



TIDEWATER ORCHID SOCIETY

JUNE NEWSLETTER



Hellos Members

Unfortunately, several of our members have recently been dealing with illness or major life changes. Dori was unable to attend our last meeting as she had been admitted to the hospital. I am happy to report that she is doing much better, and we look forward to seeing her again at our next meeting.

We also extend our best wishes to Sandra Cross, our previous President, who is moving to Florida to pursue exciting new opportunities. We wish her happiness and continued success in orchid growing.

Sonia Suys (soniasuys@hotmail.com) recently sent an email to all members requesting feedback on the previous Kaplan Show. Ideas about what worked well, as well as suggestions for improvements, are greatly appreciated. As she mentioned, we welcome input from both new and longtime members alike.

Our May meeting featured an excellent display of member-grown orchids on the show table and was very well attended. It was wonderful to see so many new members.

During the meeting, the membership approved the new slate of officers.

We also celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the Tidewater Orchid Society. Dave Bryan shared a fascinating look at the society's history, including records from the very first meeting and the original charter documents. Members enjoyed a delicious anniversary cake in honor of this special milestone.

The highlight of the afternoon was an outstanding presentation by Lise Schioler, retired Master Gardener, on "Native Orchids in Hampton Roads." I hope she has enticed you to go out and look for these beauties in their natural environment.

We are now looking forward to our June 7 Potluck Picnic and Members' Orchid Auction at NBG. We hope you will join us for an afternoon of orchids, socializing, and great food. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. The society will provide the protein and drinks; members are asked to bring a snack, side dish, or dessert to share.

Members may sell up to five plants during the auction. Please be sure all plants are clean, healthy, and free of pests before bringing them to the event. If you plan to participate, please send your orchid list to Jamie Krochmal (jamie@oralsurgeryofnorfolk.com) or Dave Bryan (daveandjoannebryan@verizon.net), preferably one week before the auction. This allows the auction committee to prepare a plant and photo list so members can preview the offerings, which greatly enhances bidding participation and prices.

Please note that there will be no show table or sale table at this event.

Vijai, Vice President

2026 Schedule

6/7 June Meeting and Picnic Auction

Officers

President: Dori Iwanowski
Vice President: Vijai Singh
Secretary: Joanne Bryan
Treasurer: Karen Jones
Past President: Sandra Cross

Trustees

2023-2026 – Naomi Sato and Yulia Moshkariova
2024-2027 – Patricia Corderre, Sonia Singh
2025-2028 – Dave Bryan, John Whistler

Volunteers

AOS Rep	Jamie Krochmal
Auction	Jamie Krochmal, Dave Bryan
Budget	Karen Jones
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 Hysczak, and Yulia Moshkariova
Library	Kathy Greaser
Membership	Sonia Singh
Newsletter	Judy Hysczak
Program	Vijai Singh
Public Relations	Position Open
Sales Table	Kathy Greaser
Sunshine	Cynni & Red Taylor
Webmaster	Paul Chung, Kathy Greaser

WHAT IS HAPPENING

**Norfolk Botanical Gardens
Admin Building (round)
PICNIC & AUCTION
STARTS AT 1 PM
NO Plant Sales Table
NO Show Table**

5/3/2026**Tidewater Orchid Society (TOS) Meeting Minutes**

The membership meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Vice President Vijai Singh. Our President Dori Iwanowski was absent due to illness.

The meeting began with show table discussion by the following members: John Whistler, Dylan Wittkower, Jamie Krochmal, Ashton Jankee, Richard Palley, and Vijai Singh.

New Members in attendance were acknowledged.
Thanks went out to our members who helped Patsy Temple in her time of need.
Our thoughts and prayers continue for her health.

Sonia Singh asked everyone who attended or participated in the Arthur Kaplan show to send written comments to her to help in our future endeavors.

AOS Rep Jamie Krochmal informed everyone, especially our new members, about AOS membership and their webinars and greenhouse chats. He reminded all that the June Meeting will have an auction with plants supplied by members. The profit split will be 75% members and 25% TOS. Members bringing plants for the auction are asked to send a list of up to 5 plants to Jamie prior to the meeting if possible so auction committee can find photos to show at the auction.

This meeting will also be a potluck and it will begin at 1 pm.

The new slate of officers from the nominating committee was presented by Dave Bryan. President – Vijai Singh, Vice President – Jamie Krochmal, Secretary-Joanne Bryan, Treasurer -Karen Jones. Trustees for 2026-2029 are Penny Williams and Janet Hochreiter. The entire slate approved by the membership.

In honor of the 60th anniversary of TOS Dave Bryan spoke about the history of TOS. A cake was also shared by members in honor of this event.

Submitted by Joanne Bryan, Secretary



MONTHLY TABLE JUDGING WINNERS 5/3/26

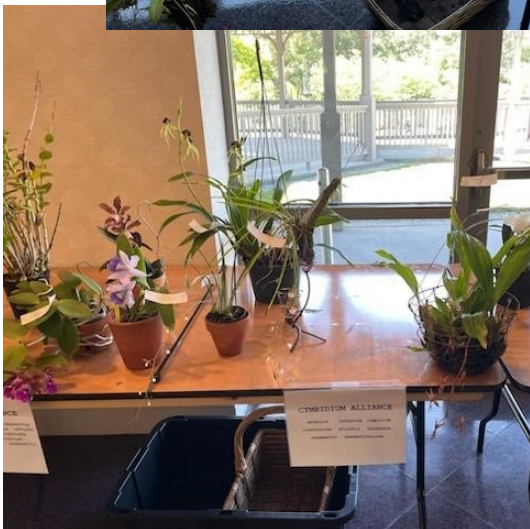


Category	Owner	Plant Name
I. Bulbophyllum Alliance		
1)	John Whistler	Bulb. levanae Ames
2)		
3)		
II. Cattleya Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	Lc. Park Ridge 'Thornridge'
2)	John Whistler	Ctt. Final Blue
3)	Jamie Krochmal	Enc. nematocaulon
III. Cymbidium Alliance		
1)	No registered plants	
2)		
3)		
IV. Cypripedium Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	Paph. Susan Booth
2)	Dylan Wittkower	Paph. Duguesclin or (sukhakulii x mohrianum)
3)	John Whistler	Paphiopedilum Wossner Norihang (Norito Hasegawa x hangianum)
V. Dendrobium Alliance		
1)	Vijai Singh	Den. Chrysotoxum
2)	Vijai Singh	Den. Neifert's Super Quest x anosmum
3)		
VI. Oncidium Alliance		
1)	No registered plants	
2)		
3)		
VII. Vanda/Phalaenopsis Sub-Alliance		
1)	John Whistler	Phal. NOID
2)	John Whistler	Phal. NOID
3)	Dylan Wittkower	Phal. Little Gem Stripes
VIII. Hybrids other than the above		
1)	Jamie Krochmal	Pcv. Key Lime Stars '808' Orchids'
2)		
3)		
IX. Species other than the above		
1)	Dylan Wittkower	Coelogyne lawrenceana
2)	John Whistler	Masd. Marguerite 'Bayside'
3)	Dylan Wittkower	Pleurothallis maxima



MEETING AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Tidewater Orchid Society held its monthly meeting at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Norfolk, Virginia on 3 May 2026.



Above three photos: Some gorgeous member orchids placed for judging in our informal table judging!



Vijai opening the meeting. On 1 May, TOS celebrated our 60th anniversary; that date and the companion 1st board of 13 May 1966 are based on the contents of two sets of hand written notes from those meetings.



Happy Birthday TOS, Dave Bryan gave a short overview of TOS show history.

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Discussing Orchids - members talking about their orchids:



Jamie Krochmal talks about his Latta Gold Vanda.



Dylan Wittkower giving remarks about his Coelogyne lawrenceana.



Ashton Jankee discussing his Broughtonia Sanguinia.

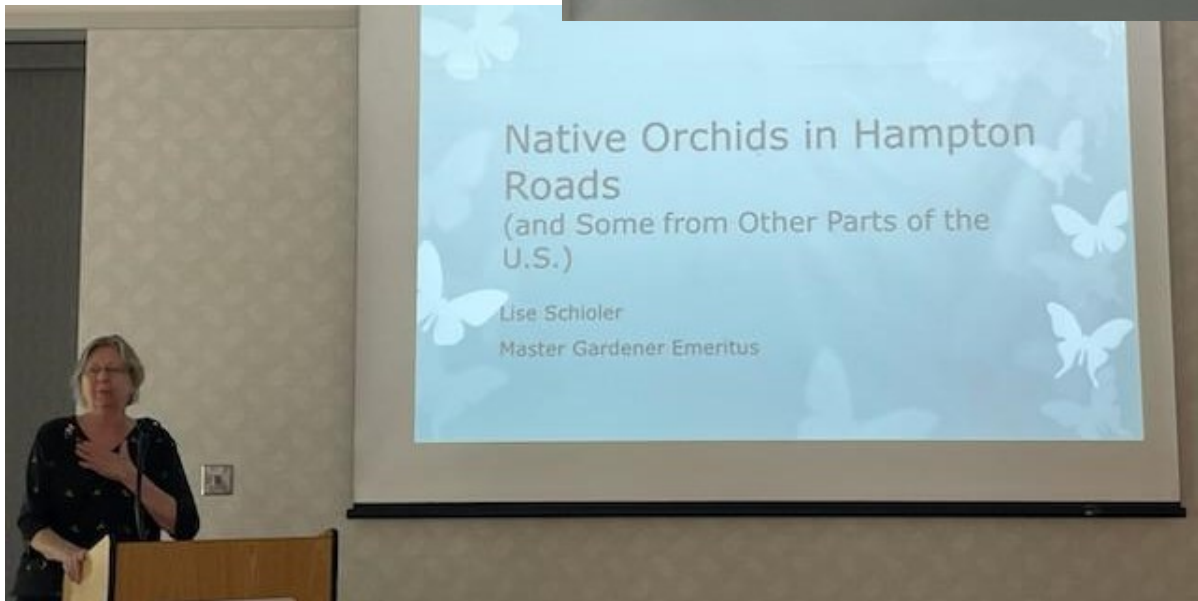
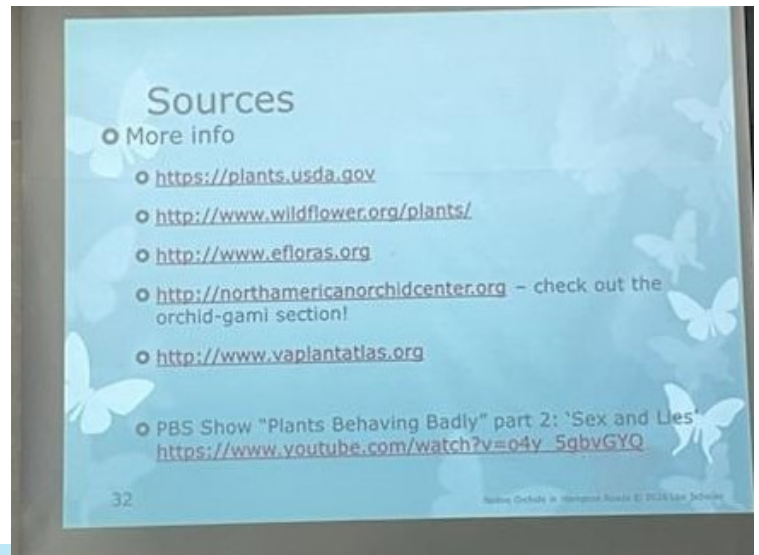


Richard Palley with his Tolumnia Jairak Flyer 'Red Mask'.

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Vijai Singh presents his LC. Park Ridge 'Thornridge'.



Above: Our speaker this month, Lise Schioler; made a great presentation about Native Orchids in Hampton Roads.

Top: Some useful web resources from Lise's presentation.



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?

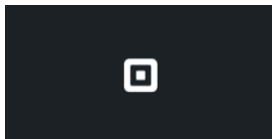
Please email your photos as an attachment to Judy Hysczak. Refer to your roster for the email address.

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

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.

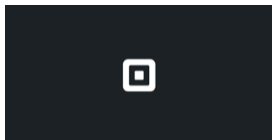
2025-2026 Membership Dues - Single - \$32.00



[2025-2026 Single Membership Dues - Tidewater Orchid Society \(square.site\)](#)



2025-2026 Membership Dues - Family - \$42.00



[2025-2026 Family Membership Dues - Tidewater Orchid Society \(square.site\)](#)



2025-2026 Membership Dues - Student- \$9.00



[2025-2026 Student Membership Dues - Tidewater Orchid Society \(square.site\)](#)