are the only photos I received from members. I wanted the summer bloomers to have the recognition they deserve.

**The monthly plant photo on page one is of: the yellow pine orchid, Gastrochilus japonicus.