



Tidewater Orchid Society

January 2023 Newsletter



President's Message

Greetings orchid enthusiasts!

Our next membership meeting will be held at 2:00 on February 5th at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens Auditorium, located in the Administration Building at the front of the Gardens. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Clark Riley from the Maryland Orchid Society who will be presenting in-person. You can find his bio below. Dr. Riley will not be bringing plants for sale but will be bringing his 3 books for you to peruse. They are not orchid related books-they are about cancer and health. You can find details on the books at <https://www.amazon.com/stores/Clark-Thomas-Riley/author/>. Any book sales will go towards the speaker fees for Dr. Riley.

With the speaker not bringing plants for sale, our sales table will be **OPEN**. We had a great sales table at last month's meeting with lots of different plants to purchase. Several of us walked away with a new 'friends'.

Don't forget to bring your blooming orchids for our show table! We'd love to see what you are growing.

Our crack team of volunteers are gearing up for our March 5 Purchased Plant Auction. They are planning to have over 70 plants of varying species for the auction. Mark your calendars! There are sure to be great plants to add to your collections.

A bit of Board-related news. One of our Trustees, Roberta Lewis, has moved away from the Tidewater area and the Board has selected Kathy Greaser to

2022-2023 Schedule

- 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	
Exhibits	Frank Drew, Bert Bennett
Historian	Don Greaser
Hospitality	Jeanette Spreeman, 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

complete the remainder of her term which ends this June. Thank you Kathy!!

Over the next several months you'll be hearing from the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee. They will offer the TOS a new slate of officers for the next term and will outline the budget details for the next term. If you are interested in volunteering to support these or any other TOS Committees, just let a current Board Member know. Now is the time to get involved.

See you in February!
Sandra

Dr. Riley Bio

Baltimore author Clark Thomas Riley has been an active orchid grower since 1957. At the age of six, he got his first plant, a probably-collected Yellow Ladyslipper (*Cypripedium pubescens*) from a perennial nursery. The plant died a miserable death in a short time, but not before blooming and cementing a love of orchids that has lasted over half a century. He has labored ever since to make amends by promoting the sound cultivation of hardy Ladyslippers. He grows a wide range of orchids, including several thousand terrestrials, hardy species, and ladyslippers, Brazilian *Laelias*, *Habenarias*, and specialty *Phalaenopsis*, often from seed. He was the producer for the book and CD of *Proceeding of the North American Native Terrestrial Orchid Conference*. He is a member of the Maryland Orchid Society, the National Capitol Orchid Society, and the American Orchid Society. He can be reached at DrRiley@aol.com or visit his web site at <http://cyps.us>.

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.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 your plant's name. Thank you!



Dr. Clark Riley

Tidewater Orchid Society
Minutes
January 8, 2023

The January membership meeting was brought to order by President Sandra Cross at 2:02 pm at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Sandra welcomed members back and asked members to make should they have labeled their plants for table judging.

The November minutes were approved as written by Jamie Krochmal and seconded by Don Greaser.

Sandra commented on the success of the December PotLuck Awards dinner and hopes we can do it again next year. She asked members to submit any recommendations for next year to the board.

Award recipients were listed by Ellen Hansen in the newsletter. Congratulations to all!

Upcoming programs:

- February 5th- Dr. Clark Riley
- March 5th- Purchased Plant Auction
- April 2nd- Steve A. Frowine
- May 7th- Harry Gallis, MD
- June 4th- Picnic and Auction

Nominations for officers for 2023 are needed soon. Please let Sandra know if you are interested in becoming a trustee or serving on the nomination committee next month.

Budget committee also is in need of members. Contact Sandra if interested.

Treasurer's report - Barbara Mackechnie asked members to turn in their expenditures for the December PotLuck dinner to her as soon as possible.

AOS report- Louise Roesser announced the next AOS Culture Day is Sunday, February 12th and is open to the public. To register go to www.aos.org .If you shop on Amazon consider the AOS as your charity of choice.

Bert Bennett announced that the TOS will NOT be participating in the Virginia Orchid Society show on March 3-5 due to a conflict with the TOS purchased plant auction.

Kathy Greaser agreed to take over the door prize raffle duty.

Patsy Temple introduced a new member attending today.

Dori Iwanowski introduced our virtual speaker, Glen Decker, who spoke on Slipper Orchids.

Members were asked to showcase their plants and raffle prize tickets were drawn.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Louise Roeser

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.

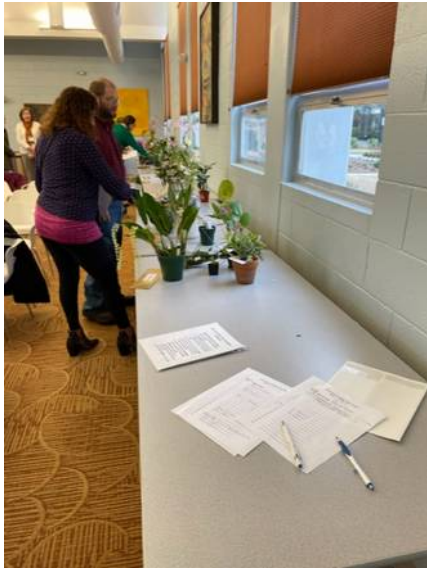
Membership levels are: Gold \$81 (one year) \$162 (2years) includes online + print magazine OR Silver \$54 (one year) \$108 (2 years) includes online magazine only. For more information go to aos.org.



BASIC FIR BARK MIX (Glen Decker)

- 6 parts medium grade fir bark
- 12 parts seedling or fine grade fir bark
- 3 parts horticultural charcoal
- 6 parts sponge rock
- 1-1/2 parts cracked oyster shell
- 3/4 parts silic sand (pool filter sand)

Our January 8, 2023 members meeting was held at the Norfolk Botannical Gardens. Members brought plants for the informal judging table

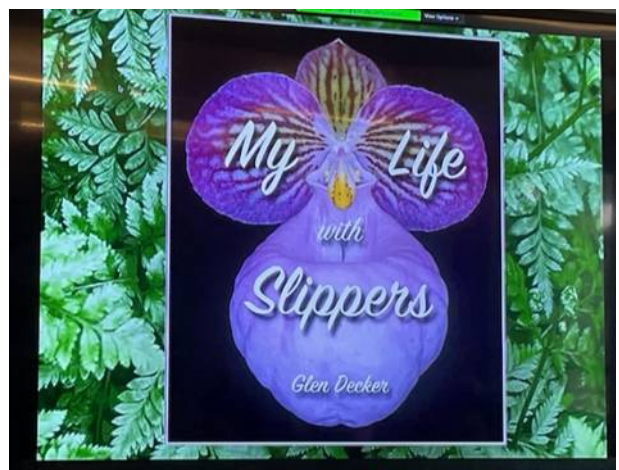
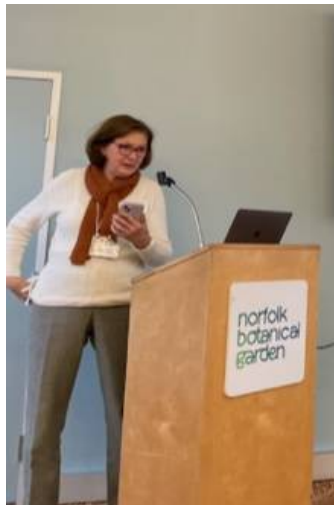


Members also brought plants for re-homing at the sales table, and Patsy Temple managed the membership activity





Dori introduced our guest speaker, Glen Decker, who spoke about slipper orchids



Show and tell from our wonderful orchid growers



Tidewater Orchid Society Informal Table Judging Results		
		Date: 1-8-2023
Category	Award Level/Orchid	Owner
Cattleya Alliance		
	1) Blc. Nina de Primavera	Jamie Krochmal
	2) Sl. Minipet 'SVO'	Jamie Krochmal
	3) Chz. Hsinying Pink Doll	Yulia Moshokanova
Cypripedium Alliance		
	1) Paph Elfin Wonder	Bert Bennett
	2) Phrag Fritz Schomburg	Bert Bennett
	3) Paph. (barbigerum x Winston Churchill)	Dylan Whittkower
Vanda Sub-Alliance		
	1) Aerides houlettiana ALBA	Jamie Krochmal
	2) Vanda Paki X Vanda (Neofinetia) Falcata	Dylan Whittkower
	3)	
Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance		
	1) No Name	Roseann Wade
	2) Phal. pulcherrima P. Teres	Roseann Wade
	3)	
Oncidium Alliance		
	1) Odontonia Memoria Martin Orenstein 'Lulu' HCC/AOS	Louise Roesser
	2)	
	3)	
Cymbidium Alliance		
	1)	
	2)	
	3)	
Dendrobium Alliance		
	1) Den. Australian Robbie McInnes	Jamie Krochmal
	2) Den. Micro Chip x Den. Roy Tokunaga 'freckles'	Penney Williams
	3) Den. eriiflorum	Dylan Whittkower
Hybrids other than the above		
	1) Fdk After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'	Bert Bennett
	2) Cycnoches Jumbo Cooper-Swan Cascade	Jamie Krochmal
	3) Rlc Shin Shiang Diamond X B. Nodosa	Claudia Young
Species other than the above		
	1) Maxillaria variabilis	Jamie Krochmal
	2) Den. Cobbianum 'Chartreuse Sentinel'	Jamie Krochmal
	3) Rlc Shin Shiang Diamond X B. Nodosa	Dylan Whittkower

Another successful Orchid Beginners' Class, the class was held at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Extension in Norfolk, VA.

Topic for this class was all about Dendrobium Orchids. We learned about sections, resting periods (winter and summer), identifying roots, nodes, and Keikis.

