



TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Hello Members,

We had a wonderful **meeting on August 30** after a long, hot, and humid summer. Our guest speaker was Allen Koch of Gold Coast Orchids, an authority on hybridizing small Cattleyas. Allen gave an excellent presentation on miniature Cattleyas for home growers. His presentation was both informative and engaging and was extremely well received by our members.

Our **next meeting** will be held on **October 4** at the Administration Building of Norfolk Botanical Garden. This will be our **Member-Donated Plant Auction**, which is an important fundraiser for the society. The **meeting will begin at 1:00 PM** with our usual mingling and a short talk by John Whistler on growing Phalaenopsis, followed by an opportunity to consult with Jamie Krochmal about orchid-related questions and problems.

The **auction will begin at 2:00 PM**. All members are encouraged to donate as many plants as possible. Please make sure that all donated plants are clean, healthy, and free of insects and pests. The auction is **open to the public**, so please invite your friends and fellow orchid enthusiasts to attend. Since all proceeds from the auction go directly to the society, please bid high and bid often!

If you are donating plants, please send a list of the plants you wish to donate, along with pictures, if possible, to Jamie Krochmal or Dave Bryan at least one week before the auction. Please drop off your orchids at my (Vijai Singh) place on Wednesday, September 30th or Thursday, October 1.

Please note that **there will not be a sale table** at this meeting.

We will, however, have a **show table**. Many orchids are beginning to flower, making this a great opportunity for members to share their beautiful plants and show their growing accomplishments. Unfortunately, there will be **no judging** of the show table.

On **October 10**, we will have a show and sale table at the **Fred Fall Fest** at the Heutte Center in Norfolk and at the **Virginia Beach Master Gardeners' Sale** at the AREC Center of Virginia Tech on Diamond Spring roads. These events will focus on promoting and advertising our society and

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2026 Schedule

10/4	TOS Meeting and Member Plant Auction
10/10	Fred Fall Fest - Heutte Ctr Norfolk
10/10	AREC Center - Master Gardener Event
10/10	VOS Picnic & Repotting - Richmond
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 Hyszcak, Tracey Fargau and Monica Corbin
Library	Kathy Greaser
Membership	Sonia Singh
Newsletter	Judy Hyszcak
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
NO Plant Sales Table**

**Annual Dues were due at the
August/September Meeting**

President's Column (continued)

providing an opportunity to introduce our organization to the public. We will have purchased orchids for sale at both locations. Members are encouraged to bring plants for sale at these events, with a maximum of five plants per member. All proceeds from member plant sales will go directly to the society.

Please make sure that every plant has a name and suggested price.

Plants for these events should be dropped off at my place (Vijai Singh) on October 8. We still need volunteers to help at both locations. If you are available to participate, please make sure you sign up. Your support is greatly appreciated!

We look forward to seeing everyone at these upcoming events!

Vijai



Currently in bloom for Vijai Singh: Callianthe Granier Felicity 'blue Honey plum'

8/30/2026**Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS) Meeting Minutes**

The membership meeting was called to order by President Vijai Singh at 1:45 at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens.

Vijai spoke about the importance of meeting organization which should include the opportunity to learn more about orchid culture, ways to volunteer for society jobs, and a suggestion box for new ideas.

Vice president Jamie Krochmal spoke on the upcoming plant sales which include the Fred Hewitt festival in Ghent and the Master Gardeners sale at the Tech Extension center. Both sales will be on October 10 and TOS will be selling at both. Jamie Krochmal will be in charge. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available.

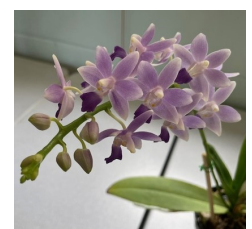
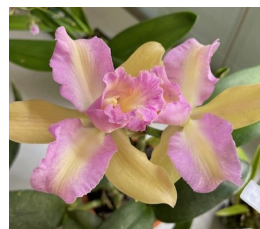
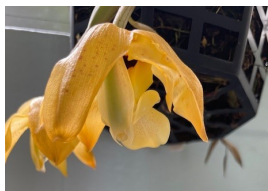
Future opportunities include AOS webinars, October auction, November speaker, Francisco Miranda, December Awards banquet, 2027 speakers, and the March Kaplan show and sale.

Vijai gave a short program on cattleya culture. Then Jamie introduced our speaker, Alan Koch who spoke on small cattleyas.

After the lecture Alan discussed the show table.

Door prizes were given. Members were reminded that our October Meeting is a member donated plant auction. Meeting was adjourned at 4 pm..

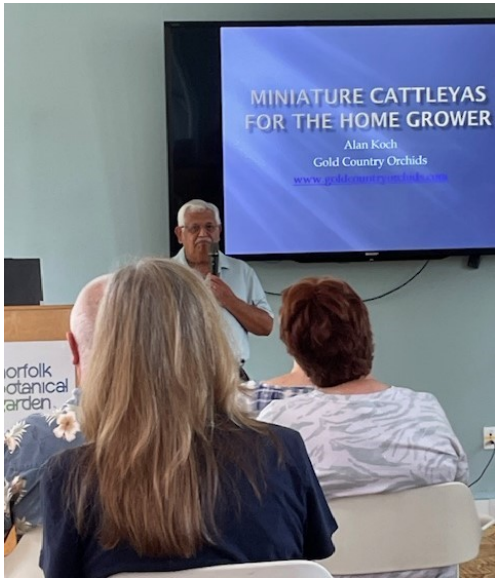
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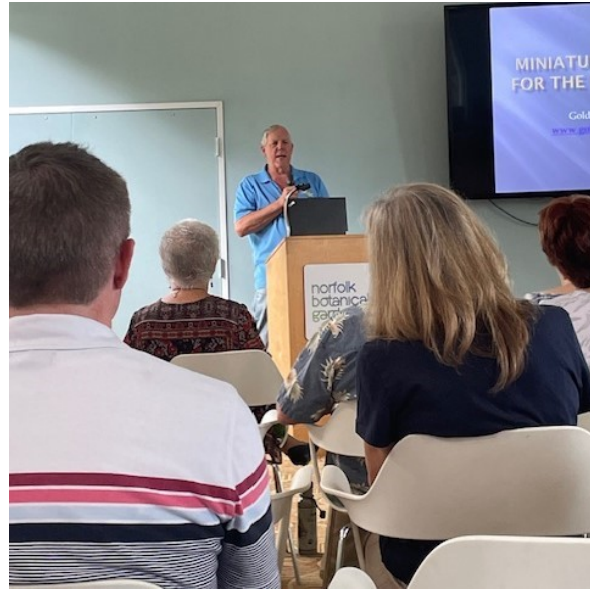
Category	Owner	Plant Name
I. Bulbophyllum Alliance		
1)	No Plants Registered	
2)		
3)		
II. Cattleya Alliance		
1)	Jamie Krochmal	C. Hibrida (Dominiana F Cattleya coerulea)
2)	Vijai Singh	Rlc. Hawaiian Satisfaction 'Romantic'
3)	John Whistler	C. intermedia 'Rio'
III. Cymbidium Alliance		
1)	Jamie Krochmal	Gal. greenwoodiana 'Purple Lips'
2)		
3)		
IV. Cyripedium Alliance		
1)	No Plants Registered	
2)		
3)		
V. Dendrobium Alliance		
1)	No Plants Registered	
2)		
3)		
VI. Oncidium Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	Miltonia Honolulu Ruby Linda
2)		
3)		
VII. Vanda/Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance		
1)	Jamie Krochmal	Phal. Summer Rose 'Blue Star'
2)	John Whistler	V. Dr Anek x Kulander Fragrance
3)		
VIII. Hybrids other than the above		
1)	Vijai Singh	Tsubotaara Melinda Maria
2)	John Whistler	Dendrochillum Magnum
3)		
IX. Species other than the above		
1)	Jamie Krochmal	Stanhopea wardii
2)		
3)		

MEETING AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our meeting of August 30 and first of our fiscal year was held at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens in the Administration building.



President Vijai Singh opening up the first meeting of our fiscal year.



Alan Koch spoke about Miniature Cattleyas for the Home Grower.



Above/Right: Alan brought plants to sell as well as the ones that were preordered via email.



This one is mounted on a wine cork!

MEMBER PLANTS IN BLOOM

I include pictures that members send me and I grab a few now and then from our Facebook page, but if you do not have a Facebook account, I believe you can still see the photos that are posted there. The Kaplan Conservatory posts pictures of their orchids in bloom on it and they are fantastic! Both the orchid and the photography are great. You won't regret taking the time to look.



Ellen Hansen's *Neofinetia falcata* v. Anami 'Classic White Fragrance' x Rhyctm Ladda Gold '24K



Kathy Greaser's *Den Crumenatun* aka Pigeon Orchid



Left: Ellen Hansen's *Neofinetia falcata* v. Anami 'Classic White Fragrance' x Rhyctm Ladda Gold '24K

Right: Ellen Hansen's Dtps. Kenneth Schubert 'Taida Violet'



MEMBER PLANTS IN BLOOM



Ellen Hansen's
Bc. Mendelosa 'Night Life'



Vijai Singh's C. Deckeri



Vijai Singh's C. Caudebec Linwood - Sophia
Martin x Penny Kuroda



Vijai Singh's BLC Hawaiian Satisfaction 'Romantic'

MEMBER PLANTS IN BLOOM



Pat Coderre's Bulb.
Jersey 'Black's Red Star'



Judy Hysczak's Catesetum
Diana's Dots SVO x Double Tiger Xtra
Full and Flat
Second Spike from a plant
Purchased at POS meeting at John Whistler's



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.

<http://www.tidewaterorchidsociety.org>

An AOS Affiliated Society

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



Would you like photos of your flowering orchids included in the monthly newsletter photo gallery?

Please email your photos as an attachment to Judy Hysczak. Refer to your roster for the email address.

Please remember to include your name and the exact name of your plant from its tag.