



Tidewater Orchid Society

May 2024 Newsletter



President's Message:

Hello TOS!

What a great meeting last month. We had several of our very own members speak to us about how they grow orchids. They did a great job and provided practical growing advice. Thank you to:

- Pat Coderre (Bulbophyllum)
- Yulia Moshkariova (Phalaenopsis)
- Ellen Hansen (Paphs and Phrags)
- Jamie Krochmal (Encyclia)
- Brandt Moran (Brazilian Cattleya Species)

Our next membership meeting will be our Member Picnic and Auction on **June 2 at 1:00** at the Administration Building at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. The Gardens is located at 6700 Azalea Garden Rd, Norfolk, VA 23518. We will start with the picnic, then move to induct our new officers for the next term, and finish off with the member auction.

A few things about the potluck picnic.

- **We will start the picnic at 1:00.** Arrive early if you are bringing dishes to share.
- TOS will bring the proteins and drinks. Members are encouraged to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts.
- Abide by the Gardens rules on single use plastics and plan to remove all serving dishes.

A few things about the auction.

- It is also a wonderful time to support the TOS as this is a major fundraising event for the TOS. Members receive 75% of proceeds and TOS receives 25%.
- If you plan to bring plants, please clean them up prior to the auction.

2023-2024 Schedule

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 Hyszcak
2023-2026 - Naomi Sato and Dona Storey

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
Historian	Don Greaser
Hospitality	Pat Coderre, Judy Hyszcak
Library	Kathy Greaser
Membership	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

- Have the identification tags available if your plant has one. We will take NOID or untagged plants as well for the auction.
- Try to keep your plant donations to around 5. We'll accept a few more but be mindful we have to finish the meeting by 5:00.
- Jot down your plant names and send to Brandt Moran at moranlabs59@gmail.com by noon on Saturday June 1. If you have pictures of your plants in bloom, send those as well. He will use that information to create a visual catalog to show at the auction. This will greatly help members understand what the plants will look like when in bloom (if they aren't blooming during the auction).
- Non-members are welcome to join in the fun. Bring a fellow orchid grower or someone interested in becoming one!
- Auctions are a great place to pick up orchids at reasonable prices and ask the grower how they've had success with that species.
- Bring your wallets. The TOS will happily accept cash, checks and credit cards. Credit cards will be subjected to a small charge to cover transaction fee costs.

Due to the picnic and auction, our sales and show tables are **CLOSED**.

Lastly, I'd like to say that it has been a pleasure serving as the TOS President for the last 2 years. I've learned a lot about orchids and our great members. I'm looking forward to continuing to support TOS in the future.

Thank you all!
Sandra Cross



Tim Culberson, the Kaplan guest lecturer for the 2024 NBG Show, recruiting a young potential TOS member.

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>

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Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS) Meeting Minutes

The meeting was convened at 2:02 pm by President, Sandra Cross. The meeting was held in Rose Hall at Norfolk Botanical Gardens (NBG). Sandra welcomed the new members and all others attending. Sandra indicated that this would be her last meeting as president since she will be unable to attend the June meeting. Sandra also pointed out that May is TOS's birthday month and that TOS is 68 years old! Before starting with the business portion of the meeting Sandra asked the new members to stand so that they could be welcomed.

Business

- Sandra asked for any input regarding the meeting minutes from April. Gerry Chrabot made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Brandt Moran and passed unanimously
- Voting on officers. Sandra read the names of the members that were nominated by the nominating committee. President - Dori Iwanowski; Vice President - Tom Chapman; Treasurer - Barbara MacKechnie; Secretary - Tracey Firgau; Trustees - Karen Jones and Nancy Perkins. Sandra asked for other nominations from the floor. There were none. Sandra asked for questions or discussion. There were none. Jamie Krochmal made a motion to accept the slate of officers as listed. The motion was seconded by Naomi Sato and passed unanimously.
- Meeting locations. Dori indicated that NBG would not be available for us for meetings in January, February and March of 2025. During those months we will probably meet at the Virginia Tech Agricultural Extension Center (AREC). After March we should be able to meet at NBG for the rest of the year.
- June meeting. Sandra reported that for the June meeting we will be back in the Administration building. We will not have a program. The June meeting will be a potluck luncheon and a members' plants auction. Jamie asked that members bring in up to five, clean plants of any size. Proceeds are usually split 75% to members and 25% TOS. This may change in the future but for now this is how it will work. It is a good opportunity to pick up decent plants. If your plants have labels - great, but we will take "no name" plants, as well. Brandt suggested that if members were willing to donate all of their proceeds from the auction to TOS that they could bring in as many plants as they wanted. In terms of the potluck picnic Sandra reminded everyone that NBG has strict rules regarding plastics and waste. Be sure to take home all items that you bring in and do not throw items in trash. Members are asked to bring in main/side dishes and desserts. TOS will provide paper products. **The meeting will start at 1:00.** Members will be given an opportunity to look at the plants for sale, we will have lunch and then start the auction.
- Secretary report. Nothing to report.
- Treasurer report. Barbara reported that as of May 4, 2024 TOS had \$23,052.74.

- American Orchid Society (AOS) report. Jamie noted that the AOS Greenhouse chat would take place on May 9th and was open to non-members.
- Bylaws committee. Dave Bryan is currently out of town. When he returns suggested bylaws changes will be discussed
- Growth Committee. Doña Storey was unable to attend today's meeting
- Sandra asked if there were any questions from last month's meeting and the challenges she presented. There were no questions.

Open Business

- Sandra asked for any other business from the floor.
- Brandt indicated that he would be going to the Redland International Orchid Festival being held at the Redland Fruit and Spice Park in Homestead, Florida May 17-19th. Talk to him if you would like him to pick something up for you.
- Darrin Duling indicated that the Aurthur and Phyllis Kaplan Conservatory plants should be moving to AREC by the end of next week. The greenhouse has not been ordered yet so the plants are going into a shade house. They are hoping to have the greenhouse by the end of the summer.
- Sandra thanked everyone and said that it has been a pleasure to serve as TOS president. She stated that she would continue to be involved in the society in the role of Past President.

*****Break for snacks and show/sale table*****

Presentation: To introduce the presentation Dori noted that our last speaker was great but had a very technical presentation. In order to provide information and insight for newer growers they asked several members to present information on how they got started, where they grow their plants and how they grow them. Dori stated that she has QR codes that you can use to download culture sheets for a variety of orchid types. The codes will be available to everyone after the presentation. This will also be helpful to TOS so we don't need to print out so many copies.

Brandt orchestrated and introduced the powerpoint presentation: "The Orchids We Know and Mostly Love". The following members presented:

Ecyclias - Jamie Krochmal

Phalaenopsis-Yulia Moshkariova

Bulbophyllum-Pat Corderre

Paphiopedilums and Phragmipediums-Ellen Hansen

Brazilian Cattleya Species-Brandt Moran

Dori thanked everyone for presenting and sharing their knowledge. Before opening up the floor to questions for the presenters the raffle was held. There were three lucky winners.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17pm.

Submitted by: Tracey Firgau, Secretary

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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A Note from the V.O.S.

Thank you for participating in the Virginia Orchid Society 2024 show. A special thanks goes to all volunteers in all the participating Orchid Societies. You are the people that make it happen! Tidewater Orchid Society, lead by Brandt Moran with a group of first timers, was awarded the Third Place Visiting Orchid Society Exhibit award. We know next year will be even better!

Robert Rand, Visiting Societies Chair

Tidewater Orchid Society Informal Table Judging Results 5-5-2024		
		Date:
Category	Award Level/Orchid	Owner
I. Cattleya Alliance		
1)	Cat. Barefoot Mailman	Brandt Moran
2)	C. aelandiae	Dylan Wittkower
3)	Enc. Ohacasoensis	Jamie Krochmal
II. Cypripedium Alliance		
1)	Paph. China Dragon	Brandt Moran
2)	Paph. Winston Churchill	Brandt Moran
3)	Paph. Calvert Sunrise	Ellen Hansen
III. Vanda Sub-Alliance		
1)	Neo Falcata x Rhych retusa 'classic cascades'	Jamie Krochmal
2)	Asc. Ampallaceum	Jamie Krochmal
3)		
IV. Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance		
1)	Phal. cornu-cervi	Tracey Firgau
2)	Phal. Taida Red 'Jewel'	Kathy Greaser
3)	Phal. Ox Bravo	Andrew Bodner
V. Oncidium Alliance		
1)	Cochlioda Louis Posey	Dylan Wittkower
2)	Mitt. Lennart Karl Gottling	Dylan Wittkower
3)		
VI. Cymbidium Alliance		
1)	No Plants Registered	
2)		
3)		
VII. Dendrobium Alliance		
1)	Den. Benzonii	Brandt Moran
2)	Den. Green Lantern	Sandra Cross
3)	Den. secundum 'alba'	Jamie Krochmal
VIII. Hybrids other than the above		
1)	Amitostigma (syn. Ponerorchis) Enomoto-chidori	Dylan Wittkower
2)	Drac. Melissa Jan	Dylan Wittkower
3)		
IX. Species other than the above		
1)	Tol. beharensis	Dylan Wittkower
2)	Angraecum elephontia	Jamie Krochmal
3)	Bulb. bicolor	Jamie Krochmal

Frank Drew conducted a very successful Orchid Beginners Class for members of the Tidewater Orchid Society on 20 April, 2024. The topic of discussion for this class was repotting of orchids (AKA – new duds for orchids! An Orchid Wardrobe Change!).



Frank explaining how to repot an orchid



Outlining options to consider dividing this orchid



Hands on, dividing an orchid



More repotting guidance



Repotting discussions between members



Repotting ingredients, guidance about protecting roots, using moss with orchid bark mix, etc.



Frank uses osmocote time release fertilizer



Old planting medium removed, getting ready to add new medium, it's a wardrobe change for an orchid!

We had lots of member discussions about growing and repotting of orchids. I think it was a good session, we all learned a lot!

Photos and text courtesy of Don Greaser

The Tidewater Orchid Society held its monthly meeting on 5 May, 2024 in the Rose Room at Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk, VA.



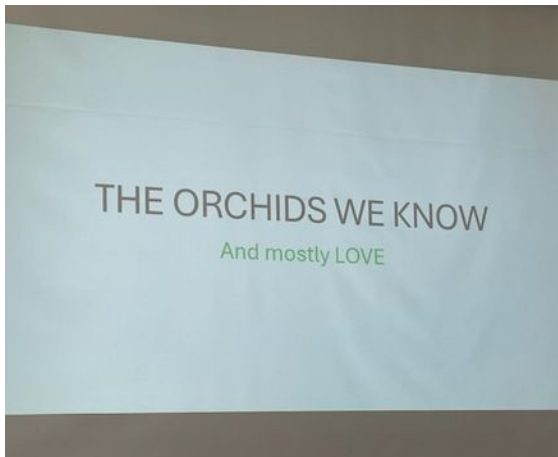
Getting acquainted before the meeting



President Sandra Cross Opening the meeting, a few admin remarks, take a pause before presentation, allow for table judging



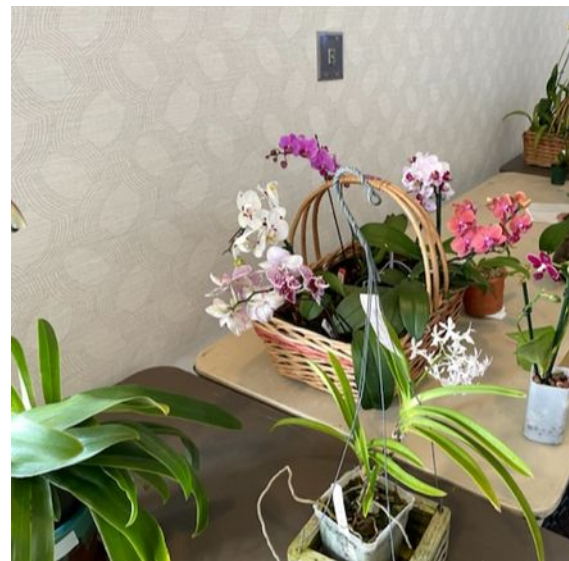
Election slate for The TOS 2024/2025 Operating Year was presented to the membership. From left to right: Pat Coderre (Board Member); Karen Jones (Board Member); Barbara MacKechnie (running for TOS Treasurer); Tom Chapman (running for TOS Vice President); Dori Iwanoski (running for TOS President)



Presentation; TOS members Brandt Moran, Julia Moshkariova, Ellen Hansen, Jamie Krochmal discussed what works for them and their orchid growing experiences, this was a BIG beginners' class for all TOS members. Based on number of questions raised from those present, the session was well received!



Really beautiful Member Orchids brought in for table judging





TOS members admiring the orchids

Photos and text courtesy of Don Greaser





Jamie Krochmal-Lc. Supersonic 'Striking Lip'



Jamie Krochmal



Jamie Krochmal-C. luteola 'GC' 4n x C. luteola 'H&R' 4n



Jamie Krochmal-Pot. Ramon De Los Santos '4 Red Balloons' x Pot. Virginia Dickey 'Diamond Orchids' AM/AOS



Jamie Krochmal-Lc. *Floralia's Azul*
'Sandra' AM/AOS x *L. lundii* f. *coerulea*
'D.O.'



Jamie Krochmal-*Ascocentrum*
ampullaceum



Jamie Krochmal-*Dendrobium Secundum*
'Alba'