



TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

President's Message:

Our October meeting started out with some great announcements, Vijai Singh has stepped up to fill our Vice President position and has hit the ground running! He has many great ideas for presentations as well as field trips and learning opportunities. Thank you Vijai!

Thanks to Brant Moran for suggesting possible speakers, he put us on a hunt for someone who grows Habenarias and it turns out that one of our very own members has grown and spoken about these very unique orchids. Ron Miller will be speaking at our November meeting and will fill us in on his experiences in growing these unique orchids. Although he has successfully grown and cared for them, he won't be bringing any to sell so please bring plants you would like to put on the Sales Table.

The Society took a vote and all were in favor of voting Ailan Harpole as our first "Gift a Youth" recipient of the AOS award. Tracey Fergau, Dona Storey and I have stepped up to sponsor her this year. The Society will vote on a new "Youth" each year as we have new young members join us.

Our plant auction was lots of fun and a great success. Thanks to Brant Moran, Jamie Krochmal, Dave Bryan and Paul Chung as our organizers and auctioneers, we ended up with an extra \$1638.61 in the TOS coffers. A special thanks to all who donated those wonderful plants and, to all who purchased them. Thank you... Yulia Moshkariova, Gerry Chrabot, Jamie Krochmal, Brant Moran, Dylan Wittkower, Richard Palley, Judy Hyszczyk and Kathy Greaser. If I have missed someone, please let me know. Several of these healthy plants came home with me...I have had a great time reading about how to care for each one.

Since being elected President, I have been asking for members (new and experienced) to assist our committee chairs as well as offering ideas you would like to see take place in the Society. The more you become involved, the more you will enjoy the Society and we will all grow. We are presently planning a trip to the Holiday Open house at Floradise. I will have dates and times as well as carpooling opportunities at our November Meeting. I will also have more information on joining the Virginia Orchid Society for an overnight bus trip to Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia in March.

We have been "verbally" invited by the Vice President of the Peninsula Orchid Society to join them for their plant sale this Saturday, Oct 19 at 1pm at the Main Branch of the Hampton Library. 4207 Victoria Blvd in Hampton.

If you have not seen our QR Code on our website, please take a look. You can now pay your dues wearing your pajamas from the comfort of your home. There are several members who still have not taken advantage of this so please give it a try....it really is easy.

Please enjoy this beautiful fall weather. We have been so fortunate to have the hurricanes miss us completely.

Happy Halloween!!!!

Dori



2024-2025 Schedule

- 11/3: Speaker Meeting (NBG) - Ron Miller
- 11/9: Beginner's Class
- 12/1: Member Awards Luncheon (NBG)
- 1/5: Speaker Meeting (**Extension Center**)
- Kim Federson (will be bringing plants)
- 1/11: Beginner's Class
- 2/2: Member Meeting (NBG)
- 2/8: Beginner's Class
- 3/2: Member Meeting (NBG)
- 3/8: Beginner's Class
- 4/6: Member Meeting (NBG)
- 4/12: Beginner's Class
- 5/4: Member Meeting (NBG) Purchased Plant Auction
- 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 Hyszczyk
- 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 Hyszczyk |
| Library | Kathy Greaser |
| Membership | Sonia Singh |
| Newsletter | Judy Hyszczyk |
| Program | Vijai Singh |
| Public Relations | Chair OPEN |
| Sales Table | Kathy Greaser |
| Sunshine | Cynni & Red Taylor |
| Webmaster | Paul Chung, Kathy Greaser |

10/6/2024
Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by Dori Iwanowski, President.

Business

New Vice President. Dori told the members that a new vice president will be needed because Tom Chapman accepted a position and moved to Michigan. The Board had met and discussed the need for a new VP. Vijai Singh volunteered to be the new Vice President. Karen Jones made a motion to accept Vijai as the new Vice President. The motion was seconded by Jamie Krochmal and passed unanimously.

Gift a Youth Program. Jamie explained that the American Orchid Society (AOS) is trying to get youth -high school and college aged- involved in orchid growing and in the national society. AOS asked each interested affiliated society to nominate a young member to join AOS and for the society members to pay for that person's membership. Ailin Harpole was chosen as the individual to represent our society. Dona Storey, Tracey Firgau, and Dori volunteered to pay for her membership. Yearly Silver membership for students is \$56.00.

Per discussion at the September 18, 2024 board meeting, Tracey made a motion to establish a sponsorship for a youth member representative to AOS. The funding for the membership to be provided by volunteers who support encouraging youth participation in the national organization. The motion was seconded by Jamie and passed unanimously.

Board Meetings. Dori said that the dates of the board meetings will be posted on the website. Anyone interested in sitting in to hear what is being discussed is welcome. Dori reminded everyone that only board members are able to make and vote on motions at these meetings.

Virginia Orchid Society (VOS). VOS has invited us to their October society meeting. They are having three AOS judges attend the meeting and they will judge plants that members bring in. Following judging the judges will explain how they evaluated each plant and came to their decisions. This meeting will provide a great learning opportunity for all members. Dori has the information for anyone interested in going. Our members are welcome to bring plants that they feel are worthy of judging.

Longwood Gardens. Dori would like to organize an overnight trip to Longwood Gardens. The trip would be in March during the Philadelphia flower show. Anyone interested should let Dori know so that plans can be made.

TOS trifold information pamphlet. Dori would like the pamphlet to be updated and asked for two volunteers to take on this task. Karen Jones and Yulia Moshkariova volunteered.

Minutes. Jamie moved that the minutes from the September meeting be approved as written. Don Greaser seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AOS judge school. Dori noted that the society will pay for a member to become an AOS judge. She would like to nominate Ellen Hansen for this opportunity. Ellen declined due to time constraints.

Auction

The auction rules were discussed. Everyone was reminded that all plants being auctioned were donated by members and that all proceeds would go to TOS. Brandt Moran made a Powerpoint with photos of most of the plants up for auction. In the future he would like to get the names of the plants being auctioned in time to make a catalog that can be posted on the website prior to the meeting. This would hopefully get some excitement going for the auction. Brandt and Dave Bryan with help from Jamie and Paul Chung auctioned off many beautiful plants.

Post auction reminders

-There is an AOS webinar on October 15, 2024.

-We will have a speaker at our next meeting.

-The beginners class will meet at Frank Drew's greenhouse on Saturday, October 12th. Bring plants that you bought today if you need information about how to care for them. You may also bring other plants from home that you need information about.

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM.

Submitted by: Tracey Firgau, Secretary

TOS Orchid Table Judging Alliance Change proposal:

The TOS Table Judging conducts judging in the following nine orchid alliance categories:

1. Cattleya Alliance, species and hybrids
2. Cypripedium Alliance, species and hybrids
3. Vanda Sub-Alliance, species and hybrids
4. Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance, species and hybrids
5. Oncidium Alliance, species and hybrids
6. Cymbidium Alliance, species and hybrids
7. Dendrobium Alliance, species and hybrids
8. Hybrids, other than above
9. Species, other than above

Are these categories adequate? Our meeting venues preclude simply adding judging categories. If a new category were to be added, an existing category would have to be deleted. Note then, orchids that would otherwise be displayed in a category that would be deleted, WILL now be judged with other orchids being judged in Hybrids (Category 8) or Species (Category 9).

So, I repeat the question, are these category designations adequate?

If there are changes to be made, the Table Judging Chairman will take your votes. Remember, however to add a category, an existing category must be designated for deletion.

Voting will occur over the remainder of the year. Any new category changes will take effect for the 2025 Judging Year.

Send an email to dongreaser@gmail.com; Subject line TOS Table Judging Categories

In the body of the email, simply state:

Add: enter name of category you'd like to see added to the current TOS Judging slate.

Delete: enter name of category you'd like to see deleted from the current TOS Judging slate.

The choices for category names to be added should be taken from the Orchid Alliance Categories listed on the American Orchid Society web site.

The Current Orchid Alliances listed at the AOS website are:

[Angraecum Alliance](#)

[Oncidium Alliance](#)

[Bulbophyllum Alliance](#)

[Phalaenopsis Alliance](#)

[Catasetum Alliance](#)

[Pleurothallid Alliance](#)

[Cattleya Alliance](#)

[Slipper Alliance](#)

[Coelogyne Alliance](#)

[Stanhopea Alliance](#)

[Cymbidium Alliance](#)

[Vanda Alliance](#)

[Dendrobium Alliance](#)

[Zygopetalum Alliance](#)

[Maxillaria Alliance](#)

[Miscellaneous](#)

Thank you, Don Greaser, your TOS Table Judging Chair

<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.

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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 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



Beginning of October Meeting



Plants in line for being auctioned.



Brandt with a plant up for bid..



Many times there were multiple bidders vying for the same plant! Bidding, several simultaneous bidders; bidding was brisk!

**The monthly plant photo on page one is of: Oncidium Brazilian Sun.

OCTOBER BEGINNER CLASS



This month's class went over orchids that were purchased at the auction on Sunday as well as "problem" orchids we had at home.



Frank Drew's book recommendation on bulbophyllims.



Above & right: Visiting the greenhouse to see Viaji's orchids and what is in bloom at that time.

**The monthly plant photo on page one is the Oncidium Brazilian Sun.

WORD SEARCH



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- PHRAGMIPEDIUM
- ALTITUDE
- RAINFALL
- POTTING
- AERIAL
- LYCASTE
- DIVERSITY
- AMAZON
- MODERATE
- CONDITIONS
- PHALAENOPSIS
- UNIQUE



MEMBER'S ORCHIDS IN BLOOM DURING OCTOBER

All of the orchids on this page belong to Vijai Singh



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.

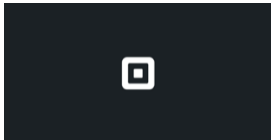
2024-2025 Membership Dues - Single - \$32.00



[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



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