



TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY

MAY NEWSLETTER



President's Message:

If you missed the Purchased Plant Sale on April 6th, you missed out on a grand time!

We started out with 100 plants set out in numerical order with each plant having a corresponding slide projected onto the large screen. Plants were identified with the plant's name and a representation of what the flower would look like in full bloom. Bidders had an opportunity to look over all the plants and jot down the numbers they were interested in bidding on before the auction began.

Brandt Moran, Jamie Krochmal, Don Greaser and Paul Chung stepped up to the front of the room and the fun began!

I had prepared myself, giving myself a stern talking to so I would NOT buy any more plants! I'm running out of windowsills! But, when I saw the plants that were in my proverbial grasp, my resolve vanished, and I came home with five beautiful specimens.

With Brandt taunting everyone and keeping the bidding moving, Jamie, our straight man, Paul's teasing and Don's methodical orderliness, the plants went flying off the tables. As of this writing, I don't have a final figure, but I can tell you each and every plant went home with a very happy grower and not one got discounted.

Thank you to so many who worked together to make this event happen. Frank Drew, Vijai Singh, Darren Duling and countless others - thank you all for posting the auction and the posters on all sorts of web sites. I loved going into my office on Monday and hearing so many people ask how the auction went and want to come to our next one. It takes a village...thank you all for your hard work.

Don't forget, our May meeting will be held on April 27th at the Va Tech Research Center, 1444 Diamond Springs Rd, Va Beach. The meeting will start at our normal 2:00. We will be voting on the budget and the nominating committee and don't forget our speaker, Jean Stefanik.

I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Dori

2025 Schedule

- 4/27 **DATE CHANGE !!!!** May 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 Hyszczak
- 2023-2026 - Naomi Sato and Dona Storey
- 2024-2027 – Patricia Corderre, Karen Jones

Volunteers

- | | |
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| 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 Hyszczak |
| Library | Kathy Greaser |
| Membership | Sonia Singh |
| Newsletter | Judy Hyszczak |
| Program | Vijai Singh |
| Public Relations | Position Open |
| Sales Table | Kathy Greaser |
| Sunshine | Cynni & Red Taylor |
| Webmaster | Paul Chung, Kathy Greaser |

APRIL 27th MEETING LOCATION!



4/6/2025
Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at Norfolk Botanical Gardens (NBG) and brought to order at 1:12 pm by Dori Iwanowski, president. Dori indicated that the meeting today is a purchased plant auction and that the items to be auctioned off are from professional growers.

Business

Budget for next year: Dori reported that the board has voted on next year's budget and that it will be presented at the May meeting which will take place on April 27th.

Trustee/board positions: There will be two trustee positions opening up this year, as well as several board positions. Please consider stepping up to volunteer and take on one of these positions.

Trifolds: The new tri fold pamphlets have been printed and are available for distribution.

Virginia Orchid Society (VOS) Show results: Brandt Moran reported that TOS placed second overall and first in tabletop. To clarify, Brandt explained that the American Orchid Society (AOS) breaks judging into floor displays and table top displays. Brandt presented Dori with a check from our first place win. Dori presented our first place ribbon to Darrin Duling for his contribution of plants which made our display a winner.

Update on new Old Dominion University (ODU) orchid conservatory: Darrin reported that the ground breaking for the new biology building at ODU will be at the end of this month. Dori gave members and visitors the background information on Darrin's position and where he is currently located.

Auction: Jamie Krochmal started the auction by explaining the auction rules. Brandt, with the help of Jamie and Don Greaser, auctioned off 94 plants.

Following the auction Brandt thanked everyone for participating and Dori thanked the auction committee for all of their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Submitted by: Tracey Firgau, Secretary

Meeting & Auction Highlights



Dori opening the meeting.



Peney scoping out the choices.



Brandt Moran explaining auction procedures.

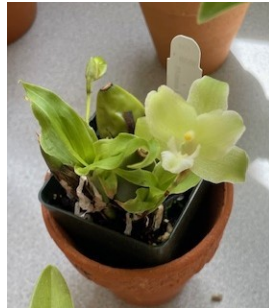


Bidding got intense on many occasions for multiple orchids!
A snap shot: count 'em - 4 bidders!



Meeting & Auction Highlights (continued)

The auction was a team effort with Brandt Moran as the auctioneer with Paul Chung on computer and Jamie Krochmal and Don Greaser as Brandt's assistants. Many plants were in bloom or bud and definitely had a good head start. The highlight was an in bud Irene Finney Cattleya that sold for \$150! The buyer will be enjoying its blooms very soon.



This was only part of the selection with a great deal in bloom. Lots of orchids hopeful, expecting to find a new home.



An after action report: All those orchids went to new homes! The Orchids could be heard yelling with joy!

April Beginner Class Highlights

Dave Bryan conducted a very informative Tidewater Orchid Society Beginners' Class on setting up orchid shows and basic orchid judging factors. The class was held 12 April 2025 in Frank Drew's Classroom and Greenhouse.



Dave opening the class

Highlights of the class:
2 sets of judging procedures, criteria governing orchid judging at orchid shows.

Ribbon Judging

– Executed at a hosting orchid society level, award levels include best, next best, third best, can have multiple winners in each category; best in category is another award category.

Judging Plants

- Plants are judged using two different systems
- Ribbon Judging
 - Ribbon's provided by Host Society
 - Judges can be AOS certified judges or society members.
 - Criteria is best plant in Category gets 1st Place, next best gets a 2nd, next best gets 3rd, other quality plants can get a honorable mention.
 - If the judging team thinks there is little or no difference between two or more plants multiple ribbons can be awarded for any level.
 - Rosettes are awarded to the best plant in a group as (e.g. Best Cattleya, Best Cypripedium, etc).

Dave gave an overview of the various awards that could be assigned.

We discussed best practices for setting up orchid show displays: maintaining proper balance of color; avoiding a lot of white in the display, plant name tags must be legible and correct but not overly large, using hidden props is good, great; however, plants, signs, cloth and props should not obstruct views of the orchids in the display; lastly, while not required, a theme is highly recommended.

AOS Score Card

CIRCLE POINT SCALE USED	General									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
FLOWER FORM										
General Form	30	15	15	30	15	15	15	15	15	30
Sepals ("Distal Sepals")	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	7	4*
Petals ("Lateral Sepals")	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5*
Labellum ("Pseud")	5	5	5*	5	5	5	4	3		
Center										3
TOTAL	30	30	40	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
COLOR OF FLOWER										
General Color	30	15	15	30	15	15	15	15	15	30
Sepals ("Distal Sepals")										
Petals ("Lateral Sepals")	7	8	10	5	5	5	5	7	5*	
Labellum ("Pseud")	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	10*
TOTAL	30	30	40	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
OTHER CHARACTERISTICS										
Size of Flower	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Substance & Texture	10	10	10	5	10	10	10	10	10	7
Heat & Arrangement	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	5
Performance	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	5
Performance & Show	10									
Stem										
TOTAL	40	40	40	20	40	40	40	40	40	30

AOS Judging

– Follows specific AOS Handbook procedures; should have 5 judges, 3 is minimum; not performed while the public is present; each orchid scoring must be unanimous within the judging team; each judging team member uses an AOS scoring sheet.

Judging Plants

- AOS Judging
 - AOS Judging is covered by the criteria specified in the AOS Judging Handbook
 - Judging is accomplished by a team of a minimum of three Judges but 5 is recommended.
 - Judging is usually accomplished outside the purview of the general public. But is not done in secret.
 - Judges are required to recuse themselves if they are the owner of the plant in question or if they know who the plant owner is.
 - Plants are judged against a standard set by previously awarded plants and not the best plant in the show.



American Orchid Society
Education. Conservation. Research.
 Affiliated Society

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.

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>
 An AOS Affiliated Society
 Tidewater Orchid Society is a 501(c)(3) organization



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!

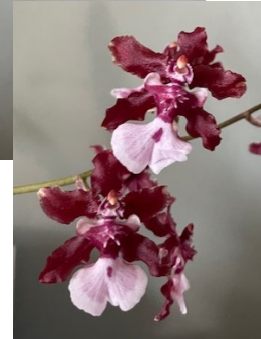
MEMBER'S ORCHIDS IN BLOOM DURING APRIL



Yulia Moshkarovia's
Pot. Love Passion Orange Bird



Judy Hyszczak's
Onc Sharry Baby



Vijai Singh's
Epc Lime Sherbert x B Nodosa



Above: Vijai Singh's Pot
Princess Takmado
Right: Vijai Singh's Yamadara
Redland Sunset



Dylan Wittkower's Coelogyne
Lyme Bay (speciosa x usitana)



Vijai Singh's C Irene Holgin
"Brown Eyes" AM/AOS



Vijai Singh's Neofinetia falcata x
Vanda denisoniana

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MEMBER'S ORCHIDS IN BLOOM DURING APRIL



Dylan Wittkower's Paphiopedilum Memoria Helen Congleton



Kathy Greaser's Phalaenopsis speciosa 'Purple Mountain'.



Dylan Wittkower's Phryas ferrum-equinum



Kathy Greaser's Phalaenopsis Jih Fancy 'Taida Red Jewel'



Yulia Moshkarovia's Dendrobium Kalapana Luz (Mini Snowflake x Nida 'Stripes')



Dylan Wittkower's Dendrobium bellatulum



Dylan Wittkower's Gastrochilus bellinis



Dylan Wittkower's Scaphosepalum bicristatum



Dylan Wittkower's Brassocattleya Maikai 'Louise' AM/AOS

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.

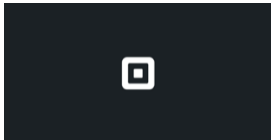
2024-2025 Membership Dues - Single - \$32.00



[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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