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Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia -News

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Next Meeting will be held at 1 pm on October 17th at the Hampton Public Library at 4207 Victoria Blvd. Hampton, VA 23669

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Meeting Dates

Jan 17
Feb 21
Mar 28
Apr 25
May 23
Jun 20
Jul 18
Aug 15
Sep 19
Oct 17
Nov 21
Dec 19

Note from the President – Jim Pajot

Hello, folks. Looking forward to our annual donated plant auction. Check those plants that you'll soon need to bring in, and if you have extra or ones you simply cannot get to bloom, consider bringing them for the auction. Hope to see you at the meeting,

Jim Pajot - President

Vice President's Message – John Whistler

Hi POS members,

One of the highlights of our meetings over the years has been the October Donated Plant Auction. We always have a wide variety of orchids and other plants. This year will be no different so bring some boxes to take home some new orchids and plants. The POS always has a great variety of plants, good quality, and prices too. The meeting/auction is Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Hampton, Main Library on Victoria Blvd., Hampton with the door opening at 1 PM. Last year we were cramped in the Phoebus Library meeting room and still had a good time. This year we will have more room, more orchids, and more fun! Please bring your healthy orchids you want to donate to make room for new acquisitions. Other types of plants are always accepted and appreciated for the donated plant auction .

We will have a large number of orchids up for auction that were part of a collection from a grower in Williamsburg. Carolyn Tripp organized the donors' greenhouse cleaning and plant pick up. Then the plants were graciously donated, cleaned, debugged. Some were repotted and divided by Rick, Vance, and I, to be readied for auction. A number of the orchids are specimen sized plants, most are cattleyas. There will be a comprehensive list sent out to POS, TOS, and VOS members prior to the auction in hopes of having a good turnout for this fundraiser. Ron hopes to have some photos to go along with some of the named plants. There are some divisions, and specimen plants that have no tags but appear very healthy and have bloomed in the past. Some have sheaths for blooms in the near future. Due to the size and quality of some of the plants we plan to put reserve prices on specimen sized plants.

(Editors Note: I already have an Auction Catalog of about 50 plants with pictures for some of the plants. In addition, Joyce Carpenter and myself have some of our plants listed along with photos. I plan to send out the Auction Catalogue sometime around the 12th in order to give people a chance to plan ahead. If you would like to include some of your plants, just send a list of the names [Grex] to Ron Miller at orchidad@cinci.rr.com.)

If you can't wait til the POS auction to buy more orchids, the TOS is having a community outreach at the Fall Fred Fair, Fred Heutte Center , 1000 Botetourt Gardens, Norfolk, in Ghent/Norfolk and at the Virginia Beach Master Gardeners Fall Sale, Virginia Tech Hampton Roads Agricultural and Research Center, 1444 Diamond Springs Rd., Virginia Beach this Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10 AM to 3 PM. A large number of budded and blooming plants from Carmela Orchids in Hawaii will be for sale there. In November 20-22, the Triangle Orchid Society will host their fall show at the Sarah P. Dukes Gardens in Durham, NC. Roseann and I went to their show last year and enjoyed the displays and vendors there. If people would like to get together for another orchid show road trip there, let me know.

So many orchids, so little time. Hope you can make it to the auction! Bring some plants to donate!

Good growing and take good care,

John Whistler – Vice President

Minutes

The September 19th picnic was held at the Women's Club in Seaford. Jim Pajot, President, opened the meeting about 1 p.m.

John Whistler reported that he had the dates for 2027 meetings in the Hampton Library. They are January 16th, February 20th, March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 26th, July 17th, August 21st, September picnic TBA, October 16th, November 20th, and December 8th.

VOS is having a picnic at Chadwicks October 10, anyone wanting to go let John Whistler know by October 1st. VOS will supply the meats and plates if everyone would bring something to share.

Virginia Living Museum plant sale was this same weekend from 12:30 to 3p.m.

Someone in Williamsburg donated plants to our society. Rick and Carolyn cleaned up some plants and John, Rick and Vance have them to bring to the October auction. Carolyn will have some virus tested at VOS. We will look into getting kits to virus test plants.

TOS is having their auction Oct. 4th at 1 p.m. John Whistler will be speaking about Phals.

John introduced Kim Federson to talk about Phaphs. and Phrags.

Show and tell was done by Rick Hopson, Ron Miller, Carolyn Tripp, Jim Pajot and Roseann Wade.

We all left happy and full with some new plants.

Roseann Wade

Secretary

What's Blooming?
(Send your photos and text to orchidad@cinci.rr.com [Ron Miller] for the next Newsletter and many thanks to those who helped me with this newsletter.

Roseann Wade Collection

Cyc. Baker's Paradise 'Brown Sugar' x Cyc. barthionum 'Jungle Mist Freckles' AM/AOS

Hugh and Marti Youmans Collection

Aerangis luteo alba var. rhodasticta

Brassavola nodosa

Onc. (Aka Wilsonara) Pacific Passage 'Handsome'

Maybe Phalaenopsis Lianher Cranberry

Pths. grobyi 'GC Too' (Small Form)

Carolyn Tripp Collection

Epidendrum magnoliae

Phalaenopsis LD's Bear King

Dendrobium Sherry Abe

John Whistler Collection

C. Gaskell-Pumila 'Azure
Sky' HCC/AOS

Ron Miller Collection

Habenaria Hampson

Habenaria Spoonbill

Phalaenopsis Summer Rose

Vandachostylis Ploenpit Blue