



TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Hello Members,

I hope everyone in the **Tidewater Orchid Society** has been enjoying a wonderful summer! It certainly has been hot and humid here in Tidewater. While our orchids may enjoy the tropical conditions, the heat and humidity have kept us busy watering, monitoring air circulation, watching for pests, and looking for signs of sunburn.

A big thank-you to everyone who helped make our **June picnic** such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food, share laughs, and spend time with fellow orchid enthusiasts. The **auction** also ensured that many members went home with some new orchid babies!

We are pleased to announce that our **new board members are now in place** and ready to help guide the society into another exciting year. Jamie Krochmal will serve as Vice President, Joanne Bryan will continue as Secretary, Kathy Greaser will be our Treasurer, and I will step into the position of President. Our new trustees for 2026–2029 are Janet Hochreiter and Peney Williams.

I promise this will be an exciting year! We are planning to **change the format of our regular meetings** to make them more interesting, educational, and useful to our members. Some ideas include:

- Short culture lectures
- Expert orchid clinics, where members can bring plants with problems and receive help diagnosing them.
- More opportunities for members to share their knowledge, experiences, and growing tips.

I am especially excited to welcome **Alan Koch** as our featured speaker on **August 30**. Alan is a world-renowned orchid grower and hybridizer and an experienced speaker who has presented programs to orchid societies around the world. This promises to be an informative, entertaining, and inspiring program you won't want to miss!

October will be another exciting month for the Tidewater Orchid Society as we participate in **two events on October 10, 2026**: the **Fred Heutte Summer Festival** in Ghent and

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2026 Schedule

8/30	TOS Meeting with Alan Koch as speaker
9/6	Xavier VanBastelaer/Leon Blumreich memorial picnic Earlysville, VA (Charlottesville area)
10/4	TOS Meeting and Member Plant Auction
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 Fergau 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
NO Plant Sales Table**

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

President's Column (continued)

the **Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Fall Festival** at AREC. These events provide wonderful opportunities to meet other gardeners, share our passion for orchids, answer questions, and introduce new people to our society. We will need volunteers to help represent the TOS at both events.

I am also excited to announce that there will be a **Kaplan Orchid Show and Sale next March..** Additional information will be shared as details become available. Our August meeting will also be a good time to discuss plans for participating in out-of-town orchid shows.

There are many exciting opportunities ahead for the TOS. We encourage all members to **participate, volunteer, share ideas, and get involved.** Our society is strongest when everyone contributes.

As we enjoy the rest of summer and look toward fall and next year's activities, there is plenty to look forward to. Thank you to all our members for your continued support and enthusiasm. **Stay cool, and happy orchid growing!**

See you all on August 30 at **1 PM** at NBG (Admin Building). **Note the time change.**

Vijai



6/7/2026**Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS) Meeting Minutes**

The membership meeting was called to order by President Dori Iwanowski at 1:15 p.m. at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens. She thanked Vijai for running the May meeting in her absence. She also thanked the many members of the society who helped Patsy Temple.

AOS Committee Rep Jamie Krochmal mentioned the June Webinars for members and greenhouse chats for everyone on the AOS website. He also announced that Orchid Digest is sponsoring an internet Cultural Day with 4 speakers. Information on dates, times, topics and fees can be found at [Orchid Digest.org](http://OrchidDigest.org)

There was no treasurers report. Our treasurer Karen Jones is ill.

An invitation to the next Peninsula Orchid Society meeting to be held on June 20 at 1 pm, was issued by John Whistler. The speaker will be Wade Hollenback and the meeting will be held at John's house.

Kaplan Conservatory report was given by Darrin Duling. He reported on ongoing progress at ODU, including a planned 60x35 display area with a waterfall wall. The scheduled opening is Fall of 2028.

Dave Bryan installed our new officers. They are President Vijai Singh, Vice President Jamie Krochmal, Secretary Joanne Bryan, all present. Treasurer Karen Jones, 2026-29 trustees Peney Williams and Janet Hochreiter were not present.

Jamie presented the Orchid Digest Diamond Award to Frank Drew for his years of service to TOS.

Vijai presented out-going president Dori Iwanowski with a gift and thanks for her service as our president.

A Potluck Meal followed the business meeting.

The next order of business was a member supplied plant auction. Members receive 75% of the sale price and TOS gets 25%. Jamie Krochmal was the auctioneer, assisted by Dave Bryan, Vijai Singh, Don Greaser, Paul Chung, and the recorders Dori Iwanowski, Sonia Singh, and Ellen Hansen.

Following the auction, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm

Our next meeting will be held on August 30, 2026.

Submitted by Joanne Bryan, Secretary

MEETING AND PICNIC HIGHLIGHTS

Another successful annual Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS) Picnic and Donated Plant Auction was held at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk, Va on 7 June, 2026 .



Left: President Dori Iwanowski opening the meeting.

Below: Dave Bryan presenting the new TOS officers for the 2026/2027 term. Congratulations to President Vijai Singh, Vice President Jamie Krochmal, Secretary Joanne Bryan.



Below: Dori receiving a small token of appreciation for her services as TOS President.



Above/Right: Congratulations to Frank Drew on receiving the Orchid Digest Diamond Award, photo by Jamie Krochmal.



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As usual, LOTS of good food for the annual TOS Picnic!



Lots of anxious orchids went to new owners and new homes.



Commencing the auction, Jamie Krochmal, our auctioneer.



Bidders paying for their new plants.

MEMBER PLANTS BLOOMING THIS SUMMER



Top two photos from the left:
Brassavola Grandiflora and BC Yellow Bird

Middle two photos: Bulb roxburgii Our Tropics
CHM/AOS and Encyclia Adenocaula

Bottom photo: Pinalia spicata

All of these plants are in Vijai Singh's collection

MEMBER PLANTS BLOOMING THIS SUMMER



Vijai Singh's BC Bingham
Vick Flat Ruby



Vijai Singh's
Crane Fly Orchid

Native in backyard!



Judy Hyszczak's Catesetum Diana's Dots SVO x
Double Tiger Xtra Full and Flat
Purchased at POS meeting at John's and it was
beginning to spike; It is beginning to throw another
spike right now!



Judy Hyszczak's SLC Angel Eyes SVO x
POT Virginia Dickey Diamond Orchids

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The plants from this page and the next are in Dylan Whittkower's **BOG GARDEN**.



Cypripedium acaule

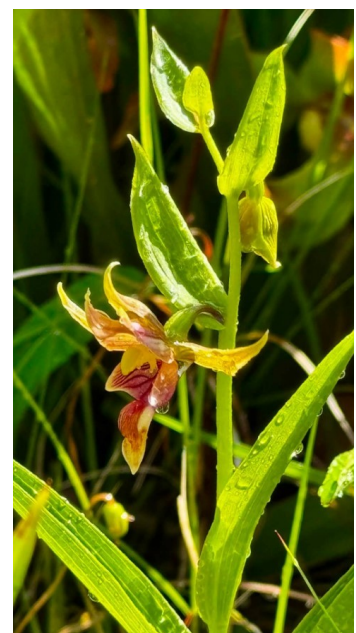


Calopogon tuberosus with a closeup of one of its flowers.



Left: *Calopogon tuberosus alba*

Right: *Epipactis gigantea*



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With the exception of Ellen's Phaph on the bottom of the page, these orchids are also in Dylan's Bog Garden.



Plantanthera ciliaris and a closeup of the blooms.



Plantanthera integrilabia



Ellen Hansen's Paph. sukhakulii 'Hornet Queen' x Paph. sukhakulii 'Wide Wings'



Spiranthes vernalis with a closeup of its flowers



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.