



Tidewater Orchid Society

March 2023 Newsletter



President's Message

Hello TOS!

I hope many of your plants are in bloom in time for Spring.

We had a spectacular purchase plant auction in March.

There were over 95 plants up for bid and all of them went home with new owners. A wonderful job by Bert Bennett and Jamie Krochmal

for running the event. A special shout out for Dave Bryan who painstakingly collected pictures of all the plants for a fantastic slide show to support the auction. This auction was the big

fundraiser for the Society and we surpassed our goal.

Thank you to all the bidders!

Our next membership meeting will be held at 2:00 on

April 2nd at the Norfolk Botanical

Gardens Auditorium, located in the Administration

Building at the front of the Gardens. We have

a few Society related items for the agenda. First, we

will be voting on the slate of officers for the

next term. Our Nominating Committee has put forth the

following candidates:

President: Sandra Cross

Vice President: Dori Iwanowski

Treasurer: Barbara MacKechnie

Secretary: Tracey Firgau

Trustees: Naomi Sato and Susan Bohache

Second, the membership will be voting on the TOS

budget for the next term. The Budget

Committee pulled together the budget and the Board

met to discuss the proposed budget and

approved it. The Society will be provided copies of the

budget at the meeting for review prior to

the vote.

2022-2023 Schedule

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

Frank Drew, Bert Bennett

Exhibits

Don Greaser

Historian

Jeanette Spreeman,

Hospitality

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

Because we have 2 key Society items up for vote, I ask that you plan to attend this meeting. We need a membership quorum in order to take a vote. Please join us!!

Also at the next meeting, we will have our guest speaker Steve A. Frowine (aka Mr. Horticulture). Steve is an avid gardener and is interested in many facets of horticulture and has a special love for orchids and other tropical plants. He has recently written four books on orchids. One of his books is Orchids for Dummies. A short version of his bio is provided below but for more details on Steve, please look him up at <http://stevefrow.ag-sites.net/bio.htm#:~:text=The%20Long%20Version-,Steven%20A.,home%20for%20almost%2040%20years.>

With the speaker not bringing plants for sale, our sales table will be OPEN. Don't forget to bring your blooming orchids for our show table! We'd love to see what you are growing. If you are interested in volunteering to support the TOS, let a current Board Member know. Now is the time to get involved.

Best,
Sandra

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!

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>

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Steve Frowine: The Orchid Man by Charlie Nardozi, Horticulturist [excerpt]

Steve Frowine is a self-proclaimed “plant nerd”; Ever since he was a kid he’s loved plants. “I started helping my neighbor, Miz Connell weed her garden when I was a youngster,” says Steve. “I’ve had my nose in plants ever since.” His dad, a successful lawyer in Portsmouth, Ohio, wasn’t sure that horticulture was a field his son should study. To test him, he got young Steve a job at a local florist, instructing the owner to “pay him a Pepsi a day and work him hard.” It backfired. Steve loved the job so much he was bent on studying horticulture in college and making it his career.

His fixation with orchids started in junior high school when his dad brought one back as a present from Florida. Now Steve resides in Ajijic, Mexico where he grows a wide range of orchids outdoors. Usually Steve has little patience for plants that don’t bloom, but not so with orchids. “I’ve been growing a division of a lady slipper orchid (*Paphiopedilum Langley Pride* ‘Burlingame’ HCC/AOS) for 26 years. It finally bloomed for the first time this winter,” he says. Now that’s obsession!

Mr. Horticulture

Steve’s resume reads like a list of the top organizations and companies in the U.S. horticultural world. He has worked at the Missouri Botanical Garden, National Tropical Botanical Garden in Hawaii, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center, W. Atlee Burpee, White Flower Farm, Etera, International Garden Products, and Dutch Gardens. He’s written articles for most major gardening magazines and has been on the boards of the Garden Writers Association (GWA), National Gardening Association (NGA), and American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) and on the Visiting Committee of Longwood Gardens. Steve has written four orchid books, *Orchids for Dummies* by published by Wiley and *Fragrant Orchids*, *Miniature Orchids*, and his forthcoming book, due out in August 2008, *Moth Orchids*, the *Complete Guide to Phalaenopsis*, by Timber Press. Through all these changes and years in horticulture, one area that has remained constant is Steve’s love of growing orchids. Now, the passion for orchids has caught on with amateur and professional gardeners alike.



Tidewater Orchid Society
Minutes
March 5, 2023

The March membership meeting was brought to order by President Sandra Cross at 1:00pm at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens.

The February minutes were approved as written by Jamie Krocma and seconded by Bert Bennett. The nominating committee has recommended the following slate of officers for the upcoming 2023-2024 year:

- President- Sandra Cross
- Vice President- Dori Iwanowski
- Secretary- Tracy Firgau
- Treasurer- Barbara MacKechnie
- Trustees- Naomi Sato and Susan Bohache

The new slate will be voted on at our next monthly meeting.
The yearly budget will also be voted on at our next monthly meeting.

Next Beginner's class will be Saturday, March 11th at 10:00am at the Virginia Tech AREC. The topic will be 'Labels'.

Our speaker for the April 2nd membership meeting will be Steve A. Frowine. More information to follow.

Announcements- Those of you that are interested in getting a copy of Brandt Moran's beginner's class PowerPoint should see him and bring in a flash drive or laptop to the next meeting.

AOS- Upcoming webinars:

- Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton on Thursday, March 9th at 8:30pm (open to all).
- Draculas-Whimsical Monsters of the Orchid World with Tom Etheridge on Thursday, March 16th at 8:30pm (members only).

Bert Bennett explained the rules for today's auction. All plants were sold and served as a major fundraiser for the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.
Minutes submitted by Louise Roesser

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.



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The TOS Orchid Auction was held 5 March, 2023 at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk, Virginia.

98! Orchids were auctioned off to new foster homes! If Orchids could speak, I am sure one would have heard quite a cacophony of shouts as orchids were screaming “Pick me! Pick Me! Oh, Pick Me!” All were very fine specimens, MANY had spikes and many with buds. So beautiful orchid blooms are around the corner for the new owners!

Thanks to Dave Byrant’s efforts, there were pictures presented on the large screen TV for buyers to see what each plant looked like while bidding was active for each specimen.

Photos and text by Don Greaser





The 'auction crew' (Jamie, Penny and Bert) gathered at Frank Drew's greenhouse the Saturday morning before our successful purchased plant auction. Bert was able to coax our selected growers (SVO, Hausermann and Carter&Holmes) to send the purchased plants in time for us to prepare those beauties for the auction. We had the advantage of perusing the offerings well before the auction and are confident that everyone who won plants received fantastic specimens. We all truly hope the winners will enjoy their selections as much as we enjoyed preparing them for auction. Grow them with love!

Jamie Krochmal



Jamie Krochmal shared some lovely photos of his blooming plants!



Lc Culmiant 'La Tuilerie'



Blc Jacob's Oklahoma Cowboy



Fdk After Dark 'SVO' FCC/AOS



Blc Imelda Marcos 'Brighton'



Dendrobium aberrans



C *Triniaie* 'Cashens' x 'Femme Fatale'



Blc Hawaiian Agenda 'Florida Winter'



Bulbophyllum longiflorum



Blc Pamela Hetherington
'Coronation' FCC/AOS



Lc Stephen Oliver Fouraker