



Tidewater Orchid Society

February 2024 Newsletter



President's Message:

Hello TOS!

We had a busy February. Our last meeting speaker was Darrin Duling of the Kaplan Orchid Conservatory who brought in great plants for sale and spoke on orchids of Crete.

Also in February, the TOS participated in the Virginia Orchid Society show the weekend of February 23 to 25 in Richmond. Pictures of the display are included below. We had such great volunteers who helped set up the display and showed off TOS' fantastic growers. Thank you all for your generous support. We had several awarded plants. Superb job TOS growers! A list is included below. A special thank you and shout out to Brandt Moran who shepherded the team to a Third Place overall finish. I greatly appreciate his insight, leadership and time spent at the show.

Now on to March!

Our March meeting is canceled to make way for our exciting March Show and Sale to be held at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens from March 15 to 17. Details about the show and participation is provided later in the newsletter by the show's co-chair. Come on by and visit the vendors for some great buys. Volunteers are needed and if you haven't signed up contact Patsy Temple.

Also in March, the Nominating Committee will be established to craft a slate of officers for next year's term. The membership will vote on officers at the April meeting. More details on the April meeting will be provided in the next newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you all at the March Show!
Best, Sandra Cross

2023-2024 Schedule

3/2: No member meeting
3/15-3/17: NBG Show and Sale – Tim Culbertson, Speaker
4/7: (at NBG) – Jeff Morris
4/20: Beginner's Class
5/5:
5/18: Beginner's Class
6/2: Member Picnic and Auction
6/15: Beginner's Class

Officers

President Sandra Cross
Vice President Dori Iwanowski
Secretary Tracey Fergau
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

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 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

02/04/2024
Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dori Iwanowski, Vice President, at 2:02 pm at the Virginia Tech Agricultural Research Extension Center. (AREC). Dori said she would be taking over for President Sandra Cross who was out of town visiting family. Dori welcomed everyone and recognized our new members and visitors. Before continuing Dori made sure that everyone had a raffle ticket.

Tracey Firgau moved that the minutes from the January meeting be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Ellen Hansen and passed unanimously.

Business:

- Bylaws and guidelines-Per board meeting discussion, some volunteers will be going over bylaws and guidelines, revising/updating as needed and will bring the suggested changes to the meeting to be voted on by the members.
- Nominating committee- The committee needs three volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, give Patsy Temple your name. Voting for the officers will be in May. Dori is already on the committee and Sandra will nominate two additional members.
- Committee chair change-Dori indicated that TOS will begin doubling up on committee chairs so that there is a main chair and a second. The second will be someone who is unfamiliar with the job. They will shadow the chair and learn how the committee works. This way if the main chair needs to be out there will still be someone who understands the process and will be able to step in.
- Virginia Orchid Society show in Richmond-Brandt Moran had a powerpoint presentation on (1) What members need to do before the show if they want one of their plants in the display; (2) Information regarding set up on Thursday February 22nd; (3) Information on the breakdown of the display on Sunday February 25th. Following the presentation Brandt sent around a sign up sheet for those interested in helping with the show display.
- Beginners class-Dave and Joanne Bryan will take the beginners class to the Richmond show on Saturday, February 24th. Dave will send out an email to those in the beginners classes and try to set-up a carpool. Dave is hoping to be able to find a judge who can explain how plants are judged and awards are given. There will be no beginners class in March because of the TOS show and sale.
- TOS show and sale- Norfolk Botanical Gardens is still doing timed entries because of the construction. Dori is not sure if this will still be going on in March at the time of our show or how it might affect us. Chloe, the NBG liaison, has been on vacation so Dori has not been able to clarify this with her. She will follow up with Chloe as soon as she can. Pat Corderre needs to know if she can use the kitchen for hospitality during the show.

Pat and Dori will follow up. We need help for the March show to include, but not limited to, greeters and individuals to assist the vendors. Set up will be on Thursday, March 14th. Patsy has a sign up sheet. Sign up before you leave today or get in touch with her to volunteer. Just a reminder that the TOS show is not an AOS sanctioned show-it is just for fun.

- Board member reports-

- Treasurer- Barbara MacKechnie reported that she has developed a draft budget. She needs a date for the board to review the proposed budget before it is presented to the members.

- Secretary- nothing new to report.

- Newsletter- Ellen would like to wrap up her time as the newsletter chair this term. We will need a member to take over the newsletter duties.

- Dori confirmed that there is no member meeting in March because of our show and sale.

After a 15 minute break to shop the plants that Darrin Duling brought and to look at the show table the presentation began.

Darrin's presentation: Orchids Underfoot-Flora of the Magical Island of Crete

Darrin Duling

Associate Director

Athur and Phyllis Kaplan Conservatory

Old Dominion University

Following Darrin's presentation Brandt, Dylan Whittkower, Jamie Krochmal, and Ellen talked about plants that they had brought in for the show table.

Patsy reminded everyone to sign up to volunteer at the March show and sale before they left today.

Ailin Harpole made an instagram account for TOS and will be posting today about the March show. If you have any other TOS information that you would like her to post, let her know before you leave.

Raffle-There were 8 lucky raffle winners today.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

Submitted by Tracey Firkau, Secretary.

NOTE: As of Sunday, April 7th we will again be meeting at the Norfolk Botanical Garden in the Administrative building. We are scheduled all the way into December of 2024.

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>

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- **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**

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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!

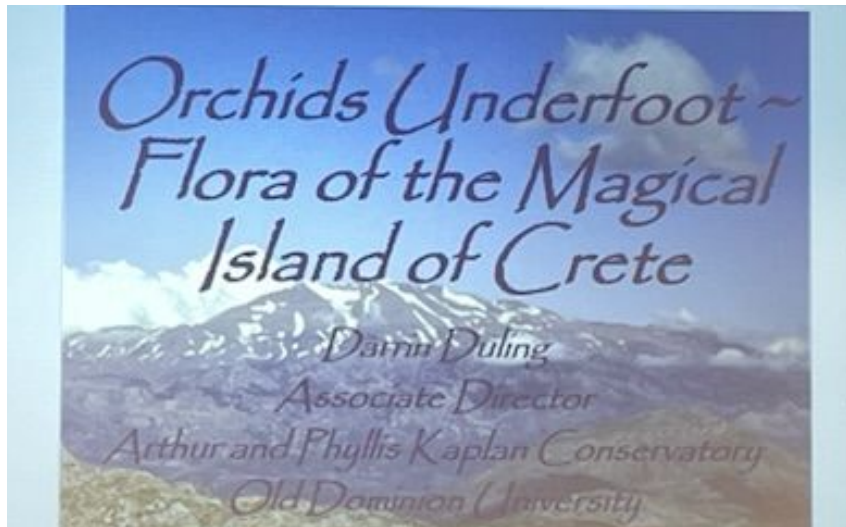
A Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS) meeting was held 4 February, 2024 at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Extension Center in Norfolk, Virginia.

Opening remarks were made by the TOS Vice President, followed by two presentations, a plant sale, and the TOS Informal Table Judging.



Brandt Moran lead discussions about the setup of and made a plea for volunteers to help with the Virginia Orchid Society (VOS) Show in Richmond in February and the TOS Orchid Show in March. Brandt passed around a volunteer sign up sheet for the VOS Show. The March TOS Orchid Show will be held at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk, Virginia.

Darrin Duling, Associate Director of the Arthur and Phyllis Kaplan Conservatory at the Old Dominion University, gave a very informative presentation titled titled “Orchids Underfoot, Flora of the Magical Island of Crete”.



Setting up for sale of orchids taken from the Arthur and Phyllis Kaplan Conservatory at the Old Dominion University by Darrin.



We enjoyed some very nice member orchids on the Judging Table too!



Photos and text courtesy of Don Greaser

Tidewater Orchid Society Informal Table Judging Results
Date: 2/4/24

Category Award Level/Orchid Owner

I. Cattleya Alliance	
1) Dylan Wittkower	C. Walkeriana
2) Dylan Wittkower	Bc. "Glorious May"
II. Cypripedium Alliance	
1) Ellen Hansen	Phrag. Fritz Schomburg
2) Ellen Hansen	Paph. Bengal Lancers
3) Dylan Wittkower	Paph. Lathamianum
III. Vanda Sub-Alliance	
1) Jamie Krochmal	V. christensoniana x ampullacea
2) Dylan Wittkower	V. Su-Fran-Marie
3) Dylan Wittkower	V. Robert's Delight 'Black'
IV. Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance	
1)	
V. Oncidium Alliance	
1) Brandt Moran	Onc. Black Beauty 'Ken'
2) Dylan Wittkower	Onc. Aliceara Hawaiian Glacier
3) Brandt Moran	Leptotes pohlitinocoi
VI. Cymbidium Alliance	
1)	
VII. Dendrobium Alliance	
1) Brandt Moran	Den. Kingianum
2) Tracey Fergau	Den. Chocolate Chip
VIII. Hybrids other than the above	
1) Brandt Moran	Masd. Angel Heart
2) Dylan Wittkower	Coelogyne x intermedia
IX. Species other than the above	
1) Jamie Krochmal	Bulbo. Ambrosia
2) Rich Palley	Barkeria melanocaulon
3) Dylan Wittkower	Pleurothallis pectinata

A Note from the Show Committee

It Takes a Village

The results of our first VOS show for a few years are in.

We finished 2nd in class and 3rd overall. The American Orchid Society judges loved our exhibit for its diversity of specimens and the subtle play we executed on the show theme:

A Celebration of Orchids. We placed a spent champagne bottle with the requisite cork and glassware stage center in a noticeable but none obtrusive place. The orchids played their part, and we finished in the money with a \$100 check for our effort. None of this would have been possible if we did not have access to the spectacular plants that so many of you made available. A THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

The society would also like to heartily thank the folks that helped make this project so successful and fun.

Feb 18th was plant staging and registration day. Frank Drew provided the greenhouse and the corporate knowledge to get the ball rolling. Paul Chung, Peney Williams and Barbara MacKechnie made nametags, groomed plants, and coordinated their placement in the greenhouse. Karen Jones registered the plants online and Judy Hyszcak with the help of Dave Bryan made all the labels. The saying that many hands make quick work could not have been truer.

Wednesday evening the plants were loaded in Frank's van and the van was put in the heated garage.

The plants were moved to the venue - the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens – Thursday morning. Barbara MacKechnie, Tracy Firgau, Judy Hyszcak and Karen Jones met the van in Richmond and installed the exhibit for all to enjoy.

Breakdown happened Sunday afternoon when Jamie Krochmal and Naomi Sato made quick work of the exhibit.

And most importantly, a very hearty thank you to Don Greaser who was along side me for every step of this process. I could not ask for a better wingman to pull this off so seamlessly.

HUMBLY SUBMITTED

Brandt Moran

Co-Chair Show Committee

**Virginia Orchid Society Show
Tidewater Orchid Society Exhibit Inventory**

<u>Exhibiter Name</u>	<u>Entry Name</u>	<u>(Ribbons)</u>
1 Tidewater Orchid Society	Society Exhibit, 5-ft Diameter Tabletop	2 nd (3 rd Overall)
2 Brandt Moran	Cattleya walkeriana	
3	Dendrobium kingianum [#1]	1st
4	Dendrobium kingianum [#2]	2nd
5	Epidendrum wallisii	1st
6	Paphiopedilum NOID [#1]	
7	Paphiopedilum NOID [#2]	
8	Phragmipedium Noirmont	1st
9 Dylan Wittkower	Cattleya Purple Cascade 'Sweet Beauty'	1st
10	Dendrochilum tenellum 'Shan'	1st
11	Gastrochilus bellinus	HM
12	Oberonia lunata	
13	Paphiopedilum Lathamianum	3rd
14	Phragmipedium Mem. Mariza Rolando	
15 Jamie Krochmal	Doritaenopsis Younghome 'Little Snow'	
16	Encyclia polybulbon	3rd
17	Fredclarkera AfterDark 'SVO', AM/AOS	
18	Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite	3rd
19	Rhyncattleanthe Fuchs Orange Nuggett 'Lea'	
20	Vandachostylis Tan Geat Leng	
21 Judy Haszczak	Phalaenopsis Taida Blush 'Taida Pink Butterfly'	
22 Kaplan Conservatory	Dendrobium Blue Bees	1 st Best Dend. In Show Pulled for AOS Award
23	Maxillaria sanguinea	1st
24	Paphiopedilum Hung Sheng Spice	2nd
25 Peney Williams	Dendrobium Micro Chip x Roy Tokunaga 'Freckles', AM/AOS	2nd
26 Richard Palley	Maxillaria grandiflora	2nd
27	Sophrolaeliocattleya Hsin Buu Lady 'Y. T.'	3rd
28 Vijai Singh	Cymbidium Massachusetts Sunset	2nd
29	Cymbidium Sunshine Falls 'Butterball'	1 st Best Misc. in Show
30 Yulia Moshkariova	Dendrobium Mini Snowflake x Nilda	2 nd
31	Platanthera Long Pride Fancy	

Thanks for exhibiting in our show!



Our March Orchid Show at Norfolk Botanical Gardens

Do you have an orchid in bloom?

We will be setting up our display on Thursday, March 14th at the atrium in Baker Hall, Norfolk Botanical Gardens. We would love to use your plant(s) in the display. There will be an informal judging by a few of our more learned members. Ribbons and rosettes should abound. If you can't get your plants to NBG Thursday after 3 PM, please reach out to Patsy (757) 287-4947 or Brandt (978) 877-7566 to arrange transport.

We also need help setting up the display, making labels, and staking plants if needed. This would be a Thursday late afternoon commitment. Once we're done, the group will find a place to get dinner and appropriate libations.

Most importantly, come by Friday, Saturday and Sunday to support our show and the vendors. Peter will be there with his collection of Vandaeae plants, John (Smithfield Orchids) will be there also, as will Tim Culbertson (Ocean Orchids) with a cutting-edge collection of Paphs and a selection of Fred Clark's plants to offer. Unfortunately, he will not have Catasetinae. It's the wrong time of year at their greenhouse. The benches are empty in anticipation of their annual shipment from the seedling growers in Hawaii.

Tim will be presenting lectures at 2 PM on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's lecture will be on the Parvisepalum subgenus of the Paphiopedilum genus and Sunday's lecture will be on the genus Pescatoria.

If you missed the Virginia Orchid Society show in Richmond, here's your chance to make amends. Hope to see you there!

Your Show Committee Co-chair
Brandt Moran



VOS Demolition Team



TOS Table Award from the VOS show

Bio for Tim Culbertson

Although I teach middle school kids for a living, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 3000. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up my own babies is a blast. I was once the youngest accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with various orchid societies in California and on the East Coast. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip. I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium. In short, I really like plants.

For your meeting, I'll be sharing a presentation entitled "Amazing Soft-Leaved Orchids". These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low cultural demands beyond the needs for heat and water. Genera in this group, including *Pescatorea*, *Cochleanthes*, *Bollea*, and *Huntleya*, are under-represented in collections of mixed genera; their beautiful (and often blue) flower colors argue favorably for their inclusion, as does their tendency to produce specimen plants quickly when grown well. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of what goes into breeding trends for these types of plants, as well as an appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth. I hope this talk will encourage you to try one in your collection.

I'll also be sharing a presentation on *Parvisepalum* paphs, one of my favorite groups of orchids. I'm so excited to present on these – they are just delightful! These plants are easy to grow and flower, are vigorous, and have low demands on light and fertilizer, can be grown easily on windowsills with a minimum of heat, and as such are wonderful plants! I will help identify some of the important species in the backgrounds of modern *Parvi* paph hybrids, and discuss some hybrids you're likely to encounter when purchasing them. By the end of this presentation, you will have a new appreciation of their beautiful flowers and ease-of-growth, and will much better able to select plants that best fit your own growing conditions.