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## Peninsula Orchid Society 2023 Officers

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*(Please send photos, articles, information, tips, etc. for the newsletter to the Editor.)*

## Next Meeting

Saturday, February 18 - 1:00 p.m.

Hampton Public Library, 4207 Victoria Blvd.

## President's Message

I want to thank everyone who came to the January meeting and purchased books. We are glad that they will continue to provide education and enjoyment for our members.

The VOS show is March 3 – 5. We are still researching whether we want to participate or not. There will be further discussion at the meeting.

Also, we have registered to have a table display at the CNU Lifelong Learning Society gardening symposium on April 22. This will be discussed at future meetings.

## Our Speaker, Dr. Clark Riley (web site: <http://cyps.us>)

Dr. Riley is a well known author who lives in Baltimore, Maryland. He grows different varieties of orchids with a special interest in Cypripediums and other terrestrials. He has been growing orchids for more than 50 years and is a member of the Maryland, National Capitol, and American Orchid Societies. He will have books for sale.

## 2023 Meeting Dates

Jan. 21, Book Auction

Feb. 18, Dr. Clark Riley, *Cinderella's Lost Slippers*

March 25, Dr. Harry Gallis, *Species Dendrobiums*

Apr. 15,

May 20,

June 17,

July 15, Art Chadwick, *Cattleyas & the Golden Age of Fashion*

Aug. 19,

Sept. 30, Picnic

Oct. 21, Donated Plant Auction

Nov. 18,

Dec. 2, Holiday Party

## January 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:46 p.m. Peggy discussed the board meeting held on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, during which a budget was created. Ideas on how to increase membership and money coming in to fund activities were also discussed.

Members were asked for ideas and suggestions to bring in income. Several suggestions were made to include the upcoming CNU garden symposium in April and an ad in The Happenings to spread the word about POS. Ann-Marie will attempt to get additional information on the CNU event.

Members suggested Orchid potting events - invite the public to attend and bring an orchid to learn how to re-pot and care for it. Master Gardener events, speaking engagements, and reaching out to old/past members were also discussed.

Participating in the upcoming VOS event on March 3rd was also suggested. A motion was made and seconded to get a table at this event. Plants would not be sold, but we should have 5-6 plants on display for the table. This could be an opportunity to spread the word about POS and increase membership. Hugh volunteered to host the table. Kathryn volunteered to take a shift and help as well. We will discuss next month what is required for a table.

We discussed the possibility of forgoing the purchased plant auction this year due to the high cost of plants and decreased income.

Next we discussed the possibility of taking a trip to Jeff Morrison's greenhouse in Charlottesville in April in lieu of our meeting. Plants may be for sale. Jim will check with Jeff on availability.

Jim announced the February speaker will be Dr. Clark Riley. His topic will be Cinderella slipper orchids. Harry Gallis will speak at the March 25th meeting on dendrobiums. In July Art Chadwick will speak on cattleyas and fashion and will bring plants and books for sale. In September

we are planning to picnic at Jim's house. October will be the donated plant auction, and in December, holiday bingo. Plans are still being made for April, May, June, August and November.

We discussed members bringing plants for sale when our speakers are not selling plants. Members keep 75% of the sale, and POS receives 25%. A raffle was also suggested if anyone has extra orchids.

Dale and Phyllis Erickson invited us for a field trip in February. It is a 5 hour drive one way. Members declined due to the distance.

Rosanne, Rick and Jim shared plants in bloom for show and tell.

The silent auction began at approximately 2:45.

*Submitted by Sherry McDonald, Secretary*



*Last month's newsletter featured an update on Sue Grasso, a beloved friend and one of our founding members. Sadly, Sue passed away on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will miss her.*



*Above and below: Carolyn Tripp's Yellow  
Dendrobium speciosum*







*Claudia Young's Brassavola digbyana*



*Debbie Dillon Townes' Vanda*



*Carolyn Tripp's Laelia anceps (Veitchiana x Oaxaquena)*



*Debbie Dillon-Townes' Dendrobium*



*Debbie Dillon-Townes' Mokara Chao Praya 'Sunset'*



*Claudia Young's Rlc. Shin Shiang Diamond x Brassavola nodosa*





*Peggy Rogers' Coeloglyne speciosa*



*Debbie Dillon Townes' Miltassia Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi'*



*Debbie Dillon-Townes' Dendrobium Dream Ace*



*Debbie Dillon-Townes' Bc. Lily Marie Almos AM/AOS*



*Debbie Dillon-Townes' Bc. My Orange 'NN'*



*Debbie Dillon-Townes' Dendrobium nobile alba*