



# Tidewater Orchid Society

December 2023 Newsletter



## President's Message:

Happy Holidays TOS!

Our last meeting was the Awards luncheon which was superb. It was a tasty and filling luncheon. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish. And a special thank you to all of you who ate! I know several of our members were unable to attend due to colds and sniffles. Wishing all of you a speedy recovery and hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Congratulations to our Awardees! Jamie Krochmal took home several awards to include the overall Show Table winner. Way to go Jamie! The minutes of the meeting included below provide a list of all the winners and their categories.

I'd like to thank Don Greaser for pulling together a great slide show which provided snapshots of TOS' various shows and sales. What a great trip down memory lane. Wonderful job Don!

If you can believe it, we are moving into a new year. Happy 2024! Our next meeting will take place on January 7, at the VA Tech AREC at 2:00 PM. Our speaker will be our very own Darrin Duling. Darrin is the Associate Director of the Kaplan Orchid Conservatory at Old Dominion University. He will be speaking on Orchids Under Foot, Flora of Crete. Darrin will be bringing plants to sell. If he's able to compile a list of plants to be sold, we will get that out to the membership ahead of the meeting.

NOTE: Because Darrin is bringing plants to sell, the sales table will be **CLOSED**.

Be sure to bring your blooming plants for the show table. It is a new year and now is the time to start

### 2023-2024 Schedule

- 1/7/24: Darrin Duling
- 2/4:
- 3/15-3/17: NBG Show and Sale – Tim Culberterson, Speaker
- 4/7:
- 5/5:
- 6/2: Member Picnic and Auction

### 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 Hyszczak
- 2023-2026 - Naomi Sato and Dona Storey

### 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     | Dave & Joanne Bryan                           |
| Table Judging | Don Greaser                                   |
| Exhibits      | Frank Drew, Brandt Moran                      |
| Historian     | Don Greaser                                   |
| Hospitality   | Jeanette Spreeman, Pat Coderre, Judy Hyszczak |
| 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                     |

racking up the points for next year's Awards event.

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year!  
Sandra

*Reminder: VA Tech AREC is located at 1444  
Diamond Springs Road.*



**Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**12/03/2023**  
**Awards Banquet**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm by Sandra Cross, President at the Virginia Tech Agricultural Research Extension Center (AREC). Sandra welcomed everyone and thanked all who helped with the set-up. She noted that the awards would be presented after lunch and that the orchids on the front table were for the winners. She indicated that we also had a show table. She asked for questions or comments.

Dona Storey asked permission to take additional photos during the luncheon.

Brandt Moran reported that at the end of February the Virginia Orchid Society would be having an American Orchid Society (AOS) sanctioned show. Brandt will be helping to put the show together and will need others' help as well. He commented that it is a good opportunity for members to assist with the set-up. He will have more information later for those interested. TOS will go to Floradise Nursery on Saturday, December 16th for their December open house. Email Patsy Temple or Ellen Hansen if you are interested in attending. Let Ellen know if you are interested in carpooling. Carpoolers will meet at the Walmart in Suffolk. Members are not required to carpool and can go on their own if desired. TOS members will meet for lunch first at the BarBQ Exchange. Just FYI for those attending - there are no restroom facilities at Floradise so plan accordingly. Ellen will send information out to the members.

Lunch is served.

Following lunch Sandra thanked Don Greaser for the slide presentation which was playing before and during lunch. The slideshow included both recent and vintage photos of TOS meetings and events.

Darrin Duling then spoke about the plans for the Kaplan conservatory. Old Dominion University (ODU) will have a satellite facility at AREC. A greenhouse is being built adjacent to AREC to house orchids. The greenhouse will have a collection of about 1200 plants. ODU is also collaborating with VA Tech to hold classes and workshops. The new display facility at ODU will be slightly larger than the previous but with a better layout. It will have adjacent classrooms and a terraced area with a pond. It will be about a four year process from ground breaking to completion.

Dori Iwanowski presented information regarding our meetings and show. Dori does not know if we will be able to have our January/February meetings at Norfolk Botanical Gardens (NBG). Until she gets a definitive answer we will continue to have membership meetings at AREC. Dori or Patsy will ask AREC to make sure we are okay to use the facility for the January/February meetings. We are guaranteed use of the NBG facility for the March show and sale. The show

and sale will be the weekend of Friday through Sunday, March 15-17. Judging of display orchids will be on Friday. We have the speaker but do not have vendors set up yet. The speaker is bringing plants to sell. We will need members' plants in March to show. Brandt noted that we probably would not be able to get AOS judges due to the size of our show. The speaker is an AOS judge but three are needed. Dori wondered if we could attract judges by providing them a hotel for a night and meal(s). Dave Bryan indicated that we would need to invite other societies into our show and numerous vendors in order to get AOS judges. He also noted that the society would need to schedule judges pretty far in advance because their calendars fill quickly. Sandra suggested we could work toward having a larger show with AOS judges for the 2026 show/sale.

Secretary's report-Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report-Barbara MacKechnie could not be here today.

### **2023 TOS Table Awards Winners**

The following were awarded:

Vanda Sub-Alliance - Jamie Krochmal

Species-Jamie Krochmal

Cattleya Alliance-Brandt Moran

Oncidium Alliance-Loiuse Roesser

Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance-Jamie Krochmal

Cypripedium Alliance-Bert Bennett

Hybrids-Dylan Wittkower

Dendrobiums Alliance-Dylan Wittkower

Overall Points Winner, Grand Prize-Jamie Krochmal

Show table participants Brandt, Jamie, Peter Breed, and Ellen spoke about their plants.

Sandra let members know that the poinsettias on the tables could be taken home - first come first served - and adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm.

Submitted by Tracey Firgau, Secretary.

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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](http://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!



*Louise Roesser-BLC Gulfshore's Beauty*



*Louise Roesser-Lc C.G. Roebling 'Beechview' var. coerulea AM/AOS*



*Louise Roesser-Coch. amazonica*



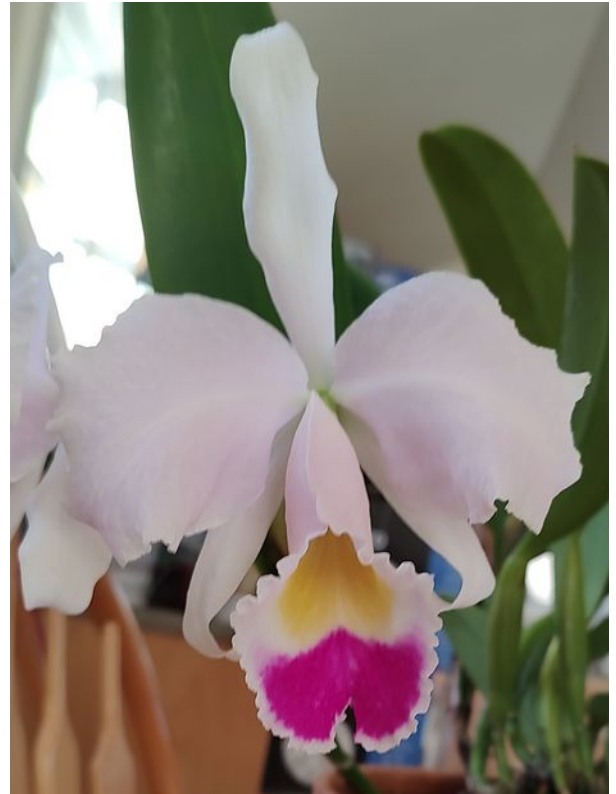
*Dendrochilum cobbianum 'Chartreuse Sentinel'*



*Cattleya-Peney Williams*



*Catasetum-Roseann Wade*



*Brandt Moran-C. labiata*



*Brandt Moran-C. Drumbeat*



*Brandt Moran-C. percivaliana*

The Tidewater Orchid Society's Christmas Awards Banquet was held 3 December, 2023 at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. We had an excellent banquet and awards presentations. Photos and text credit: Don Greaser.







Darren Dulling gave an update on Kaplan Conservatory Orchid Inventory; ODU and VT have executed an agreement and the Kaplan Orchid Collection will be temporarily housed in a greenhouse to be built on the grounds of the VT extension property.



# *Congratulations to 2023 the show table awards winners!*



*First Place in the Cattleya Category, congratulations to Brandt Moran!*



*First Place for the Vanda Sub-Alliance, Phalaenopsis, Species, and Overall Most Points Categories, congratulations to Jamie Krochmal!*