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Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia - News

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Meetings are held at 1 pm
Hampton Library @ 4207
Victoria Blvd, Hampton, VA
23669 unless otherwise noted

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Vice-President's Message

I am cheating here and copying and pasting the article from the 2023 VOS newsletter about our upcoming speaker for this month. (Hope they forgive me!) Arnaldo D. Cardona's started being interested in native orchids of Puerto Rico while finishing his first Bachelors in Environmental Design (1989) from the University of Puerto Rico. While completing his second Bachelors in Landscape Architecture (1992) at City College of New York (CCNY) he presented his work about native orchids of Puerto Rico to the CCNY Biology Department. During his first Masters in Art Education (1994) from Teachers College, Columbia University, Arnaldo created ceramic work inspired by native orchids of Puerto Rico. While finishing his second Masters of Science in Education (1998) at CCNY he developed learning experiences for K-12 students to use the New York Orchid Show as an interdisciplinary laboratory.

Arnaldo is currently a retired landscape designer, NYC Public Schools teacher and college professor. He implemented K-12 programs in architecture, landscape architecture and environmental education. He has lived in Henrico County since 2017 and currently is a student supervisor at VCUarts. He is the author of two books: K-12 Landscape Architecture Education (2021) and K-12 Architecture Education (2022) Arnaldo loves all orchids but he has a special love for mini-cats, those with encyclia, broughtonia and guarianthe aurantianca as parents.

This should be a special meeting as Mr. Cardona introduces us to the orchids of Puerto Rico. I will be bringing some very nicely started cuttings (most already with 3 to 4 inch plus new growths) of vanilla planifolia in 4" pots. These will; be \$10 each.

I am looking forward to meeting Mr. Cardona and seeing his presentation and hope all of our members will attend. Until then, happy growing,

Respectfully, Jim Pagot VP/POS

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2024 Meeting Dates

Jan 27

Feb 24

Mar 9

Apr 27

May 25

Jun 22

Jul 27

Aug 24

Sep 14

Oct 19

Nov 23

Dec 7

Meeting Minutes

The July meeting was opened by President Peggy Rogers at 1:30.

Ron Miller talked about going to Costa Rica. He has some seeds that he is starting and will bring plants in for members next month.

Sherry McDonald is having to give up hospitality because her husband is going through chemo. We wish him well.

Kathryn Bresnan was unable to send out a newsletter last month due to her computer going down. She is working to get another one.

John Zukoski rejoined our club. Welcome back.

Arnaldo Cardona from Puerto Rico will be speaking to us next meeting.

Sarah Hurdel is speaking in November about layered cake method. She will be bringing plants.

Show and tell was done by Ron Miller and Roseann Wade.

Bran Moran did a presentation about unflasking orchids. We actually did a hands on unflasking and putting the seedlings in moss to be replanted later

The meeting was adjourned about 3:00.

Respectfully, Roseann Wade, Secretary.

Other News

Charlottesville Orchid Society is hosting our Xavier VanBastelaer/Leon Blumreich memorial picnic **September 8th**. We would like to invite everybody in our neighboring societies to join us for a fun day. For many, many years Xavier and Leon shared their love of orchids and were keystone members in supporting our society. In honor of their memory we would like to take this opportunity to meet other orchid enthusiasts and make new friends.

The location will be at our home at:
126 Reas Ford Road
Earlsville VA 22936.

We will have a potluck starting at 1:30 with Peter Breed of 'Orchid Classics for You' giving a presentation starting at 3:00. Charlottesville Orchid Society will be supplying chicken, potato salad, & green beans for all. If members would like to bring a side or a dessert they are most welcome to but it absolutely isn't necessary, we will have enough. Of course the greenhouse will be open. You are welcome to come several hours earlier to tour the greenhouse and visit if you like, we are just planning to start our picnic at 1:30. Of course it is also not a problem if you cannot make it earlier, we can do a tour after the meeting as well. Whichever is most convenient.

Our guest speaker Peter is one of the owners of 'Orchid Classics for You' specializing in monopodial growth orchids, that is to say specialty Phalaenopsis and Vandas. This is not to say he doesn't also have a variety of other types. Peter will be bringing plants for sale and I hope you all get a chance to find something wonderful.

We do ask that you give us an RSVP on the number of people that will be able to join us by September 2nd if at all possible. This will allow us to make sure we have enough chicken for all.

We look forward to seeing you on Sept 8th.

All the Best Growing, Jeff Morris, Charlottesville Orchid Society
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What's Blooming
From Carolyn Tripp's Collection



Epi cristatum

Epi polyanthum



Den that attracts hummingbirds



Epi Noctureum



Crane flies on epi