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Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia - News

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Next Meeting will be held at 1 pm on April 25th at the Phoebus Library at 1 South Mallory St., Hampton, VA 23669



@Hampton Roads VA Orchids

President's Message – from Jim Pajot

We will be participating in the upcoming CNU 27th Gardening Symposium on April 11th. Volunteers interested in participating in setting up for this please be at the David Student Union (#3 on campus map) on the CNU campus by 6:45am or soon after. If you are interested you can learn more from their website at cnu.edu/gardening or email or call me and I can forward you a copy of their Vendor Confirmation, which contains all details as well as a link to their campus map.

We will be selling orchids we have purchased from Carmela's Orchids as well as being available to answer questions and promote the POS to the public. The event begins at 8am and will continue until at least 1pm. Even if you are not interested in participating at our table you may find the event interesting and worth your while, so if you can, drop on by and check it out. For info on speakers check out the aforementioned website.

Best to you all,

Jim Pajot

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

Vice President's Message – from John Whistler

Hi Orchid Lovers,

April is going to be a busy month with the POS participating at the CNU Gardening Symposium on Saturday, April 11 and then our POS Purchased Plant Auction at our meeting on Saturday, April 25. At our March meeting we ended up with some volunteers for the CNU sales and information table but please call Jim Pajot if you can lend a hand. Since we have had good luck with buying plants from Carmela Orchids in the past, we will be auctioning their plants again. Come and enjoy the orchids and orchid lovers at the next meeting. Our auctions are always fun and usually full of great deals. As noted in last month's newsletter, our meetings will continue to be held at the Phoebus Library. We are scheduled to be at the Phoebus Library for our May 23 meeting also since there is not a date for the reopening of the Hampton Main Library.

Wade Hollenbach, who is the owner of Wade's Orchids, is coming to present his program on Orchids to begin a collection with later this year. He and his wife would like to stay in a hotel in Hampton or Newport News on their trip from Middleburg, PA. Please let me know of any hotels in the area you or your friends have had good experiences with lately. Thanks. Also, Paul Chung and I will be driving to the AOS Spring Meeting in Apopka, Florida on the 8th of this month. Krull Smith Orchids is having their Spring Festival in conjunction with the AOS meeting. Let me know if you would like me to look for anything in particular for you while we shop for ourselves.

See you at the POS auction!

John Whistler

Minutes

The meeting was brought to order by President Jim Pajot about 1:30 P.M. at the Phoebus Library.

Jim presented the trophy we received from the VOS show in Richmond. We won Best Noncommercial display in show. We received the trophy and \$75.00. Jim suggested we display our trophies at CNU April 11th.

Ron Miller thanked those that had helped do the display and we in turn thanked him for organizing everything.

Sonia Suys, who had helped the judges reported, that they had remarked that our display was very eye catching. Next year the show will be back in the conservatory. We congratulated John Whistler on receiving best in show for his Phalaenopsis.

April 11 we will be sitting a table at CNU. Jim will be ordering plants from Carmela's to sell, the leftovers will be sold at our auction April 25th.

Carolyn Tripp mentioned that Gisela and her husband Norm, are in Germany at the International Orchid Show.

John Whistler and Paul Chung are going to Florida for the AOS Show.

TOS had invited us to put up a display at the Norfolk Botanical Gardens, Arthur Kaplan Memorial Orchid Show and Sale that they held. It went very well and some plants receiving ribbons.

John Whistler had bought some ferns for the display and had them for sale at the meeting, \$16.00 a piece.

We had some plants that members had brought in so we had a raffle.

Show and tell was done by: John Whistler, Vance Mason, Paul Chung, Ron Miller, Jim Pajot, Carolyn Tripp and Roseann Wade.

Ron Miller had prepared a talk about twig epiphytes. It was very interesting and informative.

The meeting was adjourned about 4 P.M.

Roseann Wade

Secretary

Arthur Kaplan Memorial Orchid Show and Sale

POS was invited by the Tidewater Orchid Society to put a display together for this show, March 13 – 15, 2026. John Whistler and Ron Miller used over 30 plants for the display shown below. John, Ron and Paul tore down the display at the end of the show.



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.)

Carolyn Tripp Collection



Guericatophila SunCoasts's Hot Lava Stars
'Magma'



Laelia labata 'Jeni' AM/AOS

Ron Miller Collection



Phalaenopsis KV Beauty



Rth. Sara Wolf

Debbie Dillon-Townes Collection



Cattleya skinneri



Cattleya skinneri



Cattleya Summer Stars x Prism Palette



Dendrobium aggregatum



Dendrobium chrysotoxum



Dendrobium jenkinsii



Dendrobium secundum



Dendrobium thysifolium



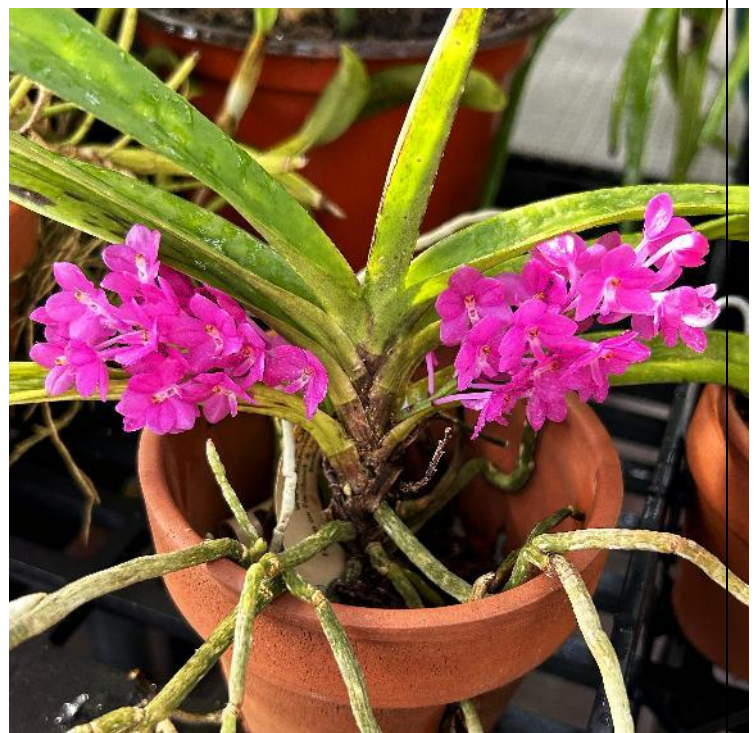
Epicatanthe Don Herman 'Spots'



Lc. Fire Dance 'Patricia'



Lc. Rojo



Vanda ampullaceum

Donna Polland Collection



Unknown Phalaenopsis



Bulbophyllum falcata



Bc. Walter August 'Twinkle'
x C. Catagalo Fuerta's Spots'



Bc. Golfshore's Beauty

Gesala Fashing- Wild Orchid Photos sent from Crete

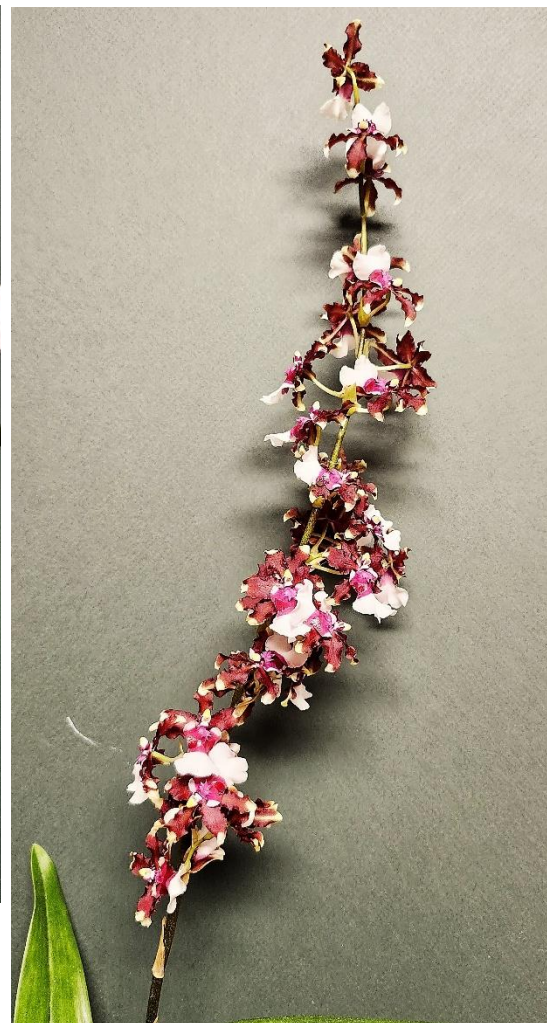




Hugh and Marti Youmans Collection



Unknown Harlequin Style Phalaenopsis
Oncidium Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' ->



Jim Pajot Collection



How to winterize your Cymbidiums



Ascf Cherry Blossom 'Carmela'



Batemannia peruviana



Unknown Pink Phalaenopsis



Unknown Purple Phalaenopsis

Rick Hopson Collection



Cattleya lueddamanniana 'Select'

John Whistler Collection



Cattleya mossiae var. *coerulea*



Paphiopedilum Carver's Sunrise



Vanda Noppadol Delight 'Thailand' AM/AOS



Vanda Pure's Wax 'Blue No. 1'



Cattleya violacea



Phragmipedium Autumn Fire



Phalaenopsis philippinensis

Vijai Singh Collection



Phalaenopsis Sogo Yenlin



Dendrobium Stardust 'Firebird'



Rlc. Chief Glory 'Red Ant'



Banfieldara Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze '

Jeanette Spreemann Collection



Phalaenopsis Fuller's Gold Stripe