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Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia - News

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Next Meeting will be held at 1 pm
on January 17th at 3204
Glenview Rd., in Western
Branch, Chesapeake 23321



@Hampton Roads VA Orchids

Vice President's Message – from John Whistler

Happy New Year POS,

Hoping you had good smiles, good health, and beautiful orchid blooms to end 2025 and begin 2026.

The Hampton Main Library remains closed through January while big leaks in the roof are being fixed. Our backup plan for January is now Plan A and we will meet at my home at 3204 Glenview Rd., in Western Branch, Chesapeake (23321) at 1 PM Saturday, January 17.

The topic is my experience building and growing in my greenhouse for a little more than a year. Successes and failures I've had will be shared. It is a 12 x 16 ft greenhouse so we won't all fit but can take turns with tours. The greenhouse was built from plans on the internet. Vance was kind enough to offer some structural improvements and gave me a large group of orchids from his collection to begin my addiction again.

There will be street parking, and our house will be open for the group. We have about 14 chairs to use so depending on turnout it would be good to bring a folding chair for yourself. Leave the chair in your car if there aren't a lot of cars out front.

If you can't make it over on the 17th for a greenhouse tour, Sunday, the next day, I have invited the Tidewater Orchid Society over for a walk through at 11 AM and you can come then.

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

Don't forget to bring your show-and-tell orchids. I will have some plants in bloom, but it is always great seeing what everyone is growing and blooming.

With the Hampton Main Library remaining iffy about the reopening date, we will book the Phoebus Library again for the February 21 meeting. The topic will be Show Plans and Preparations for the Virginia Orchid Society show at the end of February at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond.

A couple of other orchid shows members may be interested in is the National Capital Orchid Society Paphiopedilum Forum January 31 and the Kaplan Orchid Show in March. The POS is not putting in a display, but members will want to know about the Arthur Kaplan Orchid Show put on by the TOS at the Norfolk Botanical Garden, March 13-15. Check the Tidewater Orchid Society website for details.

Thanks,

John Whistler, POS Vice President

Minutes

The December meeting was brought to order by President Jim Pajot about 2:30 on the 14th.

VP John Whistler reported that the library was not yet open and he would check on it for our January meeting. If it is not open at that time we will meet at his house.

Show and tell was done by Jim Pajot and Carolyn Tripp.

Everyone enjoyed the large amount of food available and then played bingo for plants. Everyone got at least two plants.

The meeting was adjourned about 4:30.

Roseann Wade

See you at the Christmas Party.

What's Blooming?

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

Ron Miller's Collection



Cattleya Pure Soul 'Yutaka Morimoto'
HCC/AOS



Lonopsis utriculariodes



Oncostele Wildcat 'Golden Red Star' CCM_AOS

John Whistler's Collection



Blc Harold Carson 'Splash Fantasy'



Phal. Amboinensis

Carolyn Tripp's Collection



Dendrobium Sherry Abe



Epi. Sky Cloud 'Rose Pink' x Self



Procatovola Key Lime Stars

Hugh and Marti Youmans Collection



Brassavola Cordata x sib



Brassavola Little Stars



Miltassia Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi'



Oncidium Misaki Twinkle Obry



Zygopelatum (Lois X Artur Elle)

Roseanne Wade's Collection



Dendrochilum glumaceum 'Freel's'



Myrmecocattleya Memoria Louise Fuchs