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Peninsula Orchid Society of Virginia - News

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Next Meeting will be held at 1 pm
on September 19th at the Seaford
Women's Club at 100 Club Way,
Seaford, VA 23696



@Hampton Roads VA Orchids

Note from the President – Jim Pajot

The Virginia Living Museum's native plant sale is this month and will be held on September, 19-20 and 25-27 from 9am to 3:30 pm. You do not need to be a member to purchase plants at this event. They have some very interesting and often unusual plants at these sales, including occasionally native orchids and pitcher plants.

Hope all is going well with you,

Jim Pajot - President

Vice President's Message – from John Whistler

Hi POS members,

We have some good news and no bad news. The September 19 meeting will be held at the Seaford Woman's Club, 100 Club Way, Seaford, VA 23696, at 1 PM. Kim Feddersen, owner of Fair Orchids, will be speaking on Paphs and Phrags. He will be bringing a wide variety of plants to sell. Kim will also be the Virginia Orchid Society speaker on Sunday the 20th. Our September meeting is our Picnic Potluck meeting. Please bring a dish to share with everybody. Hopefully we will have some friends from the Tidewater Orchid Society joining the fun. Thanks again to the Hopsons for arranging the meeting place.

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

We will be consistently meeting at the Hampton Main Library in 2027 on the third Saturday of each month except for two exceptions. Our June meeting will be on the fourth Saturday, June 26, and we will have our September Picnic Potluck at an undecided venue due to the Library's Book Sale. We will have Meeting Room A from 1 PM till 4:45 PM as we always have had.

There is other good POS orchid news thanks to Carolyn Tripp. She received a call from a Williamsburg neighbor who had purchased a house with a greenhouse and it's neglected orchid collection. Her neighbor agreed to donate the surviving orchids to the POS. Carolyn offered to get the greenhouse cleaned out and take the orchids with help from Rick, Vance, and myself. Carolyn and Rick worked for more than four hours cleaning up the benches, throwing out the dead and near dead orchids on a Saturday. Carolyn, Vance, and I picked up the donated orchids on Monday. Filling my van and Carolyn's sedan trunk. Rick, Vance, and I divided up the plants to take home and work on. More than 60, mostly large, overgrown cattleyas with some other genera had survived and somewhat thrived with neglect for two years. Many needed immediate attention due to scale and ant infestations.



One of the largest pots of Cattleya C.G. Roebling 'Beechview' will be donated to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden orchid collection in the name of the new homeowner. The plan will be to offer up the cleaned and sprayed orchid at our POS donated plant auction.

I have repotted and divided most of the rescued orchids now at my house. There are some big plants and good sized divisions of many nice hybrid cattleyas. Hopefully they will begin to reestablish in their new media and pots by the time of the auction. We may have to figure out what to do with many of the very large plants and some of the divisions since our membership may not be able to absorb the largest plants. More to come on this subject before the October meeting and auction.

On September 6, Roseann, Paul, Don and Kathy Greaser, and I will drive to the Charlottesville area to go to Jeff Morris's annual cookout. I'm looking forward to seeing his two-story greenhouse and his beautiful specimen plants. Linda Thorne from Seagrove Orchids will be there as a guest speaker. One of us will give a report on the trip at our meeting.

John Whistler – Vice President

Minutes

The August 15th meeting was brought to order by President, Jim Pajot at about 1:30 at the Hampton Library.

If you had planned on going to the greenhouse at Jeff Morrison's your acceptance was due on the same day as this meeting. Also, if you signed up to go you need to bring something for the luncheon. John Whistler and Paul Chung are going and offered to take anyone interested.

The Hampton Library sent John a thank you for the donation of \$250.00 from the society.

We have a new member, Stan Baker from Richmond, we welcome him.

Jim reported that they had not heard from Blue Bird Gap Farm as to having another display like we did with them last year.

CNU has invited us to set up a table as we did last year. Details to follow.

Vijai Singh reported thar TOS meeting on August 30th will host Alan Koch from California, if anyone is interested in hearing him talk about mini cats. Ron is sending a list of orchids available to order.

Our September 19th meeting will be at the Seaford Women's Club this year. It is our picnic so bring a dish to share. We will have a speaker this time. Ken Federson from Fairorchids.com will be speaking about Phals. and Phrags. and he will bring plants to sell.

Jim reported that Peggy is doing better.

The show and tell was done by Ron Miller, John Whistler, Vance Mason, Carolyn Tripp, Stan Baker, Hugh Youmans, Paul Chung and Vijai Singh. Thank you all for some beautiful plants.



John introduced Ron Miller who talked about his trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Island and the plants and animals that he saw.

The meeting was adjourned about 3:30.

Roseann Wade

Secretary

What's Blooming?

(Send your photos and text to orchidad@cinci.rr.com [Ron Miller] for the next Newsletter and many thanks to those who helped me with this newsletter.

Roseann Wade Collection



Catasetum Diana's Dots



Cyc. William Clark '2023' x Cyc.
Brown's Choice 'Spotted Swan'



Dendrochilum glumaceum 'Freel's'

Hugh and Marti Youmans Collection



Perfectly Pedestrian Pink
Phalenopsis



Catasetum Hypatia



Oncidopsis Crimson Pride

Becky Tupper Collection



Catasetum Sheriff Frank Drew



Clowesia Mem. Yim Fong Yu

John Whistler Collection



Phal Krull's Yellow
Dragon



Phal Krull's Yellow
Dragon



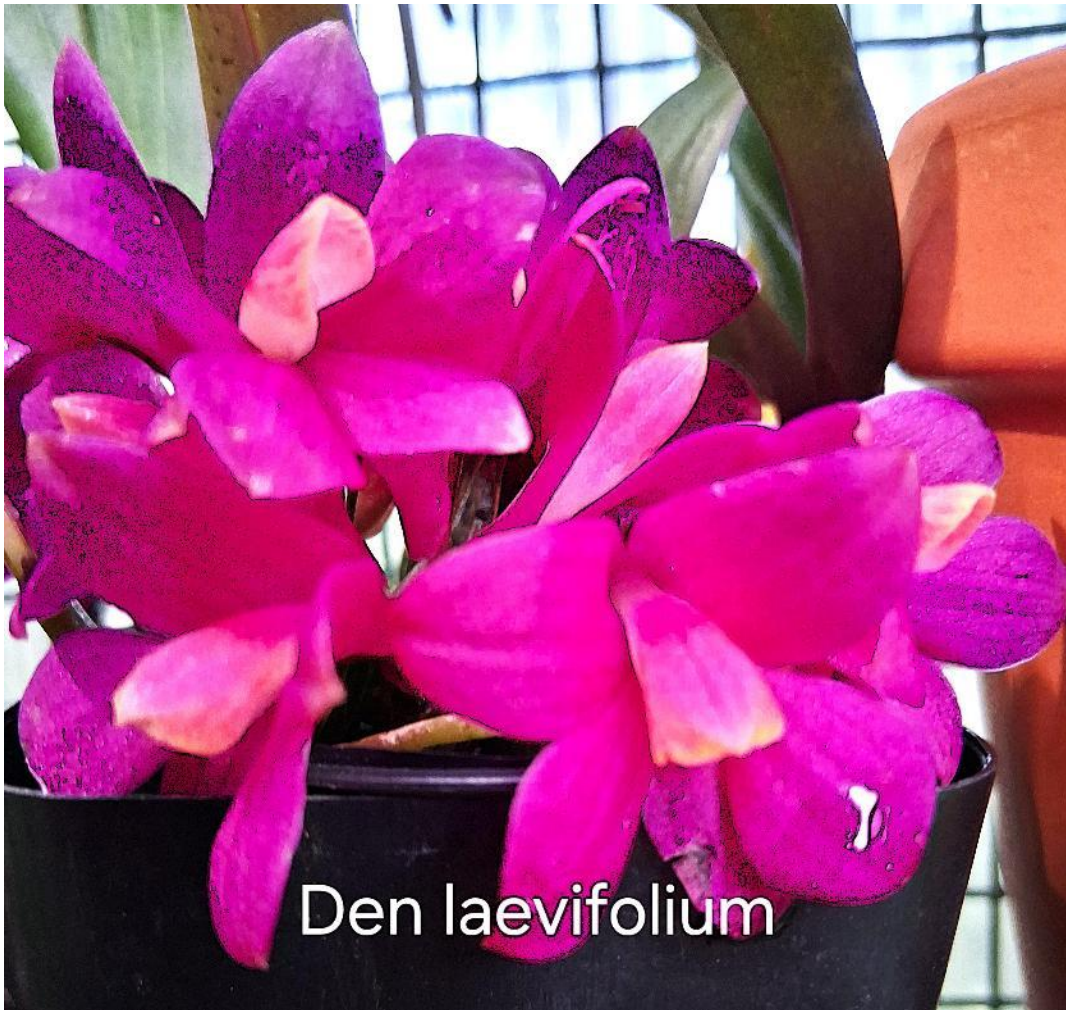
Phal bellina var. coerulia



Phal Miro Seika



C. intermedia var *orlata*
'Rio'



Den laevifolium

Ron Miller Collection



Cyc. Lean E Monnier 'Dark Spots' x
barthiorum 'Jungle Mist Frecklews'



Dendrobium Jiaho Delight
'Red Lips'



Habenaria Bright Finch



Habenaria erichmichelii



Habenaria janellehayneana



Rodrumnia Orchidom Orange Delight
x Orchidom Valentine



Habenaria medusa



Pectabenaria Ptarmigan