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Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia - News

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Next Meeting will be held at 1 pm
on August 15th at the Hampton
Public Library at 4207 Victoria
Blvd. Hampton, VA 23669



@Hampton Roads VA Orchids

Vice President's Message – from John Whistler

Hi POS members,

Thank you to all who were at the July meeting. We are lucky to have a group that works together and is friendly and flexible. Thanks to Ron and Paul, who were busy the first hour trying to get things working with our guest's laptop and then the library's laptop.

Linda Thorne didn't look frazzled but said she was really sweating while worrying if she would be able to give her talk. Thank you to everyone for being flexible while moving to the other meeting room. Our show-and-tell display was impressive with so many members bringing in their blooming plants.

This month's meeting is **Saturday, August 15, 1 PM at the Hampton Main Library**. Our speaker is Ron Miller, POS newsletter editor, show chair, and world traveler. He is sharing photos and thoughts from his trip several months ago to the Quito Botanical Gardens (Jardin de Botanico de Quito) and the Galapagos. Any of our other world or local travelers are always welcomed to put together a talk and share their photos and experiences with us. I am expecting Carolyn to give a program about her orchid trip to Mexico sometime this year or early next year.

We are grateful to be back at the Main Hampton Library. Jim and Carolyn presented a donation to the Hampton Library at our last meeting. The director of the Hampton Library system sent a letter of appreciation to me that I will share.

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

Our September 19th Potluck Picnic and meeting will be held at the Seaford Woman's Club, 100 Club Way, Seaford, VA 23696. Ken Feddersen, owner of Fair Orchids will be the speaker. He spoke to the TOS last year about Cymbidiums and is very knowledgeable and gives practical growing tips. He has a long list of topics we will choose from at this month's meeting. Here is his list

- **A look at Cattleya (species, a little taxonomy & cultural requirements from flask to bloom)**
- **Cool growing Orchids, outdoors 6+ months in NJ**
- **A look at Cymbidium I (species & cultural requirements)**
- **A look at Cymbidium II, current breeding trends & recent awards**
- **A look at Dendrobium (species & cultural requirements)**
- **A look at Growing Seedlings from Flask, propagation, deflasking & care for baby orchids.**
- **Orchid Culture 101 + some, incl. why blooming plants should be repotted asap.**
- **A look at Orchid Taxonomy, and why the names are changing**
- **A look at Slippers (Mexipedium, Paphiopedilum & Phragmipedium)**
- **A look at Vandas, growing Vandas in the Northeast**
- **A look at the 19th WOC, and what happens at a World Orchid Congress event**
- **3 generations of Orchidholics (family bio)**

Think about what you would like to hear in September and we will vote. If you won't be at our August meeting but plan to come to the picnic, please email the topic you would like to hear in September.

Looking forward to seeing you and your blooming orchids later this month,

John

Minutes

Our July 18th meeting was brought to order by President Jim Pajot about 1:30. We are back at the Hampton Library finally. Everything looked fresh and clean.

Jim reported that Peggy Rogers is having some medical problems so keep her in your prayers.

We had voted previously to donate \$250.00 to Hampton Public library and did so at this meeting. We have been very grateful to have had our meetings here for so many years.

In August Ron Miller will talk about his trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.

In August also at the Tidewater meeting Alan Koch will be talking for them.

Our September picnic this year will be at the Seaford Women's Club, 100 Club Way in Seaford. We will have a speaker this year, Kim Federson, topic to be determined.

October will be our donated plant auction, so check over your plants to see what you can bring.

Please think about stepping up for an officer position for next year. All positions will be vacating.

Our speaker Linda Thorne spoke to us about Dendrobiums and answered any questions our members had. Thank you, Linda, for a very informative afternoon.

Show and tell was done by John Whistler, Vance Mason, Ron Miller, Vijai Singh, Carolyn Tripp, and Roseann Wade.

There were some Orchids magazines available for anyone interested in reading one.

We had some visitors from Tidewater Society, Pat Coderre and Judy Somers and from the library Teresa McDavis.

Our meeting was adjourned about 4p.m.

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.

Carolyn Tripp Collection



Bc. Tigrinodosa



Procatavola Key Lime Stars

Roseann Wade Collection

Catasetum Olivier Loncin





Zygonisia Consure 'Blue Birds'

Hugh and Marti Youmans Collection



Dendrobium Green Flash

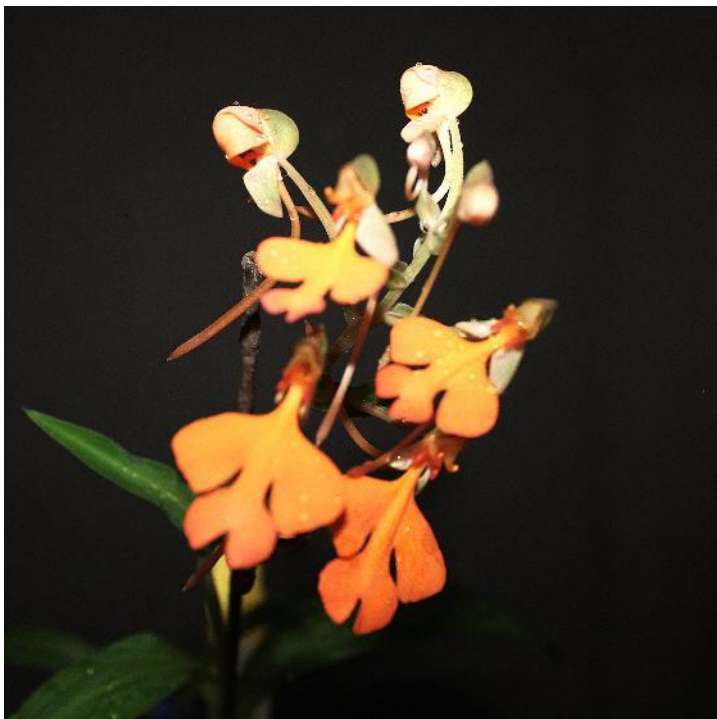


Unknown Peach colored Phalaenopsis



Unknown Pink colored
Phalaenopsis

Ron Miller Collection



Habenara rodocheila



Habenara Saffron Finch



Brassavola nodosa

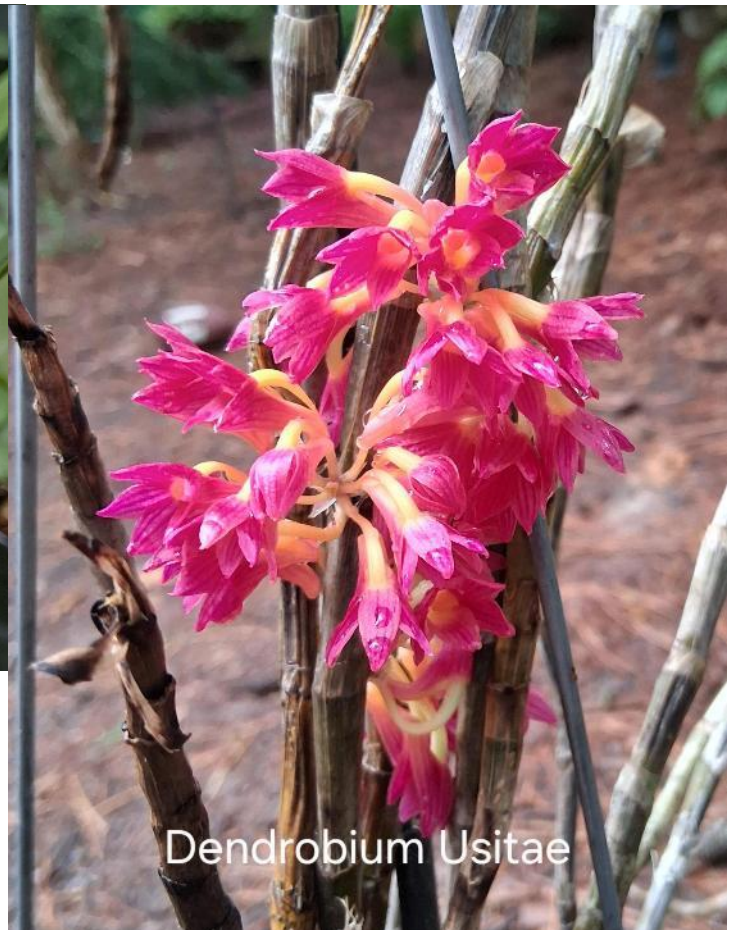


Pinelia splicata (Division from Vijai Singh)

John Whistler Collection



Cattleya eldorado



Dendrobium Usitae

Tipularia discolor (Cranefly Orchid) Update

For those fortunate enough to have these wild orchids growing in your yard, congratulations! I have two patches but the rabbits (or some other small critter) ate my inflorescences down to the ground this month.

Luckily, I know where hundreds are growing near where I live and visit them about every Friday. Right now, the mature plants should have an inflorescence that is about 12 inches tall and budded up. See picture attached.

Look for them in shaded forests with lots of leaf litter on the ground. Color can range from light green to mahogany/brown. Anyone interested in seeing (and photographing) these in person should contact me and make arrangements.

Regards, Ron Miller at
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