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# Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia - News

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## Peninsula Orchid Society 2025 Officers

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Next Meeting will be held at 1 pm  
on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Phoebus  
Library at 1 South Mallory St.,  
Hampton, VA 23669



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## Vice President's Message – from John Whistler

Hi POS members,

The POS meeting will be a week later this month due to continued renovation and repair of the Hampton Main Library. We will meet on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Phoebus Library at 1 PM. Ron Miller will present a program on Twig Epiphyte Orchids since we have members that have expressed an interest in growing this interesting group of orchids. Our meetings in April and May will also be pushed back a week due to availability for the Phoebus Library. Please put April 25 and May 23 on your POS calendar. The Main Library may reopen before June so we hope to be back there for that meeting.

Though it is a cramped space, the Hampton Libraries will allow us to have sales and our auction whereas the York County Library system does not allow transfer of money when using their facilities. The April meeting is our purchased plant auction. We will probably continue to purchase plants from Carmela Orchids since they give great “bang” for our buck. Paul Chung and I are going to the AOS Spring Meeting at Krull Smith Orchids in Apopka, Florida and we may be able to get some good deals to bring back for the POS auction too.

For those of you who weren't able to go to the VOS show at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond this past weekend the POS won the Orchid Digest Show trophy due to the contributions of the whole club. More than 25% of our members contributed plants to our display and about a third of our plants in the display received ribbon awards. Thanks to all and for the leadership of Ron Miller. It wasn't an AOS Silver

### 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

Medal Show award but the Orchid Digest Show Trophy signifies a beautiful display. Many people commented on how much they liked it.

Wade Hollenbach from Wade's Orchids in Middleburg, PA will be coming for our June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. He grows and sells a variety of plants including Habenarias, cattleyas, and paphiopedilums. He will present a program "50 orchids to build a collection around". He said it is well received by both novice and experienced growers.

See you March 28!

John Whistler

## **Minutes**

Our February meeting was brought to order by President Jim Pajot February 21 at the Yorktown Library.

Jim reported that Newport News was having a rain barrel workshop March 21, April 11 and May 9th for \$65.00. Vance reported that rain water is good for orchids but if you have aluminum gutters you should be careful. Aluminum has properties that are not good for plants.

CNU garden symposium is April 11, with set up at 7:45. We are signed up to work a booth and will be selling orchids from Carmella's. Jim will order them in time for the show.

Ron Miller reported that he noticed bleilla bulbs are getting cheaper, if anyone was looking to get some for their garden.

The Arthur Kaplan show and workshops will be March 14 and 15. Information about speakers should be on Tidewater Orchid Society's website.

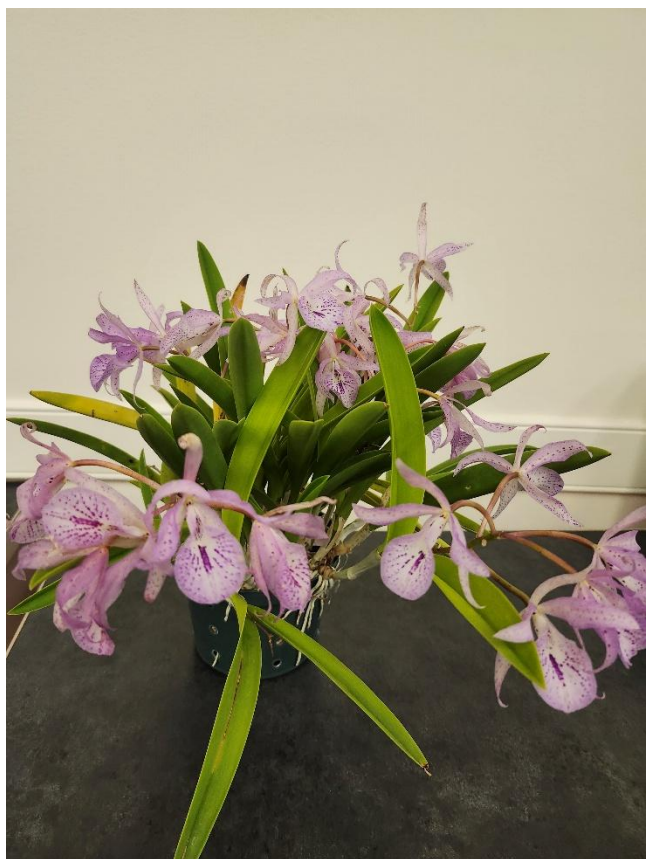
Ron Miller reported that his committee is all set to do the VOS show February 27 thru 29. The theme for the show is Symphony of Orchids. He has an arch to put as the center focal point of our display, he just needs plants. Hope to see you there.

Hugh Youmans reported that about 75% of our members have paid their dues for this year. If you haven't paid please do, we would like to see you at our meetings.

Show and tell was done by John Whistler, Rick Hopson, Hugh Youmans, Gisela Fashing and Roseann Wade.

Roseann Wade

Secretary



## VOS Show Results

POS entered a Class 3 display in The Virginia Orchid Society show at the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden (LGBG) held from February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>. It one a first place in Class 3, third place (and \$75) as a Visiting Society display, and a Show Trophy from the Orchid Digest (best noncommercial display).



The results from plant judging are as follows:

Carolyn Tripp:

### **Class 15 - Cattleya Alliance, Mexican Laelia**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Myrmecocattleya John's Passion

Hugh and Marti Youmans:

### **Class 31 - Paphiopedilum, Cochlopetalum (Sequential)**

2nd Paphiopedilum Pinochio

### **Class 43 - Dendrobium, Dendrocoryne (Australian)**

3rd Dendrobium gracilicaule

James and Joyce Phelps:

**Class 7 - Phalaenopsis, Harlequin Hybrids**

3rd White Phalaenopsis with Purple Spotting

**Class 9 - Phalaenopsis, Small-Flowered (Up to 3 Inches),  
Unbranched Inflorescence**

2nd Unknown White Phalaenopsis with Magenta Lip

**Class 10 - Phalaenopsis, Small-Flowered (Up to 3 Inches),  
Multifloral**

1st White Veined Phal with Purple Lip

John Whistler:

**Class 6 - Phalaenopsis, Polychilos (Waxy Flowers)**

1st Phalaenopsis Orchid World

3rd Phalaenopsis Haur Jih Fancy 'Taida Red Jewel'

**Class 7 - Phalaenopsis, Harlequin Hybrids**

2nd Phalaenopsis Fauna

2nd Phalaenopsis Tina Turner 'Simply the Best'

3rd Phalaenopsis Xen Little Sakura

**Class 8 - Phalaenopsis, Large-Flowered (Over 3 Inches)**

1st Phalaenopsis Harker Golden

**Class 10 - Phalaenopsis, Small-Flowered (Up to 3 Inches),  
Multifloral**

2nd Phalaenopsis schilleriana [Specimen #1]

**Class 12 - Vanda Alliance, Round-Flowered**

2nd Vanda Memoria Ted Carter

3rd Vanda Taweesuka x Boonchu x Alicia Ono Nothodoritis 394

**Class 22 - Cattleya Alliance, Large-Flowered (Over 4 Inches)  
Orange/Yellow Hybrids**

3rd Rhyncattleanthe Hawaiian Discovery x Rth Love Passion

**Class 37 - Paphiopedilum, Other Single-Flowered**

3rd Paphiopedilum spicerianum 'St. Alban', HCC/AOS

**Class 39 - Phragmipedium, Long-Petaled**

2nd Phragmipedium Grande [Specimen #1]

**Awards**

**Best Phalaenopsis in Show**

Winner Phalaenopsis Harker Golden

Joyce Carpenter

**Class 25 - Cattleya Alliance, Medium-Flowered (Between 2-1/2 and 4 Inches) White/Pink/Purple Hybrids**

3rd Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hsinying Dream 'Violet Queen'

**Class 49 - Oncidium Alliance, Small-Flowered (Up to 2-1/2 Inches)**

2nd Odontocidium Wildcat 'Rainbow'

Paul Chung:

**Class 34 - Paphiopedilum, Parvisepalum**

1st Paphiopedilum delenatii var Dunkel

**Class 37 - Paphiopedilum, Other Single-Flowered**

3rd Paphiopedilum argus

Ron Miller:

**Class 9 - Phalaenopsis, Small-Flowered (Up to 3 Inches), Unbranched Inflorescence**

1st Phalaenopsis Jiaho's Pink Girl

**Class 20 - Cattleya Alliance, Large-Flowered (Over 4 Inches) White Hybrids**

3rd Cattleya The Friendly Third

Thanks to all the members who contributed plants. We registered 63 plants and used 59 in the display after pulling 4 before setup.

Thanks also to all the members that helped with setup and tear down.

## **Kaplan Orchid Show – March 2026**

The Tidewater Orchid Society will be hosting their Kaplan Orchid Show in March at the Norfolk Botanical Garden. POS will setup a small display in this show. 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](mailto:orchidad@cinci.rr.com) for the next Newsletter)

### Becky Tupper Collection



*Tricocentrum splendidum*

### Gisela Fashing Collection



Unknown *Cymbidium* Hybrid

Carolyn Tripp Collection



Bc. North Miami 'Florida Suncoast'



Bc. Tigrinodosa



C. maxima



Lc. Gold Digger 'Buttercup'



*Phalaenopsis* LD's Bear King



*Schomburgkianthea* Dulatiaca 'Lava Flow' AM/AOS



*Arpophyllum* giganteum

**Ron Miller Collection**



*Phalaenopsis aphrodite* subspecies *formosa*



*Cattleya* The Friendly Third