



# Tidewater Orchid Society

January 2024 Newsletter



## President's Message:

Hello Orchid Growers,

We had a last-minute change in speakers for our January meeting and were delighted to hear from Arthur (Art) Chadwick from Chadwick & Sons <https://chadwickorchids.com/>. He spoke about First Ladies and their Cattleyas. In addition to a wonderful presentation, Art brought beautiful plants to sell.

Our next meeting will take place on February 4, at the VA Tech AREC at 2:00 PM. Our speaker will be 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.

If you missed the meeting last month, you missed an amazing show table. Be sure to bring your blooming plants for the show table. We'd love to see what you are blooming!

Upcoming events include the Richmond Orchid Society Show taking place February 23-25. Our Show Committee is encouraging members with blooming plants to exhibit them in the TOS display at the Show. See the Show Committee message below. If you are interested in having your plant judged or just want to support TOS, please consider exhibiting your plant in our display. Let's show Richmond what our members can do!

The Beginners Class is planning a field trip to the Richmond Orchid Society Show on Saturday

### 2023-2024 Schedule

- 2/4: Darrin Duling
- 2/23-2/25: Richmond VOS Orchid Show (Ginter Botanical Gardens)
- 2/24: Beginner's Class Trip to Richmond Orchid Show
- 3/2: No member meeting
- 3/15-3/17: NBG Show and Sale – Tim Culberterson, Speaker
- 4/7: (at NBG)
- 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	Traci Firgau
Treasurer	Barbara MacKechnie
Past President	Bert Bennett

### Trustees

- 2021-2024 – Peney Williams, Richard Palley
- 2022-2025 – Jamie Krochmal, Judy Hyszcak
- 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 Hyszcak
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

February 24. For more information contact Dave Bryan.

Another future event is our very own TOS Orchid Show and Sale to take place March 15-17 at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. The TOS will host vendors selling orchids and we'll have a speaker present for the weekend giving talks on orchid growing. This will be another great opportunity to participate and support a display. More information to come on how to get your plant into the TOS display. If you are interested in helping set up the display, contact Brandt Moran.

We will need volunteers at the TOS Orchid Show and Sale to help throughout the weekend to monitor the event and speak to the public about the TOS. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Patsy Temple.

Lastly, we will be pulling together a Nominating Committee to select a slate of officers for next year's term. If you are interested in supporting the Nominating Committee let me know.

We have a lot of great events to look forward to this year and lots of orchids to appreciate!

Your President,

Sandra Cross

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

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A Note From the Show Committee

The Virginia Orchid Society's annual show will be the weekend of Friday the 23rd of February until Sunday the 25th . It is being held at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, 1800 Lakeside Ave, Richmond, VA 23228.

We have been invited to participate by installing a 5 ft diameter tabletop display in the show.

The timeline for this project is as follows:

The Sunday before the show (Feb 18th ) anyone who wishes to exhibit a plant(s) will need to bring them to Frank Drews Greenhouse. 2634 N Landing Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. It is here that plants that need additional grooming will receive attention. Additionally, the plants will be registered and labeled. While labeling can happen the day of setup (Thursday the 22nd ), it makes the installation much more relaxed if this is done ahead of time. For all intents and purposes, early registration is considered mandatory in this age of internet connectivity. The biggest reason to stage the plants is to see what we got and if we need to beg additional plants.

The show committee will move the plants to the venue early Thursday morning. If you can't make it to Franks, consider taking the plants to Richmond. A second staging location is not out of the question if the demand is there. More to follow at the February meeting. I would still like to know what you plan on bringing if you are thinking of bringing them directly to the venue.

If we already have the plants groomed, labeled, and registered, the setup Thursday will go quickly and hopefully smoothly. Though I've done this part solo, it's a whole lot more fun with a couple hands to help. The best part of helping Thursday is you get to see the show come to life and more importantly, to peruse the vendor's wares first.

The final phase of the show is by far the most amazing. It'll take all day Thursday for everyone to get their displays perfect. On Sunday, all this work will disappear before your very eyes in 15 minutes or less. We will need a couple folks that can help with the breakdown. The plants will need to make it back to Frank's Greenhouse until they can be picked up by their owners.

I expect to be around for every part of the effort. If you can help, even if it's just for any one part of the project for just a few hours, we'll take it. Please make sure I know you can help and have your contact information. There will be a running thread, making sure all are onboard with our progress and needs.

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**01-08-2024**  
**Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Sandra Cross, President, at the Virginia Tech Agricultural Research Extension Center (AREC). Sandra welcomed everyone. There were no new members to introduce.

Kathy Greaser moved that we accept the corrected November minutes and the December minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Brandt Moran and passed.

Sandra informed the society that Frank Drew will no longer be able to participate in the Virginia Orchid Society (VOS) Show in Richmond the last weekend of February. He has hurt his back rather badly and has been in the hospital for a few days. Brandt had been assisting Frank but will now take over for him. Brandt will need help getting everything together for TOS's display at the show. If you have an orchid that will be in bloom at that time let him know. It will need to be registered so that it can be judged. Brandt will find out when the dead-line for registering plants is and will let others know. All details will be provided at the February meeting but be thinking about plants that you may want to send to the show. Brandt noted that it is easier to get a ribbon at a society show than to get a ribbon on a show table at a TOS meeting.

Vice President report - Dori Iwanowski clarified that Arthur Chadwick would present today and that Darrin Duling would be our speaker in February. His presentation will be at AREC and Darrin will have plants for sale. Dori suggested that members consider helping Brandt with the February VOS Show so that they can utilize all that knowledge and experience for our March show.

Treasurer's report: Barbara MacKechnie did not have any new information today but noted that we would need to start working on our budget for next year.

Secretary's report-Nothing new to report.

Beginner's classes: Dave Bryan reported that they did not have a class scheduled for January yet. He will get a list of the beginners' names from Patsy Temple and email out a list of class dates and topics.

Membership and other committees: Patsy wanted to recognize conservation chairperson Richard Palley who was in attendance today.

American Orchid Society (AOS): Louise Roesser reported that there is an AOS webinar - Multi-floral Paphiopedilums on January 23, 2024.

There were no other committee reports or any topics from the floor.

Sandra reminded everyone that there would be a board meeting on January 17, 2024. She asked the society for items to be discussed. Only the March show was mentioned. Sonia Singh confirmed that anyone could attend the board meeting. Sandra reported that it will be a Zoom meeting so if anyone would like to attend they need to let her know so that she can send them a link.

Sandra also reminded everyone that there was a sale table today.

Dori introduced our speaker for today, Arthur Chadwick. Arthur's presentation was First Ladies and Their Cattleyas.

Following the presentation Brandt, Dylan Wittkower and Peter Breed talked about plants that they had brought in for the show table.

Door prizes-14 plants and other items were given away in the drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 3:28pm.

Submitted by Tracey Firgau, Secretary



<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 \$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).



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! 5

The TOS Membership Meeting was held 7 January, 2024 at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Extension site in Norfolk, VA.

We had our usual informal table judging and a very nice presentation by Arthur Chadwick of Chadwick & Sons Orchids.

Photos and text by Don Greaser



## Informal Table Judging Results 1/7/24

### Category Award Level/Orchid Owner

#### I. Cattleya Alliance

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|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1) Cattleya walkeriana    | Brandt Moran |
| 2) C. Drumbeat 'Heritage' | Vijai Singh  |
| 3) Cattleya loddigesii    | Brandt Moran |

#### II. Cypripedium Alliance

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|---|-----------------|
| 1) Ascocentrum ampullaceum                | Jamie Krochmal  |
| 2) Paph. (barbigerum x Winston Churchill) | Dylan Wittkower |
| 3) LaeliaAutoceps                         | Jamie Krochmal  |

#### III. Vanda Sub-Alliance

- 1) No Plants registered

#### IV. Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance

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| 1) Phalaenopsis | Chris Kroll |
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#### V. Oncidium Alliance

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| 1) Colmanara Wildcat         | Brandt Moran    |
| 2) Oncidium Tsiku Marguerite | Dylan Wittkower |

#### VI. Cymbidium Alliance

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| 1) Cymbidium Dutchman's Gold | Dylan Wittkower |
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#### VII. Dendrobium Alliance

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Dendrobium Ise              | Brandt Moran    |
| 2) Dendrobium Royal Vista      | Brandt Moran    |
| 3) Dendrobium Aussie Starlight | Dylan Wittkower |

#### VIII. Hybrids other than the above

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Phcal. Kryptonite 'Parkside' | Kathy Greaser   |
| 2) Calanthe Tennessee Waltz     | Dylan Wittkower |
| 3) Epidendrum Panama Ruby       | Dylan Wittkower |

#### IX. Species other than the above

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Trichoceros muralis      | Dylan Wittkower |
| 2) Leptotes-pauloensis alba | Jamie Krochmal  |
| 3) Encyclia polybulbon      | Jamie Krochmal  |



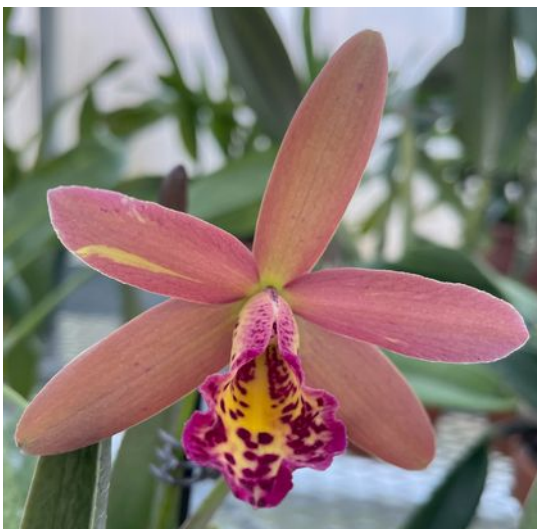
Louise Roesser-Bcn Aka's Aloha 'Dream Dust'



Jamie Krochmal-Ctsm Edgerdo A Pauneto  
'SVO' AM/AOS



Louise Roesser-Vandachostylis 'Pinky'



Louise Roesser-C. Small World 'Sweet Spot' x  
Bl Richard Mueller



Jamie Krochmal-Laelia anceps alba 'Stirling  
Dickinson'





Louise Roesser-Paph. Sheldrake x Paph. Marlborough



Louise Roesser-Coelogyne tomentosa v. massangeana



Jamie Krochmal-C. Trianaei 'Mem. President Kennedy'



Brandt Moran-Bulbophyllum medusae



Jamie Krochmal-Blc Esmeralda 'Heritage'  
AM/AOS



Louise Roesser-Cahuzacara Hsinying Pink Doll  
'Hsinying'



Jamie Krochmal-Blc Mem. Plato Mathews



Louise Roesser-Den. Enobi Purple 'Splash'



Louise Roesser-Rhynchostylis gigantea 'Red'