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Newsletter of the
Triangle Orchid Society

Associated with
Sarah P. Duke Gardens

Speaker for February 14, 2011 Linda Wilhelm

Linda Wilhelm started growing orchids in 1980 after a vacation in Florida with her mother. Already intrigued by orchids, she finally bought a small cattleya seedling, not knowing at the time that it would take seven or eight years to get a bloom. It was the beginning of an addiction. After meeting Rolf in 1985, the addiction became severe when he too got involved with orchids.

When the hobby got out of hand and developed into a serious passion for both Linda and Rolf, they started their business Woodland Orchids. They specialize in breeding warm tolerant Oncidiinae (several of their new hybrids have received awards from the AOS), compact cattleyas and also line breed a number of different species. Stanhopeas are the newest passion.

An Accredited Judge, Linda is very active in the judging program, having served in various positions with the Carolinas Judging Center including the job of the Training Coordinator and 5 years as the Chair of the Center. She is currently on her second term as a Trustee for the American Orchid Society. She enjoys being involved in shows outside her region, including offshore shows in the islands. "It offers such an opportunity to see a different variety of orchids as well as an opportunity to extend my group of friends". She is a frequent guest speaker at orchid societies all over the the USA and has also spoken in such places as Trinidad, Barbados and Brazil. "I love to have the opportunity to travel and speak to societies everywhere.

Linda will have orchids for sale.

Dinner with the Speaker

5:30 PM - before the meeting
at the Neo China Restaurant
4015 University Drive,
Durham behind Target's
at the South Square Mall.

Call Alan Miller to reserve a seat, at
919-969-1612
All are welcome

Please remember to pay
your 2011 dues promptly.

For your convenience a statement accompanies this newsletter. Print it, fill it out, and bring it with you to the February meeting. Or, you can send it in to Melissa . What could be simpler??

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**The Triangle
Orchid Society
meets at the
Sarah P. Duke
Gardens,
Durham, NC
The Second
Monday of the
Month
at 7:30 PM**

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Photos courtesy of Billy Barnes

NC POS show,



Triangle Orchid Society NC Piedmont Orchid Society Show

Exhibit

Set up and design by:
 Marie Crock, Billy Barnes of Orchid Trail
 Take Down by: Miriam &
 Leo Sagasti.
Red Ribbon Exhibit
winner

Recent shows
Triad show, Greensboro, NC

**Triangle Orchid Society
Triad Orchid Show
Exhibit**

**Set up by: Alan Miller,
John and Ann Myhre,
Robin & Josh Gurlitz**

**Exhibit design by:
Jaimie Graff**

**Take Down by: Bob
Meyer, David
Pickett, Robin & Josh
Gurlitz.**

**Blue Ribbon Exhibit
winner**



Photos courtesy of Van Ewert, Sandhills Orchid Society





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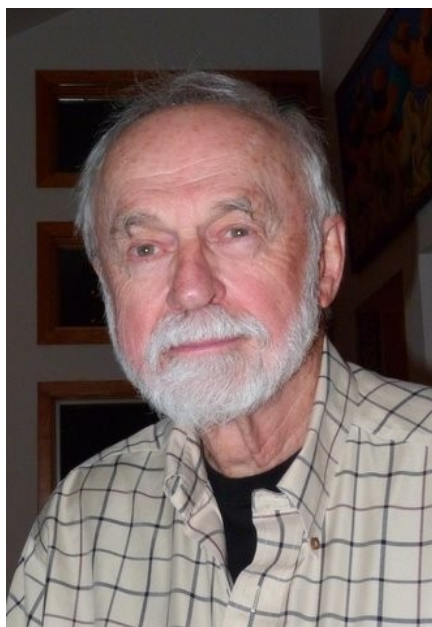


**Robin Gurlitz,
Past President 2010**

**Board Member photos
by Alan Miller**



**Melissa Bullard,
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Paul Welty, 2013



Lee Allgood 2012



Sally Carpenter, 2012



**Manuel Montserrat,
2013**



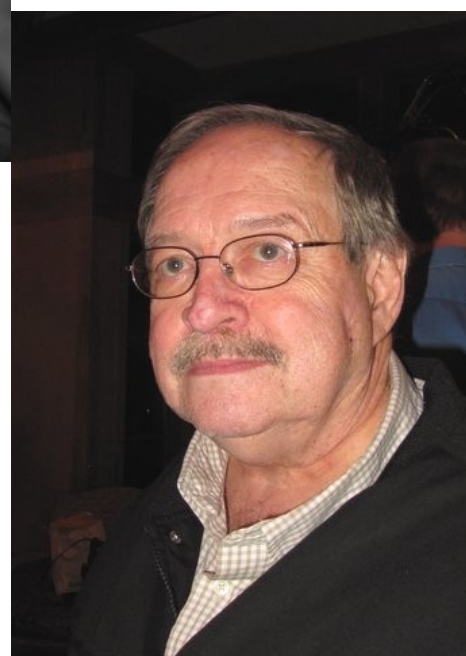
David Pickett, 2011

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**AOS Judge David Devine,
2011**

Growing Tips for January

By Courtney T. Hackney EMAIL at Hackneau@comcast.net

There are many keys to becoming a great orchid grower but the most important is learning from your mistakes. That does not mean that reading "How To" books is not useful. In fact, they provide a wealth of information easy for a novice to understand, whereas long-time growers tend to go into too much detail for beginners. The problem is that books for the beginner provide a generic approach that experienced growers have then modified as they learned from their mistakes.

The best place to learn from more experienced growers is at your local orchid society. There you will see orchids brought in by different levels of grower who grow under an array of different conditions. Rarely will you find a hobbyist unwilling to share their experience and techniques. The problem is that there are many different ways to grow orchids to perfection and it can be difficult to determine whose advice to follow. But, hobbyists at your local orchid society can provide you with a place to start.

Most of us continue to learn about the orchids we grow and sometimes in ways that we wish would not have occurred. This winter, I arrived home after several days away to find an exhaust vent locked open. The max-min thermometer told me that those cold nights reached into the greenhouse wasting lots of propane and creating temperatures below a healthy minimum for most of the orchids I grow. The cold winter had already produced night temperatures lower than what I try to maintain.

Nothing in the greenhouse froze, but the typical problems of increased bacterial infections and loss of buds occurred within the next week or so. One particularly cold spot in the greenhouse was treated with a weak solution of copper sulfate and individual orchids sprayed with hydrogen peroxide as small spots appeared. At this time it does not look like any orchids, even seedlings, will be lost.

It is hard to avoid frustration when an event such as this occurs. Close examination of my orchids in the following weeks noted a few that looked better than they ever have before. Several phals with origins in the Himalayas have exploded with branched spikes and buds. Usually, they only produce a few buds each year and typically suffer badly during summer. While I have figured out how to nurse them through our hot summers, they have never bloomed this well. Most surprising were other orchids that I did not associate with cooler climates. They have also responded similarly and I am hoping to see more blooms from them this spring. Next year, I will treat these orchids as I do the ones that I know come from colder climates. These are placed outside or in the coldest corners of the greenhouse and monitored with a max-min thermometer.

Cymbidiums are already treated differently from my other orchids, i.e. lots of light and cold in winter and heavy shading in summer. Windowsill growers may not appreciate how much colder some windows are than others and can use this to their advantage if they just attach some thermometers to their windows and note the early A.M. temperatures.



Brassavola glauca



Announcements & Upcoming Orchid Events

DARWIN DAY

Feb 12 : Darwin Day, North Carolina Natural History Museum, Raleigh, NC.

Contact Phil Warner to volunteer or loan blooming orchids. pwarner@fminet.com

Blue Ridge Orchid Society Show

Mar. 11,12 & 13 : Roanoke, Virginia. Contact Leo Sagasti to volunteer or loan blooming orchids. leo@bjac.com

Triangle Orchid Society Show

May. 6,7 & 8 : Mothers Day weekend in Raleigh, NC. See information on page 8 following.

Green Swamp Field Trip

May 21 : Wonderful trip to see native orchids led by David McAdoo. Sign up soon with Paul Welty, pwelty@averillpark.net

Growers Day

August : Raulston Arboretum, Raleigh, NC. This is one of our signature events. Be prepared to come learn about orchid culture and volunteer to help out.

Fall Auction

Sept. 25 : At Lake Crabtree County Park, Morrisville. Beech Pavilion. Noon potluck lunch and auction begins at 1:00 PM. More information later, but put this on your calendar now.

Triangle Orchid Society Meeting Agenda:

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| 7:00-7:30 | Set Up Show Table and Chairs |
| 7:30-7:40 | Business Meeting Announcements |
| 7:40-8:30 | Program |
| 8:30-8:50 | Refreshment Break |
| 8:50-9:20 | Show Table Review, Show Table Awards |
| 9:20-9:30 | Raffle |

Calendar 2011

Feb
14

Mar
14

April
11

Speaker

Linda Wilhelm
Plants for Sale

Kelvin Taylor
Member Plant Sale

Dr. Harry Gallis

Topic

Minature
Orchids

Native Orchids
In
North Carolina

Dendrobiums

Welcome Table

Refreshments

February

Lee Allgood

Michael Arner

March

Need Volunteers

Need VolunTERS



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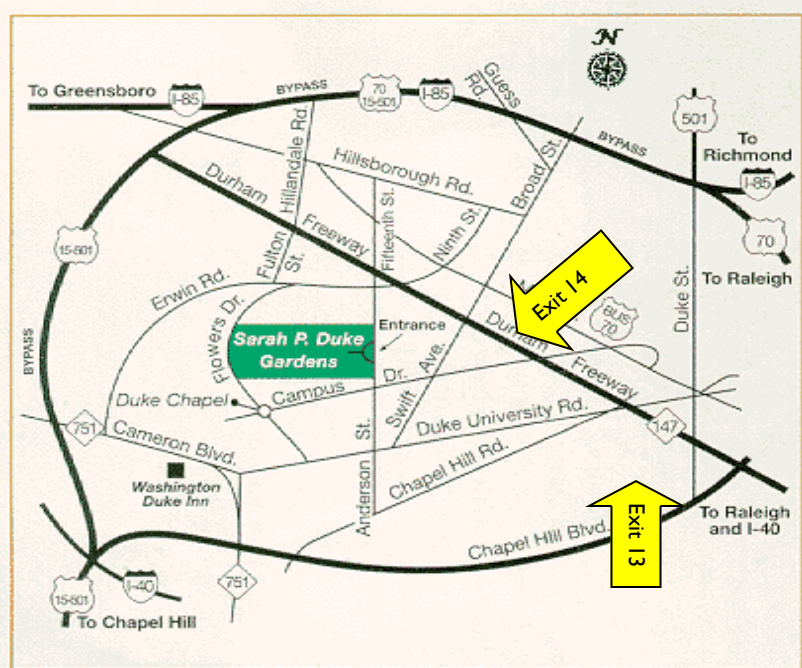
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**Our TOS Show
Poster has been de-
signed and produced
by Miriam Sagasti.**



**Contact co-chairs Bob Meyer, Leo Sagasti or Robin Gurlitz
to volunteer for this show.**

**Working at a professionally judged show is great fun and one of
the best ways to learn about Orchids. Try it!!**



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Head South on Chapel Hill Rd. Turn right on Anderson St.
The Gardens are on the left.

From the West. **Exit 14 on the Durham Freeway (147)**
Head South on Swift Ave. Turn right on Campus Drive ,
Turn right on Anderson St. The Gardens are on the left.

Triangle Orchid Society Dues are:

\$18 per year single, or \$24 per year for two persons living at the same address.

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