



TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



President's Message:

I hope you all have been staying warm and dry during our very chilly and snowy January. January and February are thought to be very drab months but, in our orchid world, that is when our dormant, sometimes leafless plants surprise us with beautiful blooms and fragrant flowers to awaken all of our senses. I love to look out my windows to see the white snow and inside, all of my Dendrobiums in full bloom.... Mother Nature's miracles.

I'm looking forward to walking through Darrin Duling's (Our speaker) greenhouse at the Research Center to see what exotic orchids and plants he has blooming. Be ready to sign up to assist in repotting some of these plants as he moves more in.

January and February are also months when our Society comes up with projects and trips to enjoy, visiting other growers as well as service projects. We'll discuss this in our February meeting so come prepared with ideas and projects you would like to try out.

Our schedule has us meeting at the Agricultural and Research Center at 1444 Diamond Springs Rd in Va Beach for February and March. We will be at the Botanical Garden in April and thanks to Don Greaser, we will have our "May" meeting on **April 27th** at the Research Center. Both the Botanical Garden and the Research Center were booked for our normal May date. We will be back at the Botanical Garden for our June Luncheon.

Stay warm and I want to remind you that there will not be any table judging or sales table this month due to our leaving the meeting room to visit the greenhouse and then leave directly from the greenhouse to go home. Darren may have some plants to sell though. I will see you on February 2nd.

Dori

2025 Schedule

- 2/2 Member Meeting (Extension Center)
Speaker Darrin Duling & Greenhouse Tour
- 2/8 Beginner's Class
- 2/22 Plants for VOS Show to Frank Drew's Greenhouse
- 3/2 Member Meeting (Extension Center)
- 3/8 Beginner's Class
- 4/6 Member Meeting (NBG)
- 4/12 Beginner's Class
- 4/27 DATE CHANGE !!!! Member Meeting
(Extension Center)
- 5/10 Beginner's Class
- 6/1 Member Picnic & Auction (NBG)
- 6/7 Beginner Class

Officers

President: Dori Iwanowski
Vice President: Vijai Singh
Secretary: Tracey Fergau
Treasurer: Barbara MacKechnie
Past President: Sandra Cross

Trustees

2022-2025 – Jamie Krochmal, Judy Hyszcak
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 Coderre, Judy Hyszcak
Library	Kathy Greaser
Membership	Sonia Singh
Newsletter	Judy Hyszcak
Program	Vijai Singh
Public Relations	Position Open
Sales Table	Kathy Greaser
Sunshine	Cynni & Red Taylor
Webmaster	Paul Chung, Kathy Greaser

1/5/2025
Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)
Meeting Minutes

Dori Iwanowski, president, called the meeting to order at the Virginia Tech Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center (AREC) at 2pm. Dori welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Business

Minutes: Jamie Krochmal made a motion that the previous meeting minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Ellen Hansen and passed.

Treasurer's report: Barbara MacKechnie reported that she paid the 2024 rent for the use of the building space at Norfolk Botanical Gardens (NBG). Otherwise, things have been quiet.

Raising funds for TOS: Dori stated that we will discuss ways to raise money for the society at another time.

Trifolds: As stated at the previous meeting the trifolds have been printed and are ready to go. Karen Jones was unable to make it to the meeting today with the brochures so she will try to bring them to the next beginners' class.

New Venue: Don Greaser is trying to find a new temporary venue for our meetings. We planned for the February, March and May meetings to be held at the AREC anticipating returning NBG after that. However, the room that we typically use at AREC is not available in May. Dori suggested that we could look at changing the date of the meeting to Saturday, May 3rd or Sunday May 18th (the 11th is Mother's Day).

Jamie noted that the purchased plant auction is scheduled for May. He suggested that we move the purchased plant auction to April so it can be held at NBG. Then we will not need as much room for the May meeting since we will just be having a speaker. It was agreed that we would move the purchased plant auction to April. If you know of a vendor that you would like TOS to solicit for plants, please let Brandt Moran or Jamie know.

Other suggestions were offered regarding alternate meeting places such as the Norfolk Zoo, Old Dominion University, libraries, churches and recreation centers.

Virginia Orchid Society (VOS) show: Brandt and Jamie have signed us up for the VOS show. The show is February 28 - March 2, 2025 in Richmond. Set-up is on Thursday February 27th. There is a plan. At the next meeting Brandt will pass around sign-up sheets for those willing and able to help out. Help will be needed the weekend before the show -Saturday, February 22nd at about 12:00 at Frank Drew's greenhouse. All plants for the show should be brought to the greenhouse where they will be groomed and registered. All plants must be registered for the show. This will also allow us to tap others for additional plants for the display if needed. There is a TOS meeting on Sunday, March 2nd. Brandt indicated that he and a few others will break-down the display and bring the plants back so other members can attend the meeting.

American Orchid Society (AOS): Jamie reminded everyone about the monthly greenhouse chats. They are free to everyone and very worthwhile. The next greenhouse chat will be February 5th. The next webinar for members will be January 9th and the topic is Inorganic Potting Medium. The National Capital Orchid Society is sponsoring their 45th Annual Paphiopedilum Forum on Saturday, February 8th at the North Chevy Chase Christian Church. The speakers are Alan Koch, Jeff Morris and Peter Zale. There will be a show table for blooming slippers with AOS judging. The cost for general admission is \$110 or \$36 for virtual attendance. The website address is: ncos.us/ncos-annual-paphiopedilum-forum/ Please email Jamie with any questions about the forum. John Whistler will be attending the forum and asked that anyone who was interested in riding with him to call or email. John's information should be in the updated roster.

Paul Chung informed everyone that the next AOS meeting will be held in Annapolis this year around April 9th-14th.

Sunshine Committee: If you know of any member that is not doing well or needs a card let chairs know and they will send out a card.

February Speaker: Darrin Duling will be our speaker next month. He will give us a tour of the new greenhouse and show us newly acquired plants. He also has some plants that he would like to sell.

1/05/2025
Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS)
Meeting Minutes (Continued)

Philadelphia trip: There is no additional information on the trip. Don indicated that he and Kathy have signed up to go. He noted that most of the information was in the newsletter. If you have additional questions or need more information you can call the VOS secretary.

Beginner's class: The January beginners' class will be held at a new location. Dave will send out the address. Peter Breed will be speaking.

Speaker

The speaker for the meeting was Kim Fedderson. His presentation was: Let's Grow Cymbidiums. Kim shared information on cymbidiums and answered numerous questions from the members.

New members were reminded that there were Orchid magazines on the table. Although some might be old they still have great information. Feel free to pick up as many as you like.

There were seven lucky door-prize winners.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16pm.

Submitted by: Tracey Firgau, Secretary



<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:

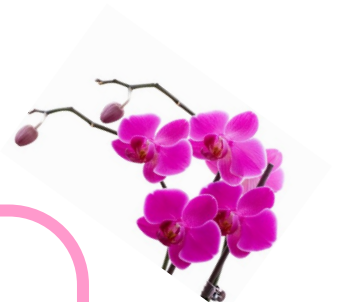
Gold \$88 (one year) includes online + print magazine

OR

Silver \$56 (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 Hysczak. 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!

Meeting Highlights



Waiting for the meeting to begin.



Dori opening the meeting.



Orchids waiting for judging.



Plants Kim brought down to sell; such a selection!

January Beginner Class Highlights

One word was declared by about everyone when entering the Greenhouse in Norfolk: **WOW!** Member Peter Breed taught us about Vandas and answered our questions about them as well as other plants growing in the greenhouses.



First impression upon entering the greenhouse!



A closer look at some of the vandas hanging.



A hidden Peter teaching us
Vanda care



Yes, it IS a Vanda!



Peter explaining the how-to of
growing a vanda in a glass cylinder.

From the Table Judging Chairman:

Since we will be visiting the temporary Kaplan Conservatory greenhouses on the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Extension, Table Judging will NOT be conducted during TOS's February meeting.

There will not be a SALES TABLE at the February meeting either.



TOS JANUARY 5 INFORMAL TABLE JUDGING RESULTS



Category	Owner	Plant Name
I. Bulbophyllum Alliance		
1)	Tracey Firgau	Bulbophyllum Propinquum
2)		
3)		
II. Cattleya Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	Lc. Melody Fair
2)	Yulia Moshkariova	Blc. Mary Alice
3)	Jamie Krochmal	Blc. Mem. Plato Mathews
III. Cymbidium Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	Cymbidium Kensi
2)		
3)		
IV. Cyripedium Alliance		
1)	Dylan Wittkower	Phrag. Memoria Mariza Rolando
2)	Ellen Hansen	Paph. Bengal Lancers
3)	John Whistler	Den. Super Ise
V. Dendrobium Alliance		
1)	Kathy Greaser	Den. Newmans's Blush
2)	Dylan Wittkower	Den. Aussie Starlight
3)	Kathy Greaser	Den. Fancy Angel 'Lychee'
VI. Oncidium Alliance		
1)	Jamie Krochmal	Onc. Tsiku 'Marguerite'
2)		
3)		
VII. Vanda/Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance		
1)	Yulia Moshkariova	Phal. Equestris
2)	Kathy Greaser	Phal. No Id
3)		
VIII. Hybrids other than the above		
1)		
2)		
3)		
IX. Species other than the above		
1)	Dylan Wittkower	Scaphosepalum bicristatum
2)	Dylan Wittkower	Brasiliorchis schunkeana
3)		

**The monthly plant photo on page one is of: BLC Waianaei-Leopard -Ching Hue

MEMBER'S ORCHIDS IN BLOOM DURING JANUARY



Jamie Krochmal's
Pot Pure Love 'SVO' HCC/AOS x
Pot Little Toshie 'Gold Country' AM/AOS



Ellen Hansen's
Phalaenopsis Aphrodite



Ellen Hansen's
Brassavola Little Stars



Ellen Hansen's
Bc. Yellow Bird 'Venice'



Ellen Hansen's Paphiopedilum
Bengal Lancers



Ellen Hansen's LC Magic
Bell 'Peach Parfait'



Judy Hyszcak's
Den Yukidaruma 'The King'

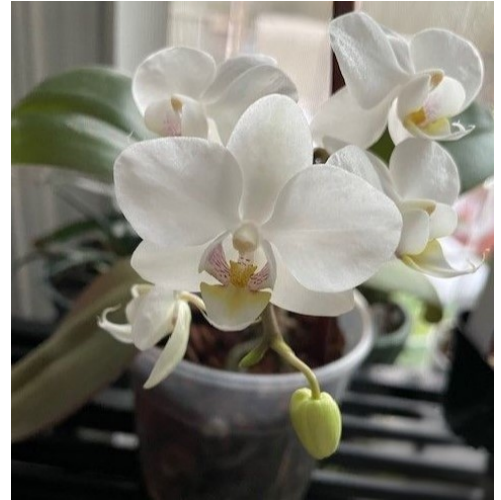
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Ellen Hansen's
Phalaenopsis Lazy Sunday



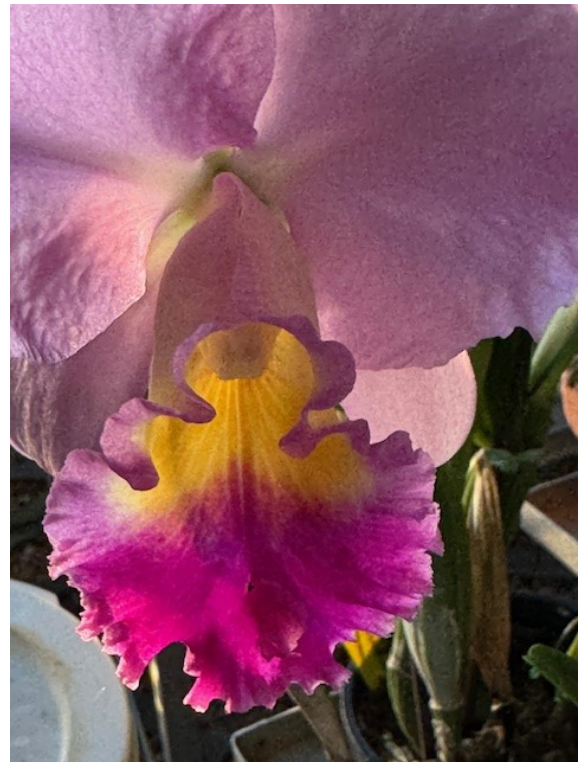
Ellen Hansen's
Phragmipedium St Peter



Judy Hyszczak's
Mini Phalaenopsis Nonami



Jamie Krochmal's
BC Pastoral 'Innocence' AM/AOS



Jamie Krochmal's
C Horace 'Maxima' AM/AOS

Show Committee News



Our first command performance of the New Year is fast approaching. The Virginia Orchid Society's annual show will be held at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, Virginia.

The dates for the show are:

Setup: Thursday February 27th

Judging: Friday February 28th

Display Breakdown: Sunday March 2nd after show closing at 3 PM.

The Show runs from the opening on Friday afternoon thru Sunday March 2nd at 3 PM.

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As we did last year we plan to use Frank Drew's greenhouse to stage our plants the Saturday (February 22nd) before the Show. If the VOS runs their program like last year we will need to register our plants on their website no later than Sunday (February 23rd) afternoon. All plant preparation (grooming, labeling and registering) will be accomplished at Frank's.

Because of our society's monthly meeting schedule the display breakdown on Sunday March 2nd at 3 PM will be somewhat challenging. Brandt claims he can breakdown single handed (and blind folded) but we aren't going to let him have all the fun...volunteers will be welcome but realize that you will miss our always great monthly meeting (some law of physics states you can't be in two places at the same time).

Lastly and most importantly, if you have a plant in bloom we need it to find its way to Frank's greenhouse on the 22nd at or about 12 o'clock. Please have your name on the plant either as a tag that can be hidden in the pot or by labeling the pot itself. Frank's address is:

2634 N. Landing Rd in Virginia Beach

I'll get there around 11:30.

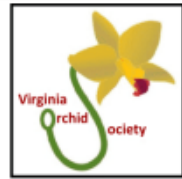
Feel free to call me with any questions.

Brandt Moran 978-877-7566 (cell)



VIRGINIA ORCHID SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW

In the Garden Café



Kelly Education Center:

Free Admission to

- Orchid Vendors in the Auditorium
- Art Exhibition in the Azalea Room
- Lectures in Classroom 1

★ Enter Here

Show Times:

Friday Feb. 28: 1 – 5 pm

Saturday Mar. 1: 9 am – 5 pm

Sunday Mar. 2: 9 am – 3 pm

Show Sponsor:

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
1800 Lakeside Avenue
Henrico, VA 23228



E. Claiborne Robins Visitors Center:

Garden entrance to

Virginia Orchid Society's Annual Show

★ In the Garden Café



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.

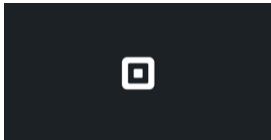
2024-2025 Membership Dues - Single - \$32.00



[2024-2025 Single Membership Dues - Tidewater Orchid Society \(square.site\)](https://square.site/2024-2025%20Single%20Membership%20Dues%20-%20Tidewater%20Orchid%20Society)



2024-2025 Membership Dues - Family - \$42.00



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2024-2025 Membership Dues - Student- \$9.00



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