TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Hello Members,

We are already in the midst of the holiday season! It's hard to believe how quickly time has flown and that December is almost here. I suppose that's what happens when we're busy enjoying our orchid adventures, caring for both our new and established orchids, and eagerly anticipating their beautiful blooms!

Last month, we enjoyed a wonderful meeting featuring a short presentation on Oncidiums by Dave Bryan, followed by an informative and beautifully detailed lecture on Brazilian Cattleyas by Francisco Miranda. Many members commented that Francisco's presentation would have been even more enjoyable in person rather than over Zoom.

I am looking forward to our December Awards Banquet, which has been thoughtfully organized by our hospitality team. The Tidewater Orchid Society will be providing the main dishes - beef au jus and chicken piccata - and I would like to remind everyone to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. Please use the Signup Genius link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084BACAD2EA0FC1-66097499-tosawards so we can ensure a nice variety of dishes, get an accurate head count, and determine how much protein to order. I can't wait to see the delicious and creative contributions you will bring to share at this festive holiday potluck!

Meanwhile, Don Greaser has been working diligently to compile the scores and results needed to determine the award winners in each category of our orchid show-and-tell displays. As he has done in previous years, Don has also put together a wonderful slideshow featuring photographs of our members' orchids throughout the year. We will enjoy watching it during our luncheon.

Looking ahead, due to a scheduling conflict, next year's Arthur Kaplan Show will most likely take place the weekend of March 19. We will need all our teams and volunteers ready to help ensure everything runs smoothly and that the show is a great success.

Please remember to pay your society dues, and don't forget t o volunteer! Your participation, enthusiasm, and generosity are what keep our orchid community thriving.

We always welcome your ideas, suggestions, and participation. Thank you for being such an important part of our society!

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season filled with beautiful blooms, good friends, and lots of orchid enjoyment!

Vijai

2026 Schedule

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

Did you sign up on Signup Genius so that we know you are coming to the Awards Banquet?

Annual Dues were due at the August/September Meeting

11/01/2026
Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS) Meeting Minutes

President Vijai Singh called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens.

ViJai thanked all who helped with the plant sales on October 10 at both AREC, in Virginia Beach sponsored by the Master Gardeners, and the Fred Heutte sale in Ghent. We sold 40 of the 80 orchid plants that were purchased from Hawaii. The remaining plants will be sold to members or used as prizes at our December meeting.

New members in attendance were recognized. Sonia sent letters to all who signed up at the Oct 10 sales events.

Our awards banquet will be a pot luck. All are asked to sign up if you plan to attend, and indicate what you plan to bring.

We are now on Instagram thanks to Jason. We are still planning to have the Kaplan Show at the NBG in March 2027. Details to follow.

Dave Bryan gave a short presentation on oncidiums, with pictures. It was very informative and interesting.

Our speaker was Francisco Miranda who gave a presentation on Brazilian cattleyas via zoom. He spoke for 1 and ½ hours, and shared lots of pictures of his beautiful cattleyas.

Following the lecture we awarded door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Submitted by Joanne Bryan

MEETING AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

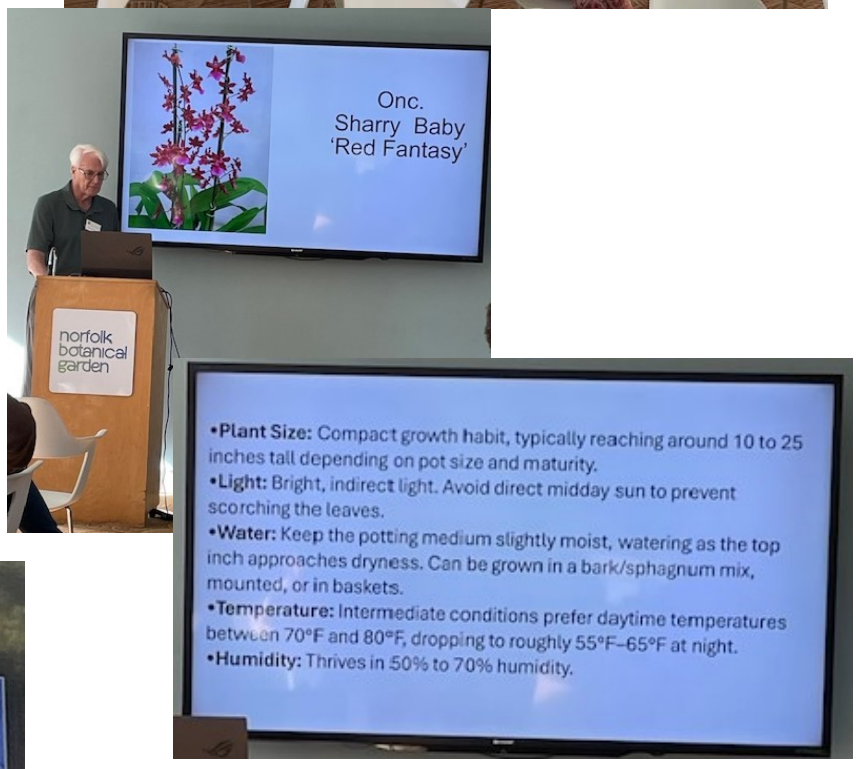




Milling about, mixing, lots of discussions before the meeting start .



Above: President, Dr Singh opened the meeting.





Above: Dave Bryan talking about Oncidiums.

Left: Map of Brazil that our speaker, Francisco Miranda displayed in his presentation on Cattleyas.

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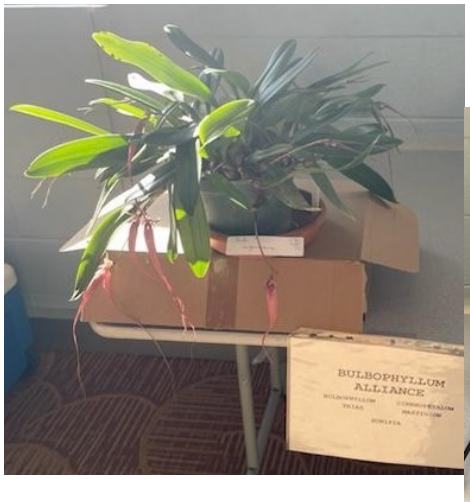
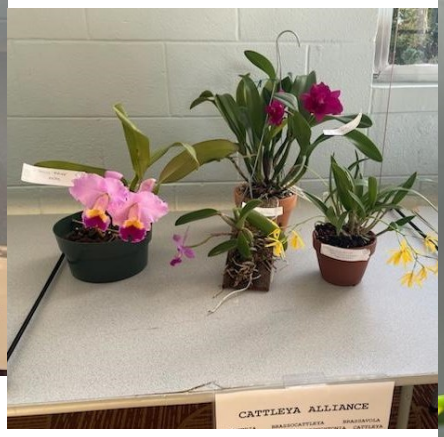
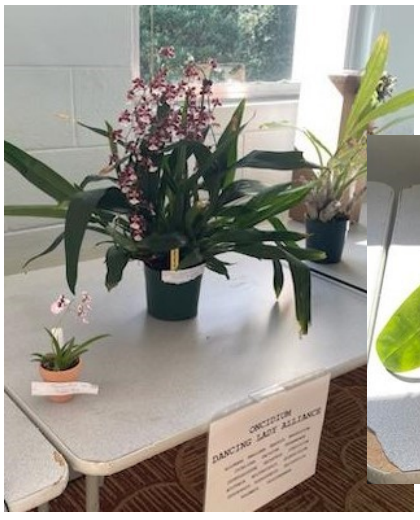
Brisk activities at the sales table.

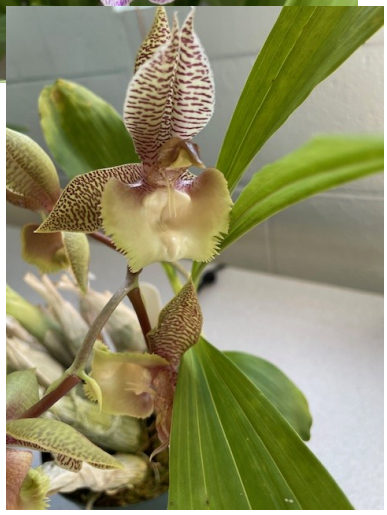












Orchids brought in for table judging by owners.

KAPLAN CONSERVATORY BLOOMS



Bulbo Lilacinum



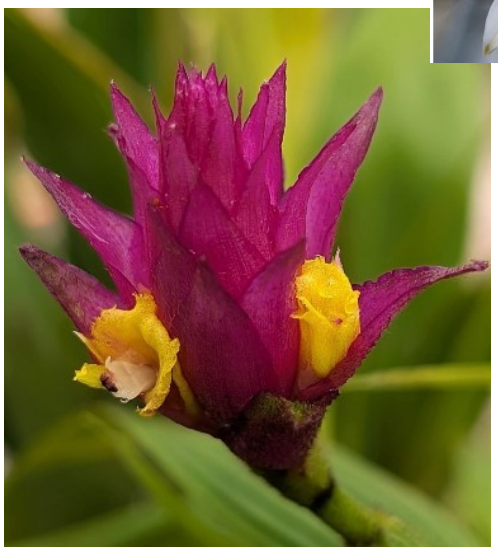
Coelogyne speciosa



Laelia Rubescens semi-alba



Oncidesa Gower Ramsey
Orange Delight



Elleanthus Caravata



Bulbophyllum
Louis Sander



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Waianae Starburst
'Volcano Queen'



Masdevallia Erinacea

PLANTS IN BLOOM

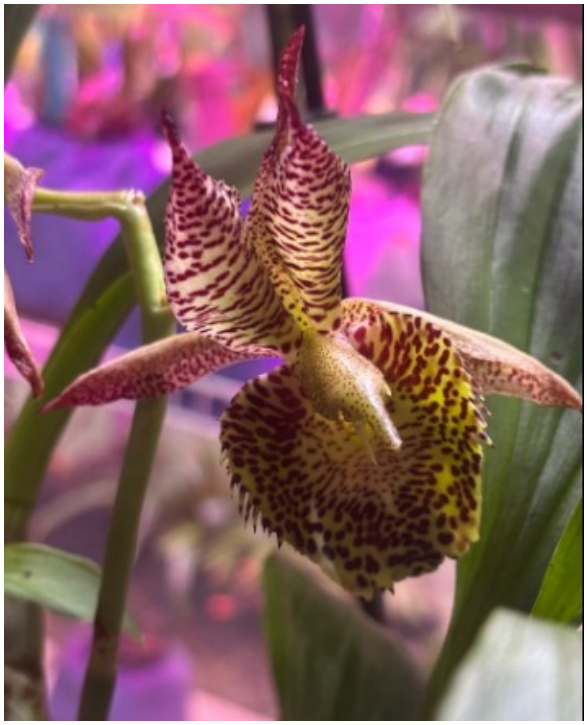
Two more blooms from the Kaplan Conservatory:



Oncidium Artejerezorum



Paphiopedilum villosum var annamense



Kathy Greaser's Catasetum Sylvia Soloff 'Dina Soloff' HCC/AOS X Catasetum Beightol Lata Laxman HCC/AOS



Kathy Greaser's Dendrobium roo-et



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
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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.