



# Tidewater Orchid Society

November 2023 Newsletter



## President's Message:

Greetings Membership,

Hoping you and your families had a very happy Thanksgiving.

Our November speaker Jean Stefanik delivered us two discussion topics. The first, orchids of New Zealand, provided a wonderful snapshot of the different types of orchids indigenous to that country. Her second topic on AOS judging was quite informative. Members were offered the chance to ask various questions of Jean who graciously answered with copious amounts of detail.

December 3 is our membership pot-luck Awards luncheon. The luncheon will be held at the VA Tech AREC **starting at 1:00**. If you plan to bring a dish, please arrive around 12:30. Bring dishes to share such as a salad, side dish, or dessert. Drinks, plates, and utensils will be provided.

Awards from this year's table judging will be announced. Are you one of the awardees? Come and find out. It should be a fun and festive event. Join us!

**NOTE: The sales table is CLOSED.**

Remember we will start at 1:00!!!

Wishing everyone a safe and orchid-filled holiday season!

Sandra

*Reminder: VA Tech AREC is located at 1444 Diamond Springs Road.*

### 2023-2024 Schedule

- 12/3: Awards Banquet
- 1/7/24:
- 2/4:
- 3/3: NBG Show and Sale – Tim Coulterson, Speaker
- 4/7:
- 5/5:
- 6/2: Member Picnic and Auction

### Officers

President	Sandra Cross
Vice President	Dori Iwanowski
Secretary	Traci Fergau
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	Patsy Temple
Table Judging	Don Greaser
Exhibits	VACANT
Historian	Don Greaser
Hospitality	Jeanette Spreeman, 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



Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)  
11/05/2023  
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened by President Sandra Cross at 2:00 pm at the VT AREC. Patsy Temple introduced Kathy Ward, a slightly new member.

A motion was made by Jamie Krochmal to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and was seconded by Gill Gillespie. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Brandt Moran shared that he spoke with Darrin Duling. Darrin informed him that the Kaplan Conservatory is building a temporary greenhouse at AREC to house orchids while the new site is being constructed at ODU. Darren is hoping to open the greenhouse to small group tours and classes. In addition, he reported that some plants from the Kaplan collection had been donated to both the Botanical Gardens and Norfolk Zoo.

Bert Bennett sent word that the Richmond Orchid Society will host a show and sale in February.

Frank Drew is in charge of the set-up of the exhibit for our show and sale in March and will ask for volunteers to help with that within the next few months.

American Orchid Society (AOS)-Louise Roesser reported that AOS now has at least 250 webinars. Some are free to everyone and some just to AOS members. When you go to the website (aos.org) they are marked accordingly. Penn State and AOS have also partnered to create a series of six classes entitled "Orchids for Everyone" that starts this month. You must register for each class individually. They are free for members and are \$10 each for non-members. The classes will also be recorded and will be available later on the AOS website. The website is: <https://extension.psu.edu/orchids-for-everyone-introduction-to-orchids>

The December meeting will be at the AREC and will be a potluck and awards banquet. The meeting will probably start at 1:00. A notice will be sent out in the newsletter to confirm the time.

Treasurer's report -Barbara MacKechnie reported that the society made \$1,423.50 from the auction last month. Barbara also reported that she filed the annual report for the State Commission Statement and paid the \$25 fee.

Secretary's report- nothing to report.

Brandt said that the shipment of virus test strips from Taiwan had come in and to talk to him if you ordered some.

Jamie confirmed that the December meeting/awards banquet would be similar to what has been done in the past.

Dori Iwanowski reported that she is working on getting a speaker for the January meeting and that Tim Coulterson from California will be our speaker for the March show and sale.

Dori introduced Jean Stefanik who was our speaker for the meeting. Jean spoke on two topics today. The first was on Orchids Native to New Zealand. She also included photos of the New Zealand Orchid Society show. After a brief break for refreshments and to visit the sales table, Jean spoke about AOS judges and what it takes to become one. Jean answered the members' specific questions about becoming an AOS judge.

Sandra reported that there is a line item in the budget to help a member if they are interested in becoming a judge. Update\*\*\*Confirmed 11/26/2023 that this budget line item is currently not funded.

Jean said that she will make a list of websites that she referenced in her presentations and send it to Dori so that it can be put in the newsletter.

Door prizes were then drawn with 13 lucky winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Submitted by Tracey Firgau, secretary

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>

An AOS Affiliated Society

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

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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](http://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!

A TOS Beginners' Class was held at Brandt Moran's house near Cape Charles, VA (Virginia Eastern shore) on 11 November, 2023.

The topic for the class was orchid bugs and viruses and how to eliminate, treat, and test for them.

Brandt still has a few plants outside and all are doing well.



Brandt recommended Hi-Yield Slug & Snail Bait, Safer Insect Killing Soap, and Natria Neem Oil.



Safari Granules are an effective insecticide; however the protective precautions required far outweigh the benefits of use by most average orchidists. One must wear tyvek personal protective equipment, respirators, gloves. After use, immediately clean the removed gear and take a shower before any other activity! Extreme caution is required when using this product.

When handling diseased or suspected diseased plants, WEAR disposable gloves for handling EACH plant. This plant has scale.



Trisodium phosphate (TSP) crystals are used for disinfecting tools, use it REGULARLY.



When virus testing an orchid suspected to have a virus, follow package instructions and use great caution so as NOT to spread the virus.



Brandt's greenhouse.



We had smoked wild boar, venison burgers and lots of other accompaniments, great food, hospitality. Even some dried persimmons! Very tasty!

Thank you to Brandt and Lisa Moran.

Photos and text courtesy of Don Greaser.



At our November 5 member meeting, our speaker was Jean Stefanik; judging from the number of questions and ongoing discussions, her presentation was extremely well received. Her presentation was in two parts; the first part focused on orchid growing in New Zealand; the second half was a question and discussion session where she previewed several orchid information resource sites and answered numerous questions.

Jean promised to send a file listing numerous orchid resource information including, but not limited to: Orchid Roots, Orchid Whiz, Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia, Royal Horticultural Society, [bluenanta.org](http://bluenanta.org) and more!



Member orchids for the Informal Table Judging



Informal Table Judging Results. Congratulations to the plant owners! We had several very good looking specimens!

Tidewater Orchid Society Informal Table Judging Results		
		Date: 11-5-23
Category	Award Level/Orchid	Owner
<b>I. Cattleya Alliance</b>		
1)	Rlc. Bryce Canyon	Vijai Singh
2)	Rlc. Ports of Paradise	D. E. Whittkower
3)	Catt. Hybrid	Jamie Krochmal
<b>II. Cypripedium Alliance No Plants Registered</b>		
1)		
2)		
3)		
<b>III. Vanda Sub-Alliance</b>		
1)	Rhy. Gigantea x Bangkok Sunset	Vijai Singh
2)	Aer. Houletiana Alba	Jamie Krochmal
3)	Gastrochilus obliquus	D. E. Whittkower
<b>IV. Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance</b>		
1)	Phalaenopsis Bellina X Sib	Roseann Wade
2)	Phal. Bellina var. coerulea	Jamie Krochmal
3)	Phal. Speciosa 'Purple Spot'	Jamie Krochmal
<b>V. Oncidium Alliance</b>		
1)	Bnfd. Gilded Tower Mystic Maze	Penney Wiliams
2)	Tolumnia Genting Pink Lady	Louise Roesser
3)		
<b>VI. Cymbidium Alliance No Plants Registered</b>		
1)		
2)		
3)		
<b>VII. Dendrobium Alliance</b>		
1)	Den. Classic Ge	D. E. Whittkower
2)	Den.	D. E. Whittkower
3)		
<b>VIII. Hybrids other than the above</b>		
1)	Bulb. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry	D. E. Whittkower
2)	Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside' AM/AOS	Kathy Greaser
3)	Dracuvallia Melissa Tan	D. E. Whittkower
<b>IX. Species other than the above</b>		
1)	Coelogyne trinervis	D. E. Whittkower
2)	Sudamerlycaste linguella	D. E. Whittkower
3)	Bulbophyllum rothschildianum 'Red Chimney'	Gill Gillespie



Jamie Krochmal - *Epigeneium nakaharae*



Jamie Krochmal - *Miltassia Dark Star* 'The Orchidworks'





