



# TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY

## MARCH NEWSLETTER



### President's Message:

I can't believe February is almost gone. I went by Frank Drew's home this past week and peeked into the Greenhouse to see some of the plants which have been dropped off for the upcoming Orchid Show in Richmond. These amazing specimens never cease to take my breath away. At home, all my Phalaenopsis are in full bloom sitting on my front windowsill, when all of my outside plants are still snoozing, it's wonderful to have orchids blooming everywhere.



Remember the Richmond show is coming up so make sure your plants are well tagged, cleaned up and ready for their upcoming display. Drop them off to Frank Drew's home or find someone who is going there and carpool.

As an aside, there was a mistake on one of the dates which was circulated at the last meeting. The paper said our first meeting after our summer hiatus will be in September. However, our first meeting has always been in August and all arrangements have been made with the Botanical Garden to do so. We will instead meet August 24, and, because of the Labor Day holiday, there is no meeting in September.

Since several members will be missing for our March meeting due to the taking down of the Richmond Show, many of our normally very large plants for the show table will be missing. I am suggesting that we ALL bring in our miniature plants so they will have the opportunity to shine brightly even with their diminutive size. Let's see what we window growers have been hiding.

Lastly, to the Board, we must vote in our new trustee as another has stepped down. You will be getting an email from me shortly.

Stay warm, and enjoy those beautiful blooms.

*Dori*

### 2025 Schedule

- 2/22 Plants for VOS Show to Frank Drew's Greenhouse
- 3/2 Member Meeting (Extension Center)
- 3/8 Beginner's Class
- 4/6 Member Meeting (NBG)
- 4/12 Beginner's Class
- 4/27 DATE CHANGE !!!! Member Meeting (Extension Center)
- 5/10 Beginner's Class
- 6/1 Member Picnic & Auction (NBG)
- 6/7 Beginner Class

### Officers

President: Dori Iwanowski  
 Vice President: Vijai Singh  
 Secretary: Tracey Fergau  
 Treasurer: Barbara MacKechnie  
 Past President: Sandra Cross

### Trustees

2022-2025 – Jamie Krochmal, Judy Hyszcak  
 2023-2026 - Naomi Sato and Dona Storey  
 2024-2027 – Patricia Corderre, Karen Jones

### Volunteers

AOS Rep	Jamie Krochmal
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, and Jamie Krochmal
Historian	Don Greaser
Hospitality	Pat Coderre, Judy Hyszcak
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



**2/2/2025**  
**Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Dori Iwanowski, president, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm at the Virginia Tech Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AREC). Dori welcomed everyone and introduced her friend who was visiting.

**Old business**

**Speakers:** Brandt sent around a sheet for members to list speakers or topics that they would like to hear about.

**Virginia Orchid Society (VOS) show:** Brandt said that they will need help before the show to stage the plants. They will also need help at the show to set up the display. The theme of the show this year is "A Taste of Orchids". Brandt asked if anyone had plates with orchids on them to add to the display. A sheet was sent around to sign up to help out with the show. Dori commended Brandt and Jamie for their planning and work last year as well as this year for the VOS show.

**New business**

**Hospitality:** The hospitality committee needs one more additional person to help-out. Yulia Moshkariova volunteered.

**Plant sale in April:** We need more people to come to the auction. Dori asked for people to help get us on social media to advertise the sale. If you know how to do social media-type things let Dori know.

**Trifold:** The new TOS pamphlets are here. Dori will leave some out so members can see them. She will also leave some at Norfolk Botanical Gardens (NBG) and at the show.

**Other new business?:** Dori asked if there were any other new business items. There were none.

Dori introduced speaker Darrin Duling, Director of Kaplan Orchid Conservatory. Darrin gave a brief history of the Old Dominion University (ODU) building and plans for the new conservatory. In addition, he spoke about the building of the temporary greenhouse here at AREC. Darrin then took the members on a tour of the temporary greenhouse. Darrin recommended that members come to AREC to walk around. There is an arboretum and a tree and shrub collection. Contact Laurie Fox if you would like a tour.

Raffle-There were nine lucky winners for the door-prize raffle.

Ellen Hansen is speaking on paphiopedilums at the beginners meeting Saturday at Frank Drew's Greenhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.

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**

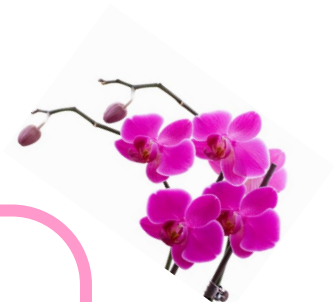
The AOS supports educational opportunities, orchid conservation & research & world-class awards & judging system. Our goal is to promote the appreciation of orchids, the American Orchid Society delivers the most up-to-date, accurate, educational information about orchid culture and sponsors research and conservation initiatives to improve the outlook for orchids around the globe.

**Membership levels are:**

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



**American Orchid Society**  
*Education. Conservation. Research.*  
 Affiliated Society



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

**Please email your photos as an attachment to Judy Hyszczak. 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!**

# Meeting Highlights

After a short time for administrative remarks by President Dori Iwanoski, Darrin Dulling gave us a tour of the temporary greenhouse set up to house the Dr. Arthur Kaplan collection while awaiting rebuild of a new conservatory at ODU. We got to see several orchids in spike and in bloom!



The greenhouse is large (90 ft x 30 ft) and very nice!



# Meeting Highlights (continued)



# February Beginner Class Highlights

Member Ellen Hansen gave a class on Paphiopedilums that was excellent. It was on par as some of the speakers we have had at our general meetings.



Dave opening up the class for Ellen.



Yes, it IS a Vanda!



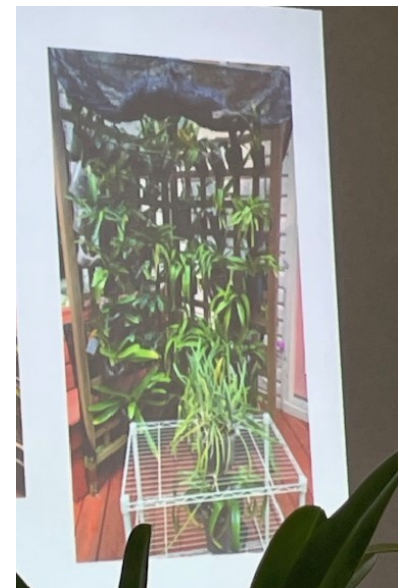
Map showing what type of paphs are found where.



Ellen showing her indoor method for the winter



Ellen shared that she uses some black posterboard behind her orchid flower when she takes a picture of them.



Ellen showing how she grows her plants outdoors in the summer.

# MEMBER'S ORCHIDS IN BLOOM DURING FEBRUARY



Brandt Moran's  
*Bulbophyllum medusa*



Brandt Moran's  
*Cattleya leuddemanniana*



Brandt Moran's  
*Cattleya Nonami*



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*Cattleya Nonami*

# MEMBER'S ORCHIDS IN BLOOM DURING FEBRUARY



Brandt Moran's  
*Leptotes pohlistinocol*



Judy Hyszczak's  
Mini *Phalaenopsis Nonami*



Brandt Moran's  
*Cattleya Nonami*

\*\*The monthly plant photo on page one is of: *Myrmecophila*  
Yellow Star Okika



# Show Committee News



Our first command performance of the New Year is fast approaching. The Virginia Orchid Society's annual show will be held at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, Virginia.

The dates for the show are:

**Setup:** Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup>

**Judging:** Friday February 28<sup>th</sup>

**Display Breakdown:** Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> after show closing at 3 PM.

The Show runs from the opening on Friday afternoon thru Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3 PM.

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As we did last year we plan to use Frank Drew's greenhouse to stage our plants the Saturday (February 22<sup>nd</sup>) before the Show. If the VOS runs their program like last year we will need to register our plants on their website no later than Sunday (February 23<sup>rd</sup>) afternoon. All plant preparation (grooming, labeling and registering) will be accomplished at Frank's.

Because of our society's monthly meeting schedule the display breakdown on Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3 PM will be somewhat challenging. Brandt claims he can breakdown single handed (and blind folded) but we aren't going to let him have all the fun...volunteers will be welcome but realize that you will miss our always great monthly meeting (some law of physics states you can't be in two places at the same time).

Lastly and most importantly, if you have a plant in bloom we need it to find its way to Frank's greenhouse on the 22nd at or about 12 o'clock. Please have your name on the plant either as a tag that can be hidden in the pot or by labeling the pot itself. Frank's address is:

2634 N. Landing Rd in Virginia Beach

I'll get there around 11:30.

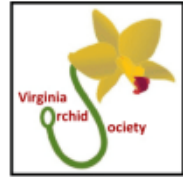
Feel free to call me with any questions.

Brandt Moran 978-877-7566 (cell)



# VIRGINIA ORCHID SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW

In the Garden Café



## Kelly Education Center:

Free Admission to

- Orchid Vendors in the Auditorium
- Art Exhibition in the Azalea Room
- Lectures in Classroom 1

★ Enter Here

## Show Times:

Friday Feb. 28: 1 – 5 pm

Saturday Mar. 1: 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday Mar. 2: 9 am – 3 pm

Show Sponsor:

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden  
1800 Lakeside Avenue  
Henrico, VA 23228



## E. Claiborne Robins Visitors Center:

Garden entrance to

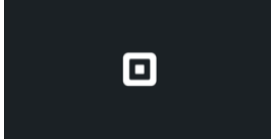
Virginia Orchid Society's Annual Show

★ In the Garden Café

# 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.

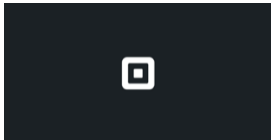
## 2024-2025 Membership Dues - Single - \$32.00



[2024-2025 Single Membership Dues - Tidewater Orchid Society \(square.site\)](#)



## 2024-2025 Membership Dues - Family - \$42.00



[2024-2025 Family Membership Dues - Tidewater Orchid Society \(square.site\)](#)



## 2024-2025 Membership Dues - Student- \$9.00



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