

February 2026

Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia - News

www.peninsulaorchidsocietyofvirginia.com

Peninsula Orchid Society 2025 Officers

President: Jim Pajot Vice-President: John Whistler
Secretary: Roseanne Wade Treasurer: David Greene
Webmaster: Paul Chung Newsletter Editor: Ron Miller
Membership: Hugh Youmans Hospitality: James & Joyce Phelps
(Please send photos, articles, information, tips, etc. for the newsletter to the Editor at rkm.aeconsult@gmail.com)

Next Meeting will be held at 1 pm
on February 21st at the Tabb
Library in Yorktown at 100 Long
Green Blvd., Yorktown VA 23693



@Hampton Roads VA Orchids

Vice President's Message – from John Whistler

A warm hello to POS members on another cold day!

Hope you and your orchids are finding ways to stay warm enough during these many cold days. The Main Hampton Library remains closed for repairs and the Phoebus Library's meeting room was unavailable on our meeting day, Saturday, February 21. Therefore, we will meet at the **Tabb Library**, 100 Long Green Boulevard, Yorktown, VA 23693 at 1 PM. Ron Miller will present the plans for the Virginia Orchid Society Show, Symphony of Orchids that we will be entering a display the following weekend. We will also have some demonstrations on preparing plants for the show, planning plant pickups, organizing setup and take down volunteers at the meeting. The Tabb Library will not allow any exchange of money during our meeting so there will not be any plant sales or raffles.

Two future meeting speakers have committed to come to the POS and hope to announce a few more by the time of the February meeting. Linda Thorne from Seagrove Orchids has agreed to return for our July 18th meeting. Mr. Kim Feddersen from Fair Orchids in New Jersey will come September 19th. We usually have our picnic in September so we will either switch the day of the picnic or have a presentation in conjunction with the picnic. Mr. Feddersen will be a speaker for the Virginia Orchid Society meeting the following Monday.

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

Thanks to all who came to our home for the January meeting. Thanks for bringing all the great food and beautiful orchids. Nora and I enjoyed having such a great group over. Despite the weather on Sunday, about twelve TOS members came by in the morning for the greenhouse tour and talk. A very good orchid weekend in Chesapeake!

Take good care, John

Minutes

President, Jim Pajot brought the January meeting to order about 2:30 at John Whistler's house. (The Hampton library is still dealing with mold issues.)

There was no new business but Carolyn had brought a rundown of our expenses and income during last year and we were about \$100 ahead of last year with \$2914.43 in checking, \$5029 in money market and \$5563 in a certificate.

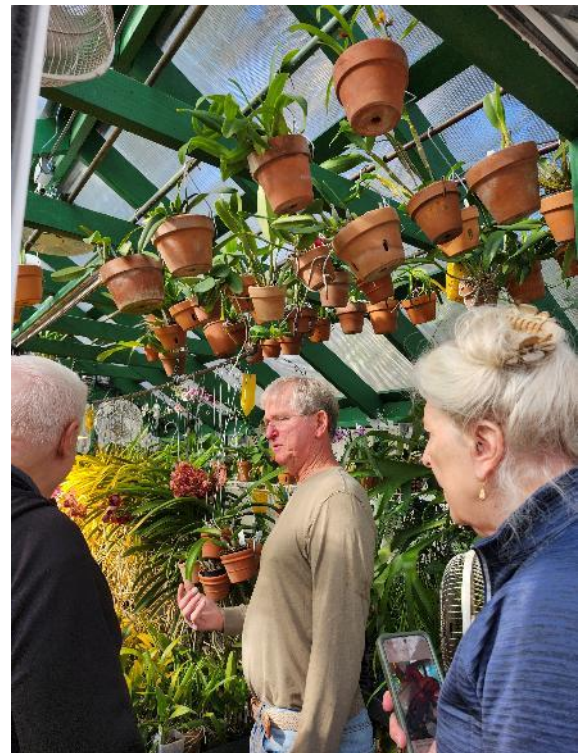
Hugh Youman, membership reported that about 90% of members had paid their dues for this year.

Rom Mill reported on the VOS meeting for February 21 that he needed plants for display and some for fillers. If you have any plants get with him or Hugh to get them picked up for the display the week before.

Our February meeting will be at the Tapp Library and not the Phoebus Library. The topic will be prepping plants for a display. See V.P. message above.

John was taking everyone on a tour of his greenhouse that he built himself. His greenhouse had filled since I had been there a couple of weeks before. He had made a new bench with wheels so that he could move it to one side or the other to water and inspect his plants. We met his wife Nora, who was inside the house helping with all the goodies everyone had brought. After the greenhouse tours John had set up his computer to show all the steps he went through building the greenhouse. He had some professionals to help with electricity and plumbing but had done the bulk of the work himself.

We had a new member join, In H. Brooks, welcome to POS.



Show and tell was done by Vance Mason, Rick Hopson, Ron Miller, Carolyn Tripp, Jim Pajot, and Jim Phelps. They all brought in some beautiful plants, thank you all.



Meeting was adjourned until next month.

Roseann Wade, Secretary

VOS Show – February 27 to March 01

The Virginia Orchid Society will be hosting their annual orchid show at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden (LGBG) in Richmond from February 27th through March 1st. See flyer attached. The theme this year is 'A Symphony of Orchids'.

POS will have a display entered in this show and this means that we will need your blooming orchids as well as filler plants (ferns, dracaenas, etc. – essentially anything without a bloom and under 3' in height). As soon as possible, please contact Ron Miller if you have any of this material. He can be reached at 513-404-2708 or via email at orchidad@cinci.rr.com. He will register your plants and make arrangements for pickup if you can't bring them to LGBG on the morning of February 26th for setup (starts sometime between 9:00 and 9:30 AM).



Symphony of Orchids

Virginia Orchid Society

Annual Show & Sales • Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2026

at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

1800 Lakeside Ave., Richmond, VA 23228

Fri., Feb. 27: 1-5

Vendor Sales: 10-5

Sat., Feb. 28: 9-5

Sun., Mar. 1: 9-3

Official AOS Judging

www.vaorchidsociety.org

www.lewisginter.org

— FEATURING —

Vendor Plant & Supply Sales

Lectures & Demonstrations

Orchid Displays

Judged Art Exhibit



Kaplan Orchid Show – March 2026

The Tidewater Orchid Society will be hosting their Kaplan Orchid Show in March at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. See information attached.



SAVE THE DATE

Tidewater Orchid Society 2026 KAPLAN ORCHID SHOW

March 13: 10AM-5PM

March 14: 10AM-5PM

March 15, 10AM-3PM

NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN

**Mark your calendar
Invite your family and friends**

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

What's Blooming?

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

Becky Tupper Collection



Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi'



Vandachostylis Pinky

Carolyn Tripp Collection



Bletilla Yokohama



Cattleya intermedia var *Orlata* 'Crownfox'



Cattleya loddigesii ('Shorty' x 'Sweetheart')



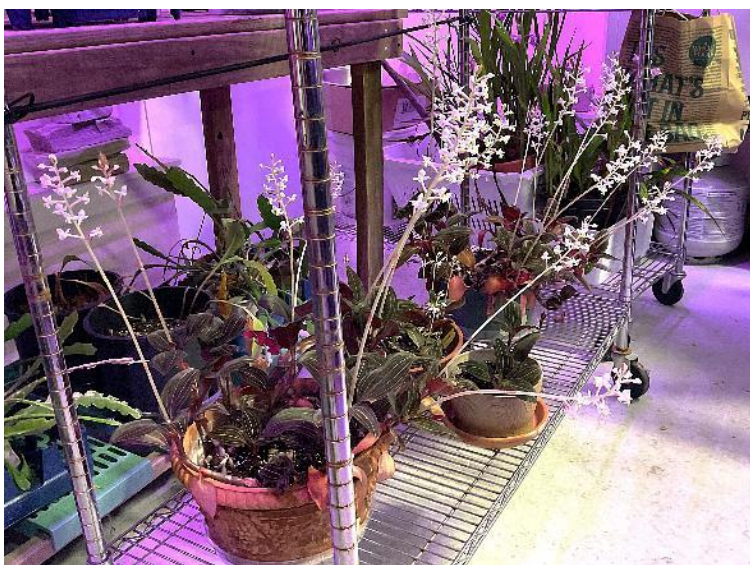
Laelia anceps f. *alba*



Lc. C.G. Roebling 'Beechview' CCM/AOS



Lc. Dancing Fire



Ludisia discolor



Rl. Memoria Coach Blackmore
(Aristocrat x digbyana)

Jim Pajot Collection



Cymbidium Ming Emperor



Unknown Miniature Cymbidium

John Whistler Collection



C. (Virginia Dickey x Circle of Life)



Cattleya leuddemaniana var. Alba



Masdevallia Fuschia

Ron Miller Collection



Phalaenopsis Jiaho's Pink Girl

Hugh and Marti Youmans Collection



Dendrobium gracilicaule



Lc. Sandra Laura SVO AMAOS x SC
Beaufort Big Circle



Lc. Sun Mei Star



Unknown Yellow Phalaenopsis

Roseann Wade Collection



Rhyncostylis gigantea