



Tidewater Orchid Society

December 2022 Newsletter



President's Message

Happy holidays TOS!

I hope all of you stayed warm the last few weeks while enjoying your holiday gatherings. The weather drops have been extreme and hopefully all window sills and greenhouses have kept your orchids warm through the low temperatures.

I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers and the Hospitality Committee for putting together a lovely potluck awards banquet in December. I hope you all had a great time and ate well! The feedback I received was favorable of doing a potluck again. The Board will discuss this input as we plan for next year.

I would like to extend my congratulations to all of our show table award recipients for this year, well done!

- CATTLEYA ALLIANCE** *Jamie Krochmal*
- VANDA SUB-ALLIANCE** *Dylan Wittkower*
- PHALAENOPSIS SUB-ALLIANCE** *Ellen Hansen*
- ONCIDIUM ALLIANCE** *Bill and Sunny Fox*
- CYMBIDIUM ALLIANCE** *Peney Williams*
- DENDROBIUM ALLIANCE** *Louise Roesser*
- HYBRIDS** *Dori Iwanowski*
- SPECIES** *Claudia Young*
- CYPRIPEDIUM ALLIANCE** *Bert Bennett*
- OVERALL** *Jamie Krochmal!!!*

2022-2023 Schedule

- 1/8: Glen Decker – Piping Rock Orchids
- 2/5: Dr. Clark Riley – Maryland Orchid Society
- 3/5: Purchased Plant Auction
- 4/2: Steve A. Frowine
- 5/7: Harry Gallis, MD – Mini Catts
- 6/4: Picnic and Auction
- 8/27: Luanne Ethridge – (Zoom)
- 10/1: Mary Gerritsen
- 11/5: Jean Stefanik, AOS Accredited Judge
- 12/3: Awards Banquet

Officers

President	Sandra Cross
Vice President	Dori Iwanowski
Secretary	Louise Roesser
Treasurer	Barbara MacKechnie
Past President	Bert Bennett

Trustees

- 2020-2023 – Pat Coderre, Roberta Lewis
- 2021-2024 – Peney Williams, Richard Palley
- 2022-2025 – Jamie Krochmal, Judy Hyszczak

Volunteers

AOS Rep	Louise Roesser
Auction	Jamie Krochmal, Bert Bennett
Budget	Barbara MacKechnie
Conservation	Richard Palley
Door Prize	Nell Drees
Education	Patsy Temple, Ken Peterson
Table Judging	Frank Drew, Bert Bennett
Exhibits	Don Greaser
Historian	Jeanette Spreeman,
Hospitality	Pat Coderre, Judy Hyszczak
Library	Kathy Greaser
Membership	Patsy Temple, Peney Williams
Newsletter	Ellen Hansen
Program	Dori Iwanowski
Publicity	Dori Iwanowski
Sales Table	Dorothy Gilliam,
	Peggy Rogers, Roseann Wade
Sunshine	Cynni & Red Taylor
Webmaster	Paul Chung

For any winners not able to attend the banquet, contact Dori Iwanowski to arrange pick-up of your award.

Our next meeting will be January 8th at 2:00 in the administration building at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Our speaker will be Glen Decker, previous owner of Piping Rock Orchids. We will host Glen through a Zoom meeting hook-up in the administration building where you'll hear Glen talk about orchids. See his bio below. We can learn a lot from him so bring your questions.

Bring your blooming orchids for the show table to start working your way towards those awards!! Our speaker will not be sending plants for sale so we will have our sales table up and running.

Wishing you all a happy and safe new year.

Best,
Sandra Cross

Glen's bio

Glen Decker has been growing orchids for over 40 years, and holds the degree of Associate in Applied Science in Ornamental Horticulture. Glen was the previous owner of Piping Rock Orchids, selling his business in 2019. He was the previous chair of the American Orchid Society's Publications Committee and a past Director of the Orchid Digest Corporation. Glen has won numerous AOS awards, including the Butterworth Prize, Nax Trophy, WW Wilson Award and the Carlyle A. Luer Award. He has appeared in Martha Stewart's Better Living Magazine and on a PBS TV special "Orchid Delirium". He rewrote the Slipper section of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's "The Best Orchids for Indoors" and was the technical editor for the "Orchids for Dummies" book. He also has written

many articles on *Paphiopedilums* and *Phragmipedium*, which have been published worldwide.

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 your plant's name. Thank you!

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>

An AOS Affiliated Society

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 \$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.



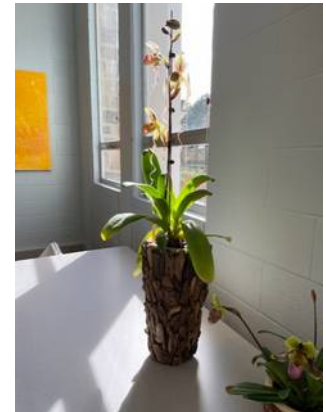
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The annual TOS Awards Celebration was held 4 December, 2022, in the Auditorium of the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk, Virginia. Meats and beverages were provided by the society, other dishes were provided by society members. Tables were decorated in festive holiday fashion.



There were many gorgeous member orchids on display. These are the kinds of plants members bring in at monthly meetings for the Show Table Judging.





Food, lots of it; and delicious too!



We enjoyed some great merriment!



Show Table Awards certificates and a small orchid were presented to members whose orchids were selected from Informal Judging conducted at each TOS Meeting. Awardees were chosen from the many beautiful owner provided orchids brought in for informal judging during regular TOS meetings. In 2020, meetings were suspended in compliance with COVID restrictions. The 2022 Show Table Awards included informal judging back to January 2020. Congratulations to the winners.

Show Table Awardees



Jamie Krochmal



Bert Bennett



Ellen Hansen



Claudia Young



Jamie Krochmal



Dori Iwanowski



Judy Hysczak-Phalaenopsis



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