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Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia - News

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Next Meeting will be held at 1 pm at the Seaford Women's Club, 100 Club Way, Seaford, VA 23696. Bring side or dessert



@Hampton Roads VA Orchids

President's Message – from Jim Pajot

Hello everyone. Hope you and your plants are doing well and surviving what appears to be an early winter. Our meeting this month will be on Dec. 14 (yes, this is a Sunday) at 1pm at the Seaford Women's Club, located at 100 Club Way, Seaford, Va 23696. It will be on your right. The club is supplying the meat course (beef sirloin) so please bring some side dishes and desserts to share. We will be playing bingo for plants as we always do. If someone has a bingo game, please let me know. I have one I will bring as backup or for extra cards, but I think someone else has a better one than this.

I look forward to seeing everyone, and this would be a good time to pay your dues for next year as well. Dues remain \$20, which, all things considered, is a real bargain. Please also note you have to be paid up for this year before you can play bingo for plants. You can pay up at the party if you so wish.

Best to you all,

Jim Pajot

2026 Meeting Dates

Jan 17

Feb 21

Mar 21

Apr 18

May 16

Jun 20

Jul 18

Aug 15

Sep 19

Oct 17

Nov 21

Dec 19

Vice President's Message – from John Whistler

Happy Holidays! Please join us for our POS Holiday Party on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1 PM. It is a Potluck with the POS providing catered beef. We will have more than 50 orchids from Carmela Orchids in Hawaii as prizes for the world-famous POS Orchid

Bingo. If you have extra orchids to donate, we will use them as prizes too. A big Thank You to the Hopson's for making the Seaford Woman's Club available to us.

We hope that the Hampton Main Library will be open again soon and we have reserved the third Saturday of the month through 2026 in meeting room A. In case the library is not reopened by our January 2026 meeting date of January 17th, the POS will meet at my house in the Western Branch area of Chesapeake. Directions and address will follow in the next Newsletter if needed.

Either way, the topic will be Successes and Failures during the first year of my greenhouse. If we meet at the library, it will be a PowerPoint display. If we meet at the house, it will be more open discussion similar to when we visited Rick Hopson's greenhouse last year.

Hopefully, we begin the year at the library. As always, I am open to suggestions for speakers and topics for 2026. The February 21, 2026 program will be used to present the POS show display plans and discuss show plant preparation and availability.

Thanks,

John Whistler, POS Vice President

Minutes

Jim Pajot opened the November 15th meeting at about 1:15 at the Phoebus Library in Hampton.

We had new members join, Vijai Singh and Sonia Suys. Welcome.

Sam Little was here with self-wicking orchid pots he makes. He was selling them to POS for \$59 each. (See his Thank You note below.)

Jim talked about the VOS show which will be February 26th (set up) through March 1st at the Lewis Ginter Gardens. Ron Miller will have another meeting of his committee for the VOS show before those dates.

Carolyn had talked to a restaurant about cooking us a roast for the Christmas party. It would cost \$400.00 and Jim asked the members if that would be agreeable for the society to pay for it. It was voted on and carried that the society would pay for it. The Christmas Party will be at the Seaford Women's Club, Sunday, December 14th, due to the Hampton library still being closed. Directions will be in the December newsletter.

Jim talked about buying plants for meetings that we don't have speakers with plants.

January, we hope to be back at the Victory Library or at John Whistler's house. John has provided an update on dates in his section of this Newsletter.

Jeff Morris will be speaking at TOS meeting in January if anyone would like to go to the meeting, it is in the Rotunda Building at Norfolk Botanical Gardens, January 4th at 2 p.m.

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



Jim introduced Joyce Carpenter who was speaking about her process of growing orchids. It was very informative and samples were given out for members to try the process.

The meeting was adjourned at about 3:30.

Roseann Wade

See you at the Christmas Party.



A Note from Sam Little, 580Pottery

Thanks to everyone at the Peninsula Orchid Society for such a warm welcome at last month's meeting (November). I really enjoyed your Q&A and seeing the excitement for Joyce's presentation. It was a great afternoon, and I'm grateful for the chance to share my Goblet Planters with you all. You can get more information on my pottery by visiting 580Pottery.com or email me at sam@580Pottery.com. Hope to see everyone again—thanks for making me feel right at home!

—Sam Little, 580Pottery, LLC • Ashland, VA



What's Blooming?

(Send your photos and text to orchidad@cinci.rr.com for the next Newsletter)

Ron Miller's Collection



Habenaria Regnieri



Cyknorkis angustipetala



Fredclarkeara After Dark
'SVO Black Pearl' FCC/AOS



Blc. Taiwan Queen 'Golden Monkey'

John Whistler's Collection

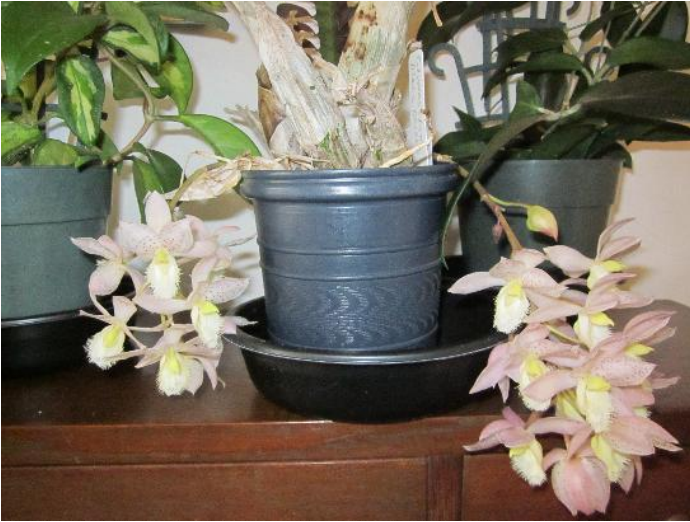


LC Puppy Love
'True Beauty' HCC/AOS



Phal Krull's Yellow Dragon

Becky Tupper's Collection



Clowesetum Diane Drisch



Epidendron ciliare

Roseanne Wade's Collection



Clowesetum Dragon's Treasure
'Gilberto' AM/AOS



Cycnodes Taiwan Gold 'Orange'



Maybe Fredclarkeara After Dark (not the dark variety shown earlier)

Hugh and Marti Youman's Collection



Onc. (aka Wilsonara) Pacific Passage 'Handsome'