



# TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



### President's Message:

Hello Fellow Members:

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the August meeting! Our speaker was Peter Breed and, as always, he wowed us all with his beautiful orchids. We are so very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable grower in our society. I always come away with some new information on how to keep my orchids thriving.

Our next meeting, October 6th, will be the Membership Auction. We are in the Admin Building at the Garden (our normal meeting place) and will begin our meeting at **1pm** instead of the normal 2pm so we can have more time with the auction and be out of the Garden by 5pm.

The beautiful weather these last few weeks tells us it will soon be time to bring our orchids inside so divide a few or bring in a plant that has gotten too large and support the TOS by letting us auction it off. This is one of our major fundraisers.

All plants must be cleaned and ready prior to the auction. Have legible ID tags on the plants but we will accept NOID's or untagged plants as well. Jot down your plant names and send them to Brandt Moran ([Moranlabs59@gmail.com](mailto:Moranlabs59@gmail.com) or text 978-877-7566) by noon September 27th so he can create a visual catalog of your information to show at the auction. This will assist the potential bidders to see what the plant will look like when it is in bloom.

Bring your wallets, our cashiers will accept cash, checks or credit cards. Remember that credit card sales are subject to a small transaction fee. None members are welcome to join in the fun so members, grab some friends and potential new members and bring them along.

Due to the auction, our sales and show tables will be closed AND lastly, if you haven't paid your dues, we now have a QR code on the website so you can take care of the payment in the comfort of your home.

See you at the Garden, I'm going to pick out some plants to share right now!

*Dori*

### 2024-2025 Schedule

- 10/6: Member Meeting (NBG) Member Plant Auction
- 10/12 Beginner's Class
- 11/3: Member Meeting (NBG)
- 11/9 Beginner's Class
- 12/1: Member Awards Banquet (NBG)
- 1/5: Member Meeting (Extension Center)
- 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: Tom Chapman  
 Secretary: Tracey Firgau  
 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

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 Corderre, Judy Hyszczyk
Library	Kathy Greaser
Membership	Sonia Singh
Newsletter	Judy Hyszczyk
Program	Tom Chapman
Public Relations	Dona Storey
Sales Table	Kathy Greaser
Sunshine	Cynni & Red Taylor
Webmaster	Paul Chung, Kathy Greaser

**08/25/2024**  
**Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The TOS meeting at Norfolk Botanical Gardens (NBG) was called to order by president Dori Iwanowski at 2:08 PM. Dori welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked for new visitors to stand and introduce themselves.

### **Business**

**Updates to constitution and bylaws.** Dori reported that the board met and approved the updates to the constitution and bylaws. Dave Bryan prepared a Powerpoint presentation with the specific changes to the constitution and bylaws for the members. After the presentation Dori asked the members if they had questions or other proposed changes to the documents. There were none. Jamie Krochmal made a motion to approve the changes as written. The motion was seconded by Don Greaser and passed unanimously.

**Beginners' classes.** Dave indicated the classes will generally meet the first Saturday of the month AFTER the TOS meeting at Frank Drew's greenhouse. In September the meeting will be held on the 7th and begins at 10:00. Dave indicated that he probably will not have a meeting in December. Dave also stated that he is having some difficulty coming up with topics for the meetings and will discuss with the beginner's group what they would like. At the last meeting members asked for follow-up regarding the various speakers' presentations. Dave will work on providing that follow-up and responding to members' questions.

**Kaplan Conservatory.** Dori clarified that we, as a society, are closely tied to Old Dominion University and the Kaplan Conservatory. Darrin Duling had reported to the society that construction on the new greenhouse to be housed at the Virginia Tech Agricultural Research Extension Center is underway. He hopes that it will be completed by September 27th.

**Committees.** Dori introduced the committee chairs and noted that all of the committees will be needing members' assistance this year.

*-American Orchid Society (AOS).* Chair-Jamie Krochmal. Jamie reported that AOS has a monthly greenhouse chat that is free and open to everyone. The chat typically provides valuable information. The next chat is on September 5th and you can get dates for the other month's chats from the AOS website. AOS also has member's only lectures and Jamie encouraged everyone to join.

*-Shows and Auctions.* Chairs-Frank Drew, Jamie Krochmal, & Brandt Moran. Brandt reported that the first auction for this year will be the member's auction the first Sunday in October. 100% of the proceeds will go to TOS. There is no limit to the number of plants that members can bring in for the auction. In terms of shows, Brandt indicated that shows can be difficult because there are a lot of beginners in the society and it takes a lot of hands to put a show together. The experienced members will try to share their knowledge and expertise about shows with others over time. We may be ready in the spring to enter other shows but we will not host a show at NBG until the new building is ready due to space constraints.

*-Table Judging.* Chair-Don Greaser. Don developed a hand-out with procedures and guidelines for table judging. At this point he has already chosen several members and alternates for judging and is not looking for additional help at this time. The hand-outs can be picked-up from the back table.

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**Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)**  
**Meeting Minutes (continued)**

*-Budget.* Treasurer-Barbara MacKechnie. Barabra reported on the current balance in the TOS account. She noted that bar codes and links to pay dues online would go out with the next newsletter.

*-Sunshine.* Chair-Cynni & Red Taylor- Please forward information to Dori or Cynni regarding members that may require a card for sickness, death in family, etc. Dori did share with the members that Pat Coderre's mother had passed.

*-Sales Table.* Chair-Peggy Rogers & Roseann Wade. Dori noted that the chairs will need help at the meetings when we have a members' sales table.

*-Publicity.* Chair-Tom Chapman. Dori reported that Dona Storey is organizing different parts of publicity. Dori asked for members with experience in print, online ads, or posting on Facebook to help-out so we can get our organization out there and let people know who we are. Dori also noted that she would like the society to do some fun activities. One idea she had was to go to Anderson's Greenhouse and help them repot their plants. If you have any other ideas, let Dori know.

*-Historian/Library.* Chairs-Don Greaser/Kathy Greaser. Don is our historian if you have historical information that you would like to share. Kathy is the librarian. There is a list of books that TOS has to share on the website. If you would like to check-out a book contact Kathy.

The speaker for the meeting was Peter Breed. Peter shared cultural information with the members. In addition, Brandt spoke briefly about specific plants that Peter recently got from Brazil.

Show table-Brandt and Dylan Whittkower talked about some plants that they brought in for the show table.

Door prizes- There were seven lucky door prize winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Submitted by: Tracey Firgau, Secretary



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



## JOHN ZUKOSKY

I had the privilege of sitting down with TOS royalty over the summer. John was gracious and prepared to answer questions about himself and his orchid background. I was surprised to learn he was interested in rocks like I am. He is a commercial grower and like many of us, tries new things to assist in the successful growing of orchids. He first became involved with orchids while growing them in Colorado and helping the Denver Botanical Gardens raise money for an orchid greenhouse. His move to Panama was job related and his love for orchids grew with having them there. He then moved to Virginia, sowed seeds from Brazil in his kitchen to grow more orchids. With his success, he sold excess plants to cover more orchid buying!

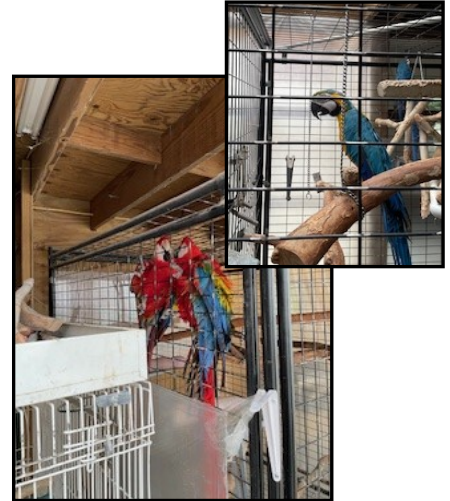
In time another move brought him and his family to Germany and he mailed 400 orchids to himself in Germany as well! Orchids are popular in Europe and in Heidelberg, he could see orchids in people's windows. I asked him what his favorite orchid was and he said that it was the Ghost Orchid. I noticed that he grows a lot of orchidiums and cattleyas in his greenhouse. He told me that the most popular orchid he sells is the mini cattleya, due to their not taking up a lot of room. That is important for any windowsill grower.



A Grammatophyllum in bloom on my visit.

When he came back to the US, he decided to settle back in Virginia and as an architect, he designed and built his home with his greenhouse attached. It has passive solar, a concrete floor with a greenhouse roof of polycarbonate with peel and seal. He wisely orientated the property for light and is using screening, and even Spanish moss for shading.

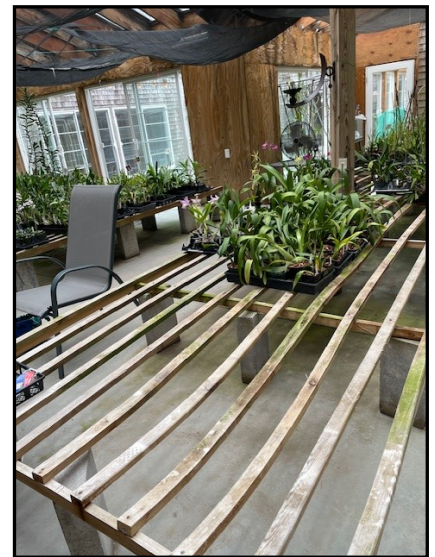
John stresses the importance of not spreading viruses and is very careful in orchid maintenance. He uses a single blade when cutting – only one time and then once a lot of blades are accumulated, sterilizing them in the oven @ 350 degrees for 45 minutes. He also feeds the foliage once a month, along with a timed release fertilizer.



John's Macaw friends



Inside the greenhouse showing the Spanish Moss that has a dual use: adding some shading and handy if needed to table dress for a show.



Ventilated tables for easy drainage yet provide support

# 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](mailto: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**

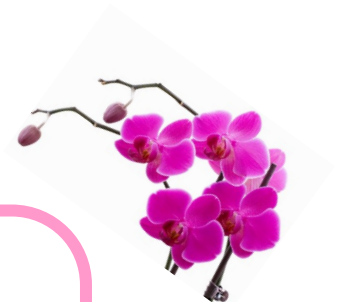
The AOS supports educational opportunities, orchid conservation & research & world-class awards & judging system. Our goal is to promote the appreciation of orchids, the American Orchid Society delivers the most up-to-date, accurate, educational information about orchid culture and sponsors research and conservation initiatives to improve the outlook for orchids around the globe.

**Membership levels are:**

Gold \$84 (one year) includes online + print magazine  
OR  
Silver \$54 (one year) includes online magazine only.



**American Orchid Society**  
*Education. Conservation. Research.*  
*Affiliated Society*



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.

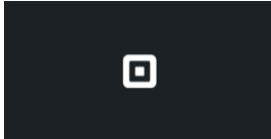
Please remember to include your name and a clear description of your plant's name.

Thank you!

# 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.

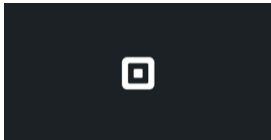
## 2024-2025 Membership Dues - Single - \$32.00



[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

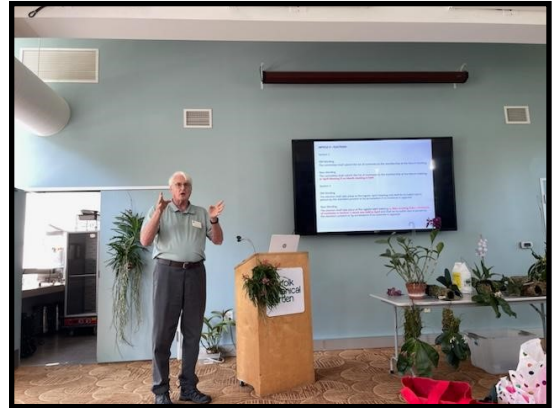


[2024-2025 Student Membership Dues - Tidewater Orchid Society \(square.site\)](#)

# Meeting Highlights



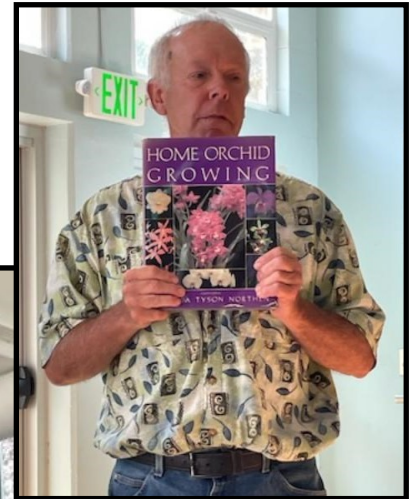
President Dori Iwanowski opening the meeting



David Bryan reviewed changes to TOS Bylaws



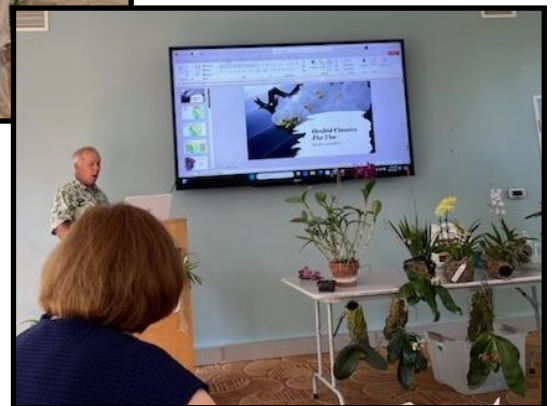
Peter Breed of Orchid Classics gave a comprehensive and informative presentation on alternative methods of mounting orchids that don't involve a bark based planting medium.



Brandt recommended this book (*Home Orchid Growing* by Rebecca Tyson Northern) for those interested in learning about orchid genetics.



Glancing down the judging tables from the back of the room.



Brandt Moran made a short presentation about selected Orchids acquired by Orchid Classics from Brazil.



# SEPTEMBER BEGINNER CLASS



This month's class went over the Dendrobium Orchid and the many varieties it has.

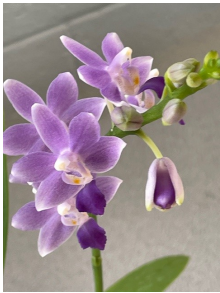


Above & Left: Dave Bryan looking at a plant brought in that the grower had a question about.

# TABLE JUDGING RESULTS FROM 8/25 MEETING



Category	Award Level / Orchid	Plant Owner
<b>I. Cattleya Alliance</b>	1) Enc. prismatocarpa	Brandt Moran
	2) Rlc. Graf's Toque	Dylan Wittkower
	3) Rlc. John Davis	Tom Chapman



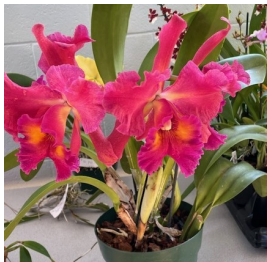
<b>II. Cypripedium Alliance</b>	1) Paph. Hsinying 'Majakun'	Tom Chapman
	2) Paph. Valerie Tankin	Brandt Moran
	3) Paph Satchel's Legend x sukhakulli 'Salmander' x 'chris'	Ellen Hansen

<b>III. Vanda Sub-Alliance</b>	1) Stereochilus erinaceus	Dylan Wittkower
	2) V. (Paki x felcata)	Dylan Wittkower



<b>IV. Phaleonopsis Sub-Alliance</b>	1) Phal. Sapphires galah	Jim Massay
	2)	
	3)	

<b>V. Oncidium Alliance</b>	1) Milt. x Bluntii	Brandt Moran
	2) Rodrigueziopsis eleutherosepala	Dylan Wittkower
	3)	



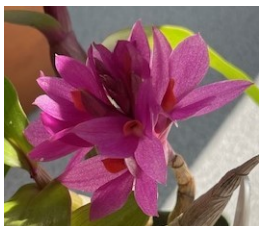
<b>VI. Cymbidium Alliance</b>	1)	
	2)	
	3)	

<b>VII. Dendrobium Alliance</b>	1) Den. Hibiki	Brandt Moran
	2) Den. Sanderae	Dylan Wittkower
	3)	



<b>VII. Hybrids other than the above</b>	1) Disa Yellow Bird	Dylan Wittkower
	2)	
	3)	

<b>IX. Species other than the above</b>	1) Macroclinium dalstromii	Dylan Wittkower
	2) Malaxis latifolia	Dylan Wittkower



\*\*The monthly plant photo on page one is of: Dendrobium 'Stardust Firebird'.

# MEMBER'S ORCHIDS IN BLOOM DURING SEPTEMBER



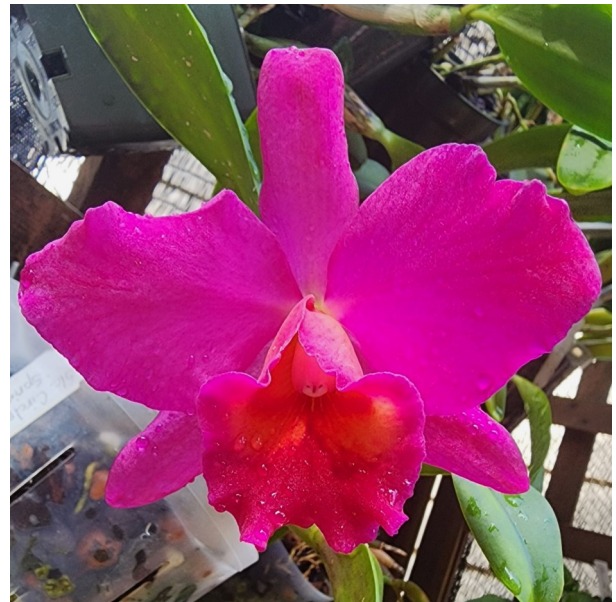
Yulia Moshkariova's Cattlianthe Blue Boy



Ellen Hansen's Paphiopedilum Satchel's Legend x sukhakulii 'Salamanders x Chris'



Ellen Hansen's Paphiopedilum henryanum



Ellen Hansen's Cattleya SLC Circle of Life 'Spring Joy'

# ANNUAL CHAOS PICNIC - EARLYSVILLE, VA



TOS members who were able to attend the picnic.



Peter speaking about Vandas

Below pictures are of plants that were seen in the greenhouse



Above: On their show table

