



TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY



MAY NEWSLETTER



Hello Members,

If you missed this April Orchid meeting on the 12th, you missed out on so much fun!

Our speaker was Joyce Carpenter from the Peninsula Orchid Society; the subject was "Growing Orchids Using Hydroponics and Semi-Hydroponics." Her knowledge of the subject was extensive, and her tips and suggestions made the transition of our plants to hydroponics interesting and doable. Joyce brought the materials, and TOS provided the new plants to transition into hydroponic planters. Once the demonstration was over, everyone chose their plants, grabbed the potting materials, and the room became a huge planting table as they worked. I saw dozens of newly repotted plants, and thanks to Don Greaser, we have some great photos to remember this fun day.

I know it will only have been 2 weeks since the plants were transitioned to the hydroponic pots, but bring your plant to the May 3rd meeting if you are having success or have questions. We will have a quick discussion on issues and successes. ALSO, please bring in the Phale seedlings we transplanted in the "Beginners Class". It will be interesting to see how well they are doing in the different growing environments they have moved into. We will give a quick summary to compare notes.

The business part of the meeting had us vote on the new budget and talk about the gorgeous plants and beautiful specimens brought in by our Society Members. We also have a new slate of officers nominated by the selection committee. We have Vijai Singh as the upcoming President, Jamie Krochmal as the upcoming Vice President, Karen Jones remaining as Treasurer, and Joanne Bryan remaining as Secretary. We also appointed two new Trustees as Naomi Sato and Yulia Moshkariova finish their 3-year term. Penny Williams and Janet Hochreiter will be our 2 new Trustees. We will vote these new nominees in at the June meeting. We have some important dates coming up as well as exciting news....

Thanks to introductions made by Brant Moran, a very generous orchid grower from out of state, who donated his entire collection to Darrin Duling/ the Arthur Kaplan Foundation at ODU. It is wonderful to see such a generous gift to the Foundation, which Darrin has been so diligently trying to maintain and restore while awaiting the new building at ODU.

The May meeting starts at 2 pm at the Admin Building in the Botanical Garden. Lise Schioler is our speaker, but she will not be bringing any plants to sell. This means that members of the Society may bring their own plants to sell. Come early to get some of the best selections.

Our June meeting will be a Potluck Luncheon, voting in of The Board, a very special award will be presented, and, of course, our plant auction. During that auction, Gil Gillespie has offered some of his personal library of Orchid coffee table books to auction off. These are beautiful books with an array of plant information. I will post these books online so you can have a head start in choosing the ones you would like to purchase. As always, I wish you fun and joy as you work with your orchids. See you May 3rd.

Dori

2026 Schedule

5/3 May Meeting (NBG)
6/7 June Meeting and Picnic Auction

Officers

President: Dori Iwanowski
Vice President: Vijai Singh
Secretary: Joanne Bryan
Treasurer: Karen Jones
Past President: Sandra Cross

Trustees

2023-2026 – Naomi Sato and Yulia Moshkariova
2024-2027 – Patricia Corderre, Sonia Singh
2025 2028 – Dave Bryan, John Whistler

Volunteers

AOS Rep	Jamie Krochmal
Auction	Jamie Krochmal, Brandt Moran
Budget	Karen Jones
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, and Yulia Moshkariova
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

WHAT IS HAPPENING

Norfolk Botanical Gardens

Speaker: Lise Schioler
Plant Sales Table OPEN
Show Table OPEN

4/12/2026**Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS) Meeting Minutes**

There was no General Membership meeting held in March 2026 due to the Kaplan Orchid Show on March 13-15, 2026.

Meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by President, Dori Iwanowski. Dori asked all members to send information about the show, so we could learn from our successes and concerns.

5 new members were welcomed to the meeting as a result of the show.

Karen Jones, Treasurer, presented the 2026/7 budget, which was approved by the membership as presented. The budget will be shared by email with the membership.

Dave Bryan, Chairman of the nominating committee presented the nominees for next year. They are President: Vijai Singh, Vice President: Jamie Krochmal, Secretary: Joanne Bryan, Treasurer: Karen Jones.

Trustees: 2026 – 2029 – Penny Williams & Janet Hochreiter
Elections will be held at the May meeting.

Jamie Krochmal discussed the AOS webinars and chats coming up.

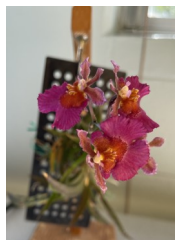
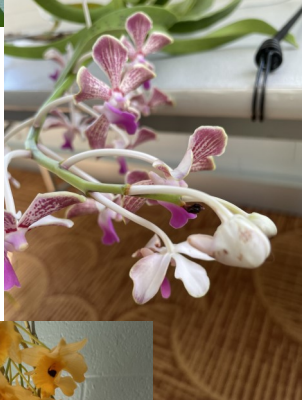
Vijai introduced the speaker, Joyce Carpenter from POS. She talked about semi-hydroponic growing. Plants and supplies were made available for all members to pot an orchid hydroponically.

The show table was discussed by plant owners and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Joanne Bryan, Secretary



MONTHLY TABLE JUDGING WINNERS 4/12/26



Category	Owner	Plant Name
I. Bulbophyllum Alliance		
1)	No Plants Registered	
2)		
3)		
II. Cattleya Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	LC. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'
2)	Vijai Singh	LC. Tokyo Magic
3)	Jamie Krochmal	C. Sea Breeze
III. Cymbidium Alliance		
1)	No Plants Registered	
2)		
3)		
IV. Cypripedium Alliance		
1)	Ellen Hansen	Phrag. St Peter
2)	Ellen Hansen	Phrag. Rocquier
3)		
V. Dendrobium Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	Den. Densiflorum
2)	Vijai Singh	Den. fimbriatum var. oculatum
3)	Jamie Krochmal	Den. Lindleyi
VI. Oncidium Alliance		
1)	Betty Hicks	Tulumnia Jairak Flyer
2)		
3)		
VII. Vanda/Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	Vandachostylis Dainty
2)	Jamie Krochmal	Vanda bicolor
3)		
VIII. Hybrids other than the above		
1)	No Plants Registered	
2)		
3)		
IX. Species other than the above		
1)	No Plants Registered	
2)		
3)		

MEETING AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Tidewater Orchid Society held its monthly meeting at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk, Virginia on 12 April, 2026.



Camaraderie before the meeting.



After President Dori Iwadoski opened the meeting, Karen Jones is explaining the proposed budget.



Our speaker for today was Joyce Carpenter; and the topic of her presentation was growing orchids hydroponically. A hands-on session followed her presentation allowing members to select a young orchid and repot it for hydroponic growing. Many members participated. In front of her are examples of orchids growing hydroponically.



Choosing an orchid.



Placing the wicking material inside the inner pot.

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Removing the sphagnum moss from the roots, be gentle, get it all.



Fill the void between and around the roots with Leca balls



ABOVE: Joyce was in the thick of things.
BELOW: Take the newly repotted orchids home, give them a thorough soaking, then dump the water to the proper water level.



ABOVE: Carefully fitting the young orchid into the inner hydroponic pot.
BELOW: For anyone interested, you can even grow a Vanda hydroponically.



From all the activity, this was a great meeting, solid information handed out, on the spot guidance, LOTS of active hands on for all; lots of member participation!

Member's Blooming Orchids



Dylan Wittkower's *Oncidium Bev Debrincat*



Ellen Hansen's *Phragmipedium St. Peter*



Ellen Hansen's *Phragmipedium Rocquier*

The orchid on page 1 is the *Dendrobium stratiotes* .

Highlights from the VOS Show

Due to size limitations the VOS show competition displays were not included in the April newsletter. Here they are for your review.



CHARLOTTESVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY



CHADWICK'S



ABOVE; PENINSULA ORCHID SOCIETY
RIGHT: NATIONAL ORCHID 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 Hyszcak. Refer to your roster for the email address.

Please remember to include your name and the exact name of your plant from its tag.

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.

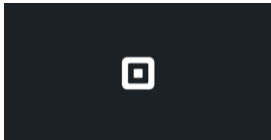
2025-2026 Membership Dues - Single - \$32.00



[2025-2026 Single Membership Dues - Tidewater Orchid Society \(square.site\)](#)



2025-2026 Membership Dues - Family - \$42.00



[2025-2026 Family Membership Dues - Tidewater Orchid Society \(square.site\)](#)



2025-2026 Membership Dues - Student- \$9.00



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