



Tidewater Orchid Society

October 2023 Newsletter



President's Message

Hello TOS,

We had a great auction at our October membership meeting. Bidders walked away with lots of excellent plants. All proceeds of the auction will go towards TOS. I would like to thank all those members who donated orchids. Major kudos go to our auctioneers Jamie Krochmal and Brandt Moran. They did such a super job running the event. Special thanks to Brandt who painstakingly looked up blooms for display during the auction.

Our next meeting will be held at 2:00 on November 5 at the VA Tech AREC, located at 1444 Diamond Springs Road. Our guest speaker will be Jean Stefanik. Jean has 20 years of growing experience and is an American Orchid Society judge. We have a special treat for members. Jean will be presenting 2 talks for us. The first will be on orchids of New Zealand. We have not had this topic in quite some time. The second talk will be about the Capital Judging Center and how to be a judge.

Our speaker is not bringing plants for sale; therefore, the sales table is **OPEN** at this meeting. We will have a show table so bring along those beautiful blooms and show off your amazing orchids.

Friendly reminder: November 5 is when daylight savings ends. Clocks will fall back an hour. Be sure to set your clocks to arrive on time for our meeting.

Happy Growing!
Sandra Cross

2023-2024 Schedule

11/5: Jean Stefanik, AOS Accredited Judge
12/3: Awards Banquet

Officers

President	Sandra Cross
Vice President	Dori Iwanowski
Secretary	Traci Firgau
Treasurer	Barbara MacKechnie
Past President	Bert Bennett

Trustees

2021-2024 – Peney Williams, Richard Palley
2022-2025 – Jamie Krochmal, Judy Hyszcak
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 Hyszcak
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

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Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2023

The membership meeting was called to order by Sandra Cross, President at 2:00 pm at the Virginia Tech AREC. Sandra thanked Brandt Moran and Jamie Krochmal for organizing the auction. There is a list of plants as well as slides with photos to accompany the list.

Patsy Temple introduced our newest member Kathy Blades.

Sandra introduced Dona Storey, our new trustee that was voted in by the Board last month.

Sandra asked for any corrections to the minutes. There were none and Jamie made a motion that minutes be accepted as written. The motion was seconded by Dave Bryan and unanimously approved.

Sandra reminded everyone that dues were due for this year and that once dues are paid you should receive a copy of the bylaws, as well as, emails with the newsletter and meeting minutes.

Dave and Joanne Bryan will be helping Patsy with beginners classes.

The speaker next month will be Jean Stefanik. Brandt is friends with her and spoke highly of her skills. He suggested that we bring our most difficult questions for her to answer. She probably will not be bringing plants to sell but Sandra will check with her.

The December Awards luncheon will probably be held at the VT AREC but there is no additional information at this time.

Patsy noted that when they book the room at VT AREC she has the only key. Door opens at 11:00. Patsy could use some help setting up the room when she gets here.

Treasury- no updates
Secretary-no updates

Jamie asked if there were any updates on the March show. There are none at this time. A speaker has not been scheduled yet.

Brandt said that Ecuagenera will be at the Massachusetts Orchid Society meeting. He will be attending and can pick up any plants that you may want to order from their website. Contact Brandt to work out the details.

Jamie thanked everyone who donated plants to the auction and reminded members that 100% of the proceeds go to TOS. He also reminded everyone that if you have questions about a plant to ask and that there are members who can give cultural advice. Brandt made a list of all the plants that would be auctioned and made a power point presentation with pictures of all of the orchids in flower.

Auction rules: Bids will increase by one dollar up to 20 dollars, by two dollar increments up to 30 dollars, and five dollar increments above 30 dollars. However if you are willing to pay more

or less for the plant you can call out your bid. Once a plant is sold - it is sold. Sandra reminded everyone to come to the table to pay before leaving and Sonia Singh reminded everyone to drop off their name tags on the way out. The auction started with Bert Bennett's donated plants. Jamie and Brandt took turns auctioning off close to 100 plants.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.
Minutes submitted by Tracey Firgau, Secretary.

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 \$81 (one year) \$162 (2years) includes online + print magazine OR Silver \$54 (one year) \$108 (2 years) includes online magazine only. For more information go to 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!

TOS Table Judging Results, 8-27-23

	Plant	Owner
I. Cattleya Alliance		
1)	Encyclia prismatocarpa	Brandt Moran
2)	LCTNA. Cattleytonia Flying Colors 'Skyrocket'	Jamie Krochmal
3)	Pot. More Gilmores "Sweet Memories"	Jamie Krochmal
II. Cypripedium Alliance		
1)	Phrag. longifolium 'windyhill'	Jamie Krochmal
2)		
3)		
III. Vanda Sub Alliance		
1)		
2)		
3)		
IV. Phalaenopsis Alliance		
1)	Phal. Tying Shin Fly Eagle x Germaine Vincent	Roseann Wade
2)		
3)		
V. Oncidium Alliance		
1)	Oip. Onolicious 'Vivid'	Louise Roesser
2)		
3)		
VI. Cymbidium Alliance		
1)		
2)		
3)		
VII. Dendrobium Alliance		
1)	D. hercoglossum	Gerard Chrobot
2)		
3)		
VIII. Hybrids other than above		
1)		
2)		
3)		
IX. Species other than above		
1)	Milt. Spectabilis var. moreliana	Brandt Moran
2)	Milt. Bluntii	Brandt Moran
3)		



Richard Palley-*Stanhopea wardii*



Louise Roesser-*Encyclia radiata*



Judy Hyszczak-"Nonami" *Phalaenopsis*



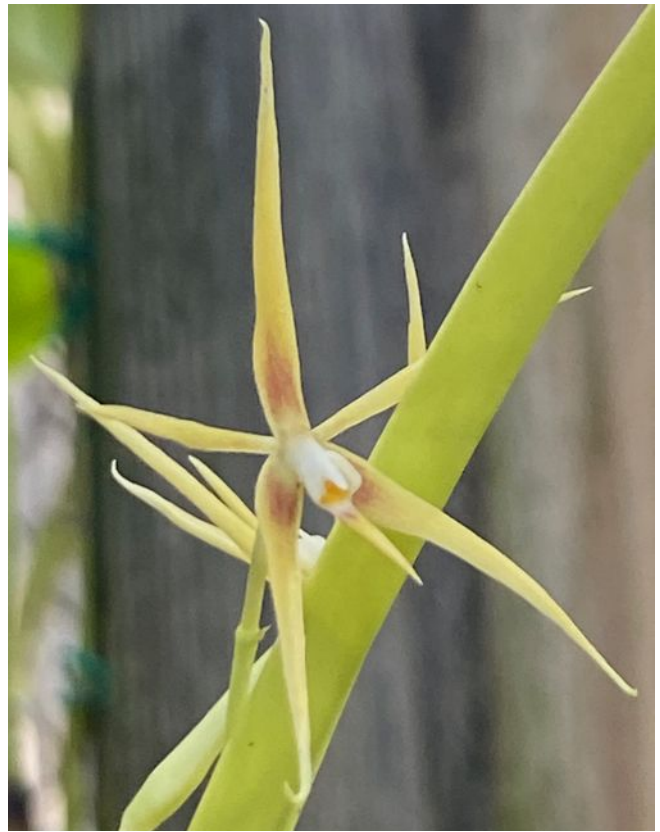
Jamie Krochmal-*Cattleya maxima*



Jamie Krochmal-*Bulb. longissimum*



Jamie Krochmal-Vanda Ploenpit Prize



Jamie Krochmal-Enc. rhynchophora



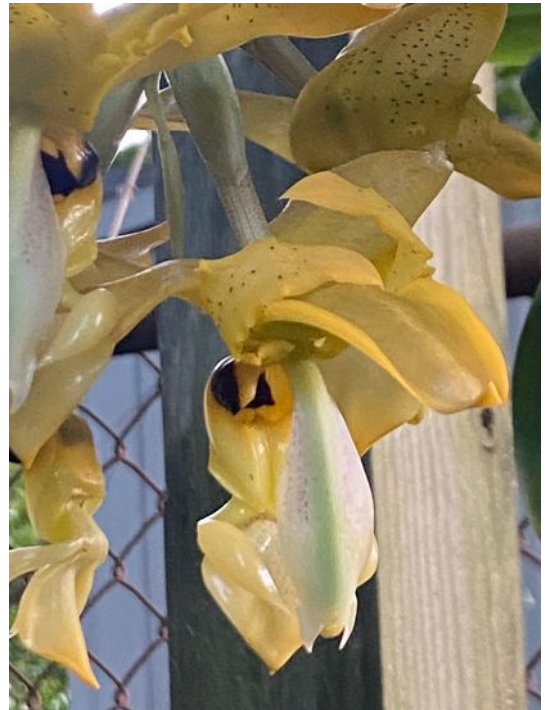
Jamie Krochmal-Cattleya maxima



Jamie Krochmal-Schoenorchis fragrans



Jamie Krochmal-Cattleya bowriniana



Jamie Krochmal-Stanhopea wardii



Jamie Krochmal-LC Minerva coerulea 'Gran Wisteria' AM/AOS



Jamie Krochmal-Bulb. dixonii 'Willie'

A TOS Orchid Auction was held at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Extension in Norfolk, Virginia on 1 October, 2023. Well over 90 orchids went to new owners. Several specimens enticed multiple bids. Photos by Don Greaser.





Jamie Krochmal reviewing auction procedures. Very few of the orchids auctioned were in bloom, courtesy of Brant Moran's efforts, there were representative pictures for MOST of the auctioned orchids.



Short discussion about features of each orchid being auctioned away to a new owner.



*Coercion by intimidation to extract more money from bidders, promoting demand for plants.
Over 90 orchid went home with NEW owners!
TOS got an injection of funds too!*