



Tidewater Orchid Society

March 2024 Newsletter



President's Message:

Hello TOS members,

This March, the Society hosted the Arthur Kaplan Memorial Show and Sale held at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens from March 15 to 17. The Society shined and displayed its orchid growing prowess with a lovely display of various orchid species. We also had Tim Culbertson (Ocean Orchids) come and speak during the show weekend, educating members on orchids. Many of the people visiting the show expressed interest in joining TOS and I hope they can make it to a future meeting.

I'd like to thank the myriad of volunteers that assisted in setting up and taking down the display.

There were volunteers all weekend helping with the event. A special thank you goes to Frank Drew and Brandt Moran for chairing the event. Great job! A note from the Show Co-Chair is provided below.

Our next meeting will be held April 7th at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens! We are really excited to be back at the Gardens for our meetings. The Gardens is located at 6700 Azalea Garden Rd, Norfolk, VA 23518. We will be meeting in the administration building at the front of the Gardens. Limited parking is available near the administrative building with additional parking by the main Gardens entrance and by the boat launch area. Our meeting time will start at 2:00.

We will have Jeff Morris of Charlottesville, VA come and speak to us. Jeff has been a repeat presenter at TOS and we are looking forward to hearing from him again. Jeff will be bringing plants to sell. Feel free to come by early to explore and buy.

The April meeting is when our Treasurer Barbara MacKechnie will present the membership a

2023-2024 Schedule

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 Firgau
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

draft budget for next year's term. The membership will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. A vote will be taken once all comments are addressed.

Also at the April meeting, the Nominating Committee will provide a slate of officers for next year's term. The vote on the officers will take place at the May meeting.

Dave and Joanne Bryan will be hosting a beginners' class on repotting orchids. More details to come on the date and location of the class. If you have interest in joining, please email Dave to get on the distribution list.

NOTE: Because Jeff is bringing plants to sell, the sales table will be CLOSED.

The Show Table will be open. Feel free to bring any blooming plants to display for table judging or just to show off your lovely plants. As a reminder, please clean your plants and watch for bugs before you bring them to the Show Table.

See you in April!

Your president,

Sandra Cross

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



Our April speaker, Jeff Morris

Over 35 years ago I purchased a phalaenopsis for a gift to give to a relative. Silly me, at the time I decided that I could grow this strange plant and purchased a seedling for myself. This has led to an addiction to orchids that involved doubling my collection every 6 months for the first several years. Currently I grow in excess of 3500 orchids in 3500 sq ft. of greenhouse space. Early on I favored paphiopedilums and vandas. These are still among my favorites, but I now grow over 100 genera.

I am currently the president of the Charlottesville Orchid Society have served 5 terms as President over the years. I have been fortunate enough to receive over 45 AOS awards over the years, most of them cultural. And if this wasn't enough to classify me as a true orchid nut, during the pandemic I decided to setup a small lab and start flasking my own seedlings.

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.



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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!

Tidewater Orchid Society staged an orchid display in the Orchid Show held in the Conservatory building at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens by the Virginia Orchid Society. The show was open to the public from 23 February through 25 February, 2024. The TOS display garnered many awards.

What follows are a few selected photos of the setup and the final display; show judging was done on the morning of 23 February, 2024. TOS took several awards.

Text and photos courtesy of Don Greaser.



Discussing initial ideas for the TOS display



The display taking shape



Making a few orchid placement adjustments



Liking the results!



We have a finished display!



Post display set up cheers



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A Final Note from the Show Committee:

Gone Fishing

And in the blink of an eye, the 2024 Show Season is over. As a Society, we participated in the Virginia Orchid Society's Show in Richmond, then hosted our own show at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens.

We finished in the money with our tabletop exhibit at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, and then, just a couple weeks later, we filled Baker Hall at NBG with our members' wonderful plants.

The Show Committee task was very easy this year, the plants we had available were spectacular and the volunteers made easy work of both endeavors. A hearty thank you to everyone involved.

At present, our next commitment will be in the spring with the VOS again. If, as a Society, we want to support some of our other sister society's shows, then speak up and let the Board of Directors know.

Some of the closest shows are being hosted by:

Triad Orchid Society Show in Winston-Salem, N C on May 10-12, 2024

Triangle Orchid Society Show in Raleigh, N C on Sept 13-15, 2024

The National Capitol Orchid Society did not have any show information on their website.

So, barring any other guidance, your Show Committee will spend the summer and fall drowning worms and dragging lures. Could make for a good fish fry this fall if there's any interest.

Humbly Submitted

Brandt Moran co-chair Show Committee