TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hello Members,

Winter is just around the corner, and I imagine everyone is busy preparing to bring their orchids indoors after a hot summer!

A big thank-you to all our members who donated plants, purchased orchids, and volunteered as runners and auctioneers to make our October member-donated plant **auction** a great success. We had approximately 70 orchids, and all proceeds from the auction will go toward supporting our society. Thank you all for your generosity and participation!

Our participation in two **community events**—the Virginia Beach Master Gardeners festival at the Virginia Tech Agricultural Research and Extension Center and the Fall Fred Fair at the Heutte Center - was also very successful. We received positive feedback from both organizations, and they have expressed interest in having us participate in future events. In addition to promoting our society and its activities, we were pleased to have the opportunity to sell flowering orchids.

Our next meeting will be held on **November 1 at 1:00 PM**. We will begin with a formal meet-and-greet, followed by a short orchid **culture presentation by Dave Bryan**. As always, if you have any orchid-related questions, please feel free to reach out to any of our senior members. They will be happy to share their knowledge and help you with your orchid-growing challenges.

We will have the show and tell table and orchids for sale.

We look forward to welcoming our **guest speaker, Francisco Miranda**, to this meeting. He will join us via Zoom to share insights into Brazilian Cattleyas. Francisco is an excellent orchid grower and speaker and we are excited about this opportunity to learn more about these beautiful orchids.

Please remember to drop your ideas and recommendations into the **suggestion box**. Your feedback is valuable and helps us continue to improve our society and its activities.

With the **Kaplan Orchid Show** on **March 5-7, 2027** just around the corner, it is time to start preparing for the various tasks involved in organizing and supporting the event. We will need plenty of help to make this event successful. We will also be participating in the **Virginia Orchid Show in Richmond - Spring 2027 - date still to be determined**, so please start getting your flowering orchids ready for both shows!

I encourage everyone to volunteer and lend a helping hand. Your time, enthusiasm, and participation are essential to making these events successful and ensuring that our society continues to thrive.

Thank you all for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Vijai

2026 Schedule

11/1	TOS Meeting with Francisco Miranda as speaker
12/6	TOS Meeting and Awards Banquet

Officers

President: Vijai Singh
Vice President: Jamie Krochmal
Secretary: Joanne Bryan
Treasurer: Kathy Greaser
Past President: Dori Iwanowski

Trustees

2024-2027 – Patricia Corderre, Sonia Singh
2025 2028 – Dave Bryan, John Whistler
2026 2029 – Peney Williams, Janet Hochreiter

Volunteers

AOS Rep	Jamie Krochmal
Auction & Shows	Jamie Krochmal, Dave Bryan and John Whistler
Budget	Kathy Greaser
Door Prize	Kathy Greaser
Education	Dave & Joanne Bryan
Table Judging	Don Greaser
Historian	Don Greaser
Hospitality	Judy Hyszczak, Tracey Firgau and Monica Corbin
Library	Kathy Greaser
Membership	Sonia Singh
Newsletter	Judy Hyszczak
Program	Jamie Krochmal
Public Relations	Position Open
Sales Table	Kathy Greaser & Janet Hochreiter
Sunshine	Cynni & Red Taylor
Webmaster	Paul Chung, Kathy Greaser

WHAT IS HAPPENING

Norfolk Botanical Gardens
Admin Building (round)
NEW TIME!!! STARTS AT 1 PM

Plant Sales Table will be OPEN
Show & Tell Table will be OPEN

Annual Dues were due at the August/September Meeting

10/04/2026
Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS) Meeting Minutes

The membership meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM by President Vijai Singh at Norfolk Botanical Gardens (NBG). Vijai reminded everyone to get a paddle for the auction.

Judy Hyszczak presented information regarding the December Awards Banquet. Judy indicated that she had done research and that having the event at an outside venue would be very expensive. Consequently, we will still have a potluck dinner here at NBG. This year, however, the proteins (beef and chicken) for the dinner will be provided by a caterer; side dishes will be provided by the members through Sign-up Genius. Judy will send out an email with the sign-up link in a few weeks. Please sign up so we know how much protein to order. The banquet is the first Sunday in December,

John Whistler presented a mini culture lesson on phalaenopsis.

Vijai suggested that if you are having growing problems, talk with Jamie or any of the members after the auction.

Dave Bryan reminded all those volunteering on the 10th to hold on to their name badges to use at the shows. (See below)

Our next speaker will be Francisco Miranda. He is an orchid grower from Brazil who has relocated to Florida.

We are unable to attend Triangle Orchid Show and Sale due to management issues.

On 10/10/2026 there are two plant sales that TOS will have representatives attend. One is at the Virginia Tech Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AREC) and the other is at the Fred Heutte Center. We will be selling some plants and will have a table to promote TOS at both events. All volunteers are welcome.

On 10/18/2026 the Virginia Orchid Society will have American Orchid Society (AOS) judging.

After a short break Jamie Krochmal told everyone the rules of the auction. All proceeds from the auction will go to TOS.

Auction: Frank Drew, Jamie, and Dave auctioned off plants with the help of Paul Chung and Don Greaser. Sonia Singh and Kathy Greaser kept track of the sales and collected payments at the end of the auction.

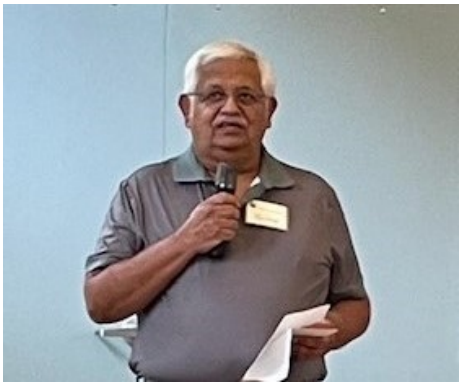
Following the auction Jamie reviewed upcoming speakers including those for the Kaplan show. He also asked for recommendations for additional speakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26PM.

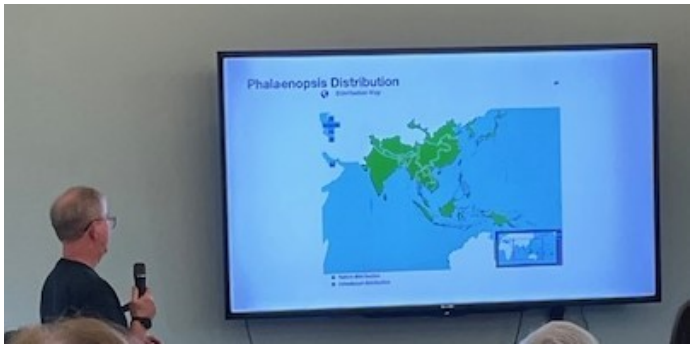
Submitted by Tracey Firgau for Joanne Bryan, Secretary.

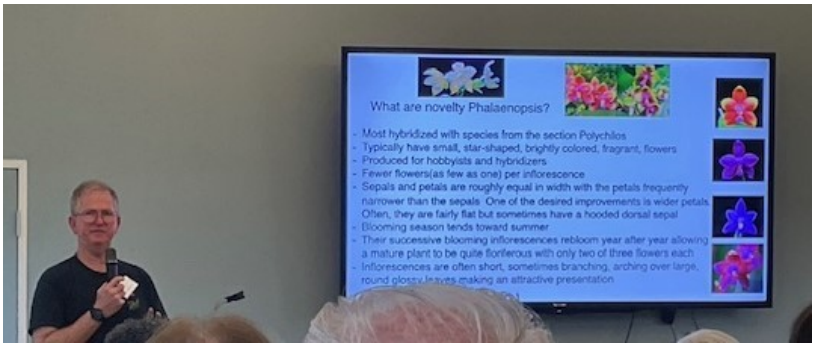
MEETING AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our meeting in October featured our annual member plant auction.

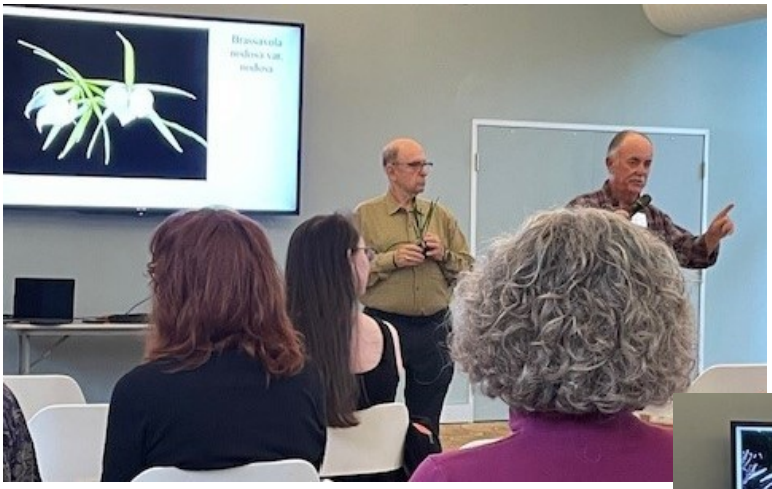


President Vijai Singh opening up the meeting





Above two photos: John Whistler with his presentation about Phalaenopsis.



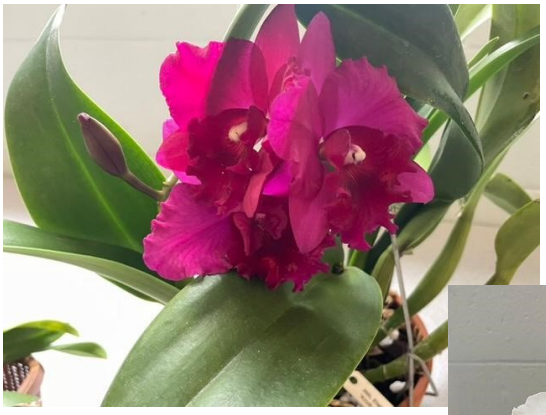
Above: Frank Drew auctioning off a plant.



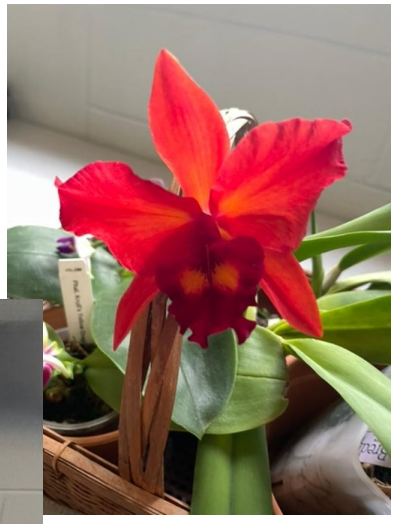
Right: Auctioneer Jamie Krochmal warning that the plant he is holding could in time need to travel in a truck bed as it can grow quite large!

MEETING SHOW & TELL HIGHLIGHTS

Shown below are a few member-owned orchids brought in for display on the display table; there was no show table judging for this meeting. I don't know who owns specific plants, so I didn't try to guess owner names. Submitted by Don Greaser.



Rth. Elaine Taylor 'Krull-Smith FCC/AOS'



Rlc. Carolina … too much in the way to read tag, couldn't pull out, didn't want to jerk pot or plant.



Bob Bets 'White Lightning'



Left: Rlc Graf's Toque; (that's all I could decipher



No Nami, couldn't find name tag.



Vanda

OUTREACH IN OCTOBER

On October 10th TOS was active in both Norfolk and Virginia Beach at the Fall Fred Fair and at AREC for the Master Gardeners Fall Festival. We sold orchids and Vijai donated Plumeria cuttings.



Some of the TOS group at the Fall Fred Fair.



Dave during a lull at the AREC booth.



Above & Below: Views of a *portion* of the Master Gardeners Festival.



Orchids in bloom and Plumeria cuttings for sale in the TOS booth at AREC.



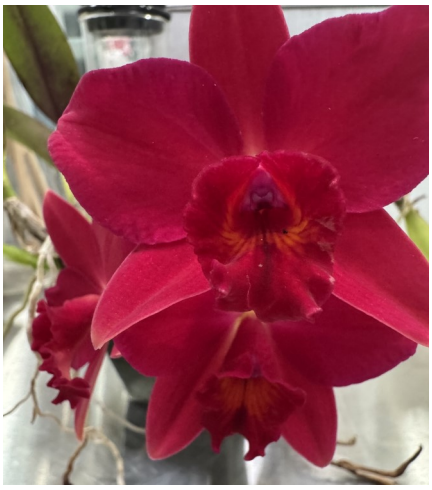
PLANTS IN BLOOM



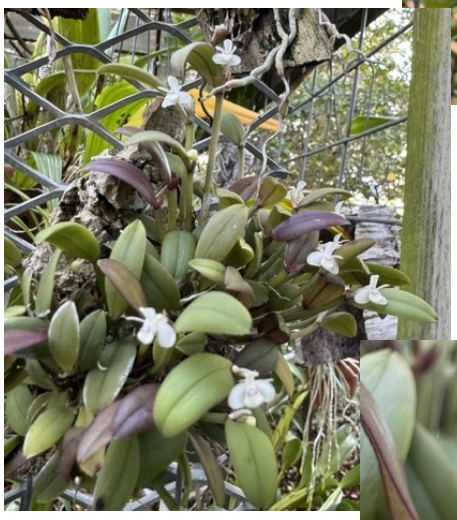
Jamie Krochmal's BLC James Island x aurantica 'Red Shimmer'



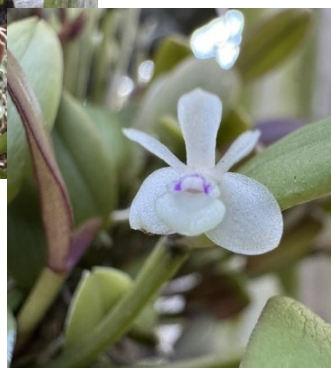
Jamie Krochmal's Aerangis Biloba



Jamie Krochmal's Pot Ramon De Los Santos '4 Red Ballons' x Pot Virginia Dickey 'Diamond Orchids' AM/AOS



Jamie Krochmal's Schoenorchins fragrans with closeup of the flower.





Jamie Krochmal's LC Amethyst Star



Vijai Singh's Bc Chattooga Mendenhall



Vijai Singh's Liparis viridiflora

PLANTS IN BLOOM



Kaplan Orchid Conservatory
Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'



Kaplan Orchid Conservatory
Polystachya neobenthamia (formerly Neobenthamia gracilis)



Jamie Krochmal's



Judy Hyszczak's White Phal - bloomed from phal group Paul brought in from his office: No Nami



Jamie Krochmal's C Joy Prince Coerulea

PLANTS IN BLOOM

All the photos on this page are those posted by Darrin Duling of Kaplan Orchid Conservatory plants in bloom. They are on Facebook and by visiting our page, you can learn more about these orchids in their posting.



Bulbophyllum masdevalliaceum



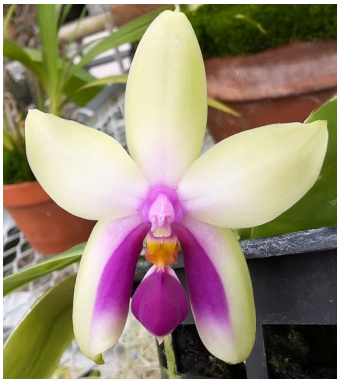
Bulbophyllum Zagreus



Oncidesa Gower Ramsey 'Orange Delight'



Liparis viridiflora 'Dora'



Phalaenopsis bellina f. murtoniana



Coelogyne usitana



Dendrobium Blue Bees



Renanthera Kalsom 'Orange'



Vanda Somsri Blue Classic x Vanda Golamco's Blue Magic



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.

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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 the exact name of your plant from its tag.