



TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Hello Members,

As we aimed head first into 2026, I was so happy to have Jeff Morris back as a speaker for our first meeting of the year.

Since one of our 2025 topics had been to look into what it takes to sponsor an AOS judged show, Vijai specifically asked Jeff to talk about how to ready our plants for such a show and asked if he could share some suggestions to better prepare us....for the AOS judged show in the future but specifically for the Arthur Kaplan Memorial Show and Sale coming up in March.



The BIGGEST item Jeff talked about is to make sure you clean your plants properly. This includes cleaning the leaves, the pot of any debris, and douse the plant to make sure there are NO BUGS traveling with you to the show. Make sure your plant label is stashed safely, deep in the pot to avoid losing it or having it snipped off for the show. Finally, make sure you support and position your flowers so they are facing in the right direction and are in full view. Remember, the photos of the orchids we see in our orchid magazines don't have their flowers growing perfectly in a row, their growers take time to coax the wily ones to make them look so perfect. Jeff also showed us some of his amazing displays....he truly is a master architect. The displays are a work of art in themselves and then are covered with his beautiful orchids. It really was wonderful to see all the displays and to hear his talk.

As for the upcoming Arthur Kaplan Show, everyone is actively helping out, Sonia and her group are putting ads in every plant or neighborhood magazine they can find. Please note that the first "Save The Date" cards were emailed to everyone and you were asked to forward those to everyone you may know. The second reminder card is coming up in February so please pass that on also. We will finalize schedules at the February meeting and see how far we have gotten with our advertising. Brandt has been working on getting a TV interview to talk about the show.

Dave and JoAnne Bryan have been working on collecting and ordering all the materials we will need to plant our orchid seedlings. They will give us a time and place where we can start our new project. This will take the place of the "Beginners" class and everyone will be able to take part.

I always love January as my orchids begin to wake up and start blooming. With the warm/ cold/ freezing weather recently, it's always nice to come home and have some pretty blooms waiting to greet you.

See you in February.

Dori

2026 Schedule

2/1	February Meeting (NBG)
3/1	March Meeting (NBG)
3/12	Show Set Up at NBG
3/13-15	Kaplan Show at NBG
4/5	April Meeting (NBG)
5/3	May Meeting (NBG)
6/7	June Meeting and Picnic Auction

Officers

President: Dori Iwanowski
 Vice President: Vijai Singh
 Secretary: Joanne Bryan
 Treasurer: Karen Jones
 Past President: Sandra Cross

Trustees

2023-2026 – Naomi Sato and Yulia Moshkariova
 2024-2027 – Patricia Corderre, Sonia Singh
 2025 2028 – Dave Bryan, John Whistler

Volunteers

AOS Rep	Jamie Krochmal
Auction	Jamie Krochmal, Brandt Moran
Budget	Karen Jones
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 Hyszcak, and Yulia Moshkariova
Library	Kathy Greaser
Membership	Sonia Singh
Newsletter	Judy Hyszcak
Program	Vijai Singh
Public Relations	Position Open
Sales Table	Kathy Greaser
Sunshine	Cynni & Red Taylor
Webmaster	Paul Chung, Kathy Greaser

WHAT IS HAPPENING

Meeting at 2:00 PM
 Zoom Speaker: Dr. Kanchit Thammasiri
 Topic: Orchid Breeding
 Show Table
 Sales Table

1/4/2026**Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS) Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was held at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens and brought to order at 2:17 p.m. by President Dori Iwanowski.

Business

Kaplan Memorial Show – will be held on March 13, 14, 15 with set up on March 12 in Baker Hall. We are currently working on all aspects of the show.

Virginia Orchid Society Show – will be held Feb 28, March 1 and 2 at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. TOS plans to put a display in this show.

February Speaker – Our speaker for February will be a zoom lecture by Prof. Dr. Kanchit Thammasiri from the Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden. The title is “Orchid Breeding”.

AOS Report – Jamie Krochmal reported that the AOS newsletter has information on webinars and greenhouse chats. He also stated that Orchid Digest has webinars that you can log in and register on their app. David Off from Waldor Orchids has information on orchid culture available on their website.

AOS Memorial – The September issue of Orchids Magazine has a memorial to Paula Bannon, one of our long standing members that died recently.

Upcoming Events of Note – The 46th Paphiopedilum Forum will be held at North Chevy Chase Christian Church in Chase MD on January 31, 2026.

AOS Spring Show – Will be held in Orlando from April 8 – 12, 2026

World Orchid Congress – Will be held in Dresden Germany from March 25 – 29, 2026

Open House – John Whistler will hold an open greenhouse at his home on Jan 18 at 11 am. His address is 3204 Glenview Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23321

Speaker – Vijai Singh introduced our speaker Jeff Morris from Charlottesville. He spoke on setting up orchid displays, showing photos and giving tips for successful displays.

Show table – Members shared their plant stories for the members.

Meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Submitted by Joanne Bryan, Secretary

January Meeting Highlights



Orchids brought in for sale by today's speaker, Jeff Morris



Member orchids placed for judging in our informal table judging, lots of gorgeous orchids!



There were so many to choose from!



The hospitality table had some bubbly of the spiked and non-spiked variety!



President Dori Iwanoski leading a toast to the new year!

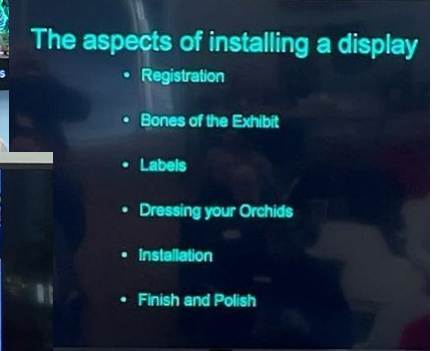
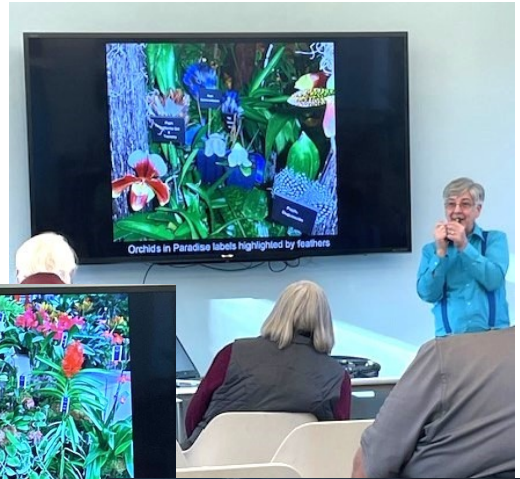


Jamie Krochmal reporting on various AOS Initiatives to the membership

January Meeting Highlights



Vice President Vijai Singh introducing today's speaker, Jeff Morris who gave an excellent presentation on staging an orchid show.



Brandt Moran brought in a several of his orchids,



There were many takeaways from Jeff's presentation captured in the slides shown above.



Vijai Singh and his Brassovola Little Star



Vijai Singh and his Lc. Melody Fair 'Carol'



Jamie Krochmal and his Epicattleya

FIELD TRIP REPORT

John Whistler and his lovely wife, Nora, welcomed us into their home and while we enjoyed a delicious spread, John gave a talk of how his greenhouse came to be. He went into detail how he built it and some pitfalls he ran into and solved during his first year having the greenhouse. He did a wonderful job and it is an attractive feature in his backyard.



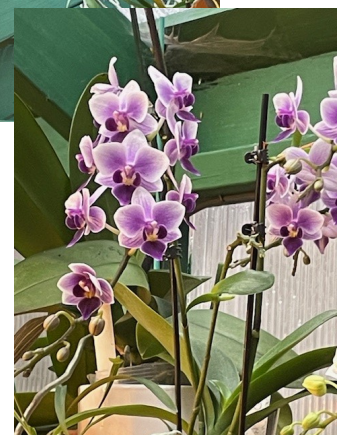
What an attractive building he built after watching Youtube videos and getting plans online. He built it in 2024 and just had a few orchids to put in it.



This is his light that continuously slides on its track from 7 am to 7 pm each day to provide more light especially for his Vandas.



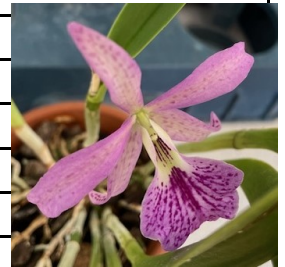
John has now about 500 orchids and there were several in bloom and others forming spikes.



MONTHLY TABLE JUDGING WINNERS 1/4/26



Category	Owner	Plant Name
I. Bulbophyllum Alliance		
1)	No Plants Registered	
2)		
3)		
II. Cattleya Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	Brassavola Little Stars
2)	Vijai Singh	Lc. Melody Fair 'Carol'
3)	Jamie Krochmal	Encyclia polybulbon
III. Cymbidium Alliance		
1)	No Plants Registered	
2)		
3)		
IV. Cypripedium Alliance		
1)	Karen Jones	Paph. amabile 'Pink Wings' x Paph. amabile 'Outstanding'
2)		
3)		
V. Dendrobium Alliance		
1)	Kathy Greaser	Den. Blue Twinkle
2)	Dylan Wittkower	Den. unicum
3)	Dylan Wittkower	Diodonopsis erinacea
VI. Oncidium Alliance		
1)	Judy Hyszczak	Onc. Sharry Baby
2)	Dylan Wittkower	Onc. Tsiku Marguerite
3)	Ted Holland	Brassanthe Maikai "Mayumi"
VII. Vanda/Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance		
1)	John Whistler	Phal. Amboinensis
2)	John Whistler	V. Varut Leopard x Suksamran Gold
3)	Ted Holland	Phal. Schillerina
VIII. Hybrids other than the above		
1)	Jamie Krochmal	Catasetum Kidney Bean
2)		
3)		
IX. Species other than the above		
1)	Dylan Wittkower	Polystachya pubescens
2)		
3)		



MEMBERS' ORCHIDS IN BLOOM DURING JANUARY



Kathy Greaser's
Brassanthe Maikai 'Louise'

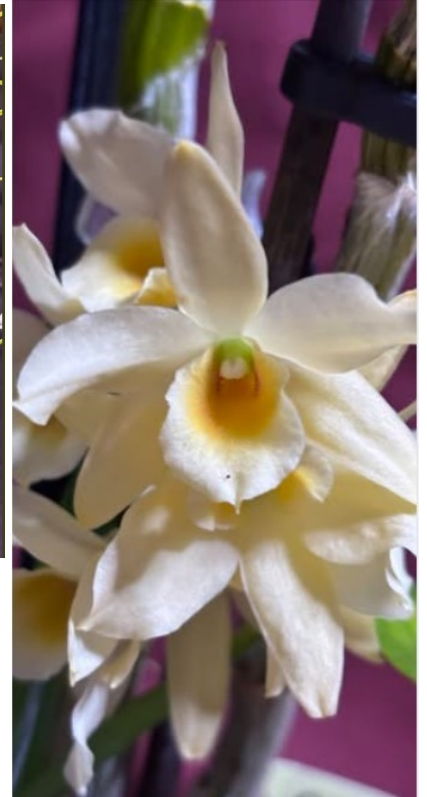
Kathy Greaser's
Dendrobium Happy Bride
'Orient



Kathy Greaser's Dendrobium Princess
X Dendrobium Gold star
It's actually a keiki from the plant that
is to the far right but the color of the
flowers are much different. This one is
a light orange - the other is a cream
yellow.



Kathy Greaser's
Maxillaria tenuifolium 'Yamada'



Kathy Greaser's Dendrobium
Princess X Dendrobium
Gold star



Kathy Greaser's Phalaenopsis Trailblazer.
Kathy states that she did not bring it to
flower. She's only owned it since the last
Society Auction. She thinks Yulia donated it
and she is really enjoying it.

Photo on page 1 is of Dendrobium Sherry Abe.



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 \$88 (one year) includes online + print magazine
OR
Silver \$56 (one year) includes online magazine only.

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>

An AOS Affiliated Society

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



Would you like photos of your flowering orchids included in the monthly newsletter photo gallery?

Please email your photos as an attachment to Judy Hyszcak. Refer to your roster for the email address.

Please remember to include your name and the exact name of your plant from its tag.



Webinars - Coming Attractions!

REGISTRATION IS EASY www.aos.org/webinars
 Cannot make it on the scheduled date and time? No need to worry.
 Register now and view on your time schedule.

Send Your Greenhouse Chat Questions and Photos to: greenhousechat@aos.org
 Greenhouse Chat webinars are recorded and summarized by topic for future viewing.

When	Feb. 10, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST	Feb. 12, 2026 Thursday 8:30 pm EST	Mar. 03, 2026 Tuesday 8:30 pm EST	Special Selections
Topic	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Feb. 07</i>	Happy Roots Happy Orchids Get to the root of the matter to help you grow healthy orchids. How to create the ideal orchid root ecosystem.	Greenhouse Chat Orchid Q & A Answers to your questions about all things orchid. <i>Send in your Photos and Questions by Feb. 28</i>	All About Pests and Diseases Identify them and how to manage them. Filter Pests & Diseases from the <u>recorded FULL INDEX</u> category.
Presenter	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	Harvey Brenneise Orchid grower with success in various environments	Ron McHatton AOS Chief Education and Science Officer	AOS Chief Education and Science Officer, and Agdia Rep.



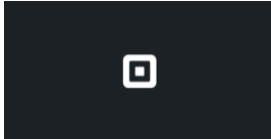
Webinar announcements are posted on the AOS website, on Facebook and Instagram, and in the AOS Corner of your Affiliated Society's newsletter.

Use the
WEBINAR
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PAYMENT OF DUES ONLINE

You now have the *option* to pay your TOS membership dues for FY 2024-2025 online by selecting any of the links or QR codes provided below. Online dues are \$32 for a single membership or \$42 for a family membership and include all applicable Square fees. As a friendly reminder annual dues are to be paid at the start of each fiscal year which begins in September. For those that choose to pay online, I will be providing a monthly report that shows who paid online to Sonia Singh, TOS Membership, so she can update membership payment records.

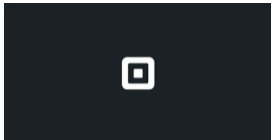
2025-2026 Membership Dues - Single - \$32.00



[2025-2026 Single Membership Dues - Tidewater Orchid Society \(square.site\)](#)



2025-2026 Membership Dues - Family - \$42.00



[2025-2026 Family Membership Dues - Tidewater Orchid Society \(square.site\)](#)



2025-2026 Membership Dues - Student- \$9.00



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