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Newsletter of the
Triangle Orchid Society

Associated with
Sarah P. Duke Gardens

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IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT ORCHIDS!

A quick look at the coming year with the TRIANGLE ORCHID SOCIETY

This month our program is all about our society, events we have done in the past and what we aspire to do in the coming year. Our officers and board members have planned a great **year of exciting activities and we will get a peek at what's ahead.** This will give you a taste of the great things that TOS **does beyond the monthly member's meetings.**

Of course, it IS all about orchids and the great members of the Triangle Orchid Society.

THERE WILL BE A MEMBER SALE AT THIS MEETING
BRING YOUR PLANTS THAT YOU WANT TO SELL

Monday Dinner without Speaker

5:30 PM - **before the meeting** at the **Carrabba's Restaurant**

5312 New Hope Commons Drive, Durham, across from New Hope Commons Shopping Center at the intersection of I-40 and US 15/501.

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

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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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The January 13 2014 membership meeting of the Triangle Orchid Society was called to order at 7:30pm by Nancy Harvey, the new TOS President. Two guests were welcome. Approximately 49 people attended the meeting this night. Gerry Bowater, Anne Williams and Connie Howard were recognized for covering the Welcome Table and selling raffle tickets. Everyone was encouraged to purchase raffle tickets for two large blooming Cymbidiums. (Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00.)

All members were reminded to volunteer for the many activities that need support including the snack table. Volunteer sheets on the welcome table were for Darwin Day, the South Carolina Orchid Show in Columbia, and the Virginia Orchid Society Show in Richmond. Everyone was encouraged to pay their 2014 dues to TOS Treasurer Anne Williams. Mark your calendars for the February 10, 2014 TOS meeting.

Robin Gurlitz, the new TOS Vice-President, introduced Harry Gallis the speaker for this meeting. Harry's topic was "Judging Orchids".

Following the speaker presentation, there was a short time for refreshments. Thanks were extended to Suzanne Hens and Connie Howard who provided the refreshments and drinks for the evening.

Harry Gallis and Nick Plummer discussed the orchids for the show table this month. The Jack Webster Award Plants were:

Greenhouse Awards:

- 1st Place: Den. chrysopterum, grown by Paul Feaver
- 2nd Place: Fdk. "After Dark", grown by Josh and Robin Gurlitz
- 3rd Place: Coelogyne mossiae, grown by Alan Simpson

The Non-Greenhouse awards:

- 1st Place: Phaph. "Doktur Hans-Georg Preissel" grown by John Bitz
- 2nd Place: Oncidium hybrid NOID, grown by Sidney Cox
- 3rd Place: Chiloschista sweelimii, grown by Charles Walker

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30. Meeting notes submitted by Sidney Cox, TOS Secretary.



The January 13 2014 Triangle Orchid Society Speaker Notes

Harry A. Gallis, MD

"Orchid Judging- AOS Judging and Ribbon Judging- What is the difference and why does it matter"

Harry has a long history with the American Orchid Society and judging orchids at AOS sponsored shows. His talk presented an overview of orchid judging both from the view of the AOS and some history of important shows sponsored by the Triangle Orchid Society. He also discussed preparing orchids for a show and showed examples of good and not so good displays. Some highlights from the talk are listed below.

The American Orchid Society was founded in 1921. The first national awards from the AOS started in 1924. A permanent record of awarded orchids began in 1932 and continue to this day. All records were later published in the AOS awards quarterly from 1970 to 2008. All new awards and records of older awards are now kept electronically on the AOS web site program AQ Plus but has recently been converted to Orchids Plus, which is available to all register subscribers to the program. With new electronic program, new awards are available on line the same day.

The first Triangle Orchid Society sponsored Orchid show was February 1985 at North Hills Mall. The most significant event from that show was a FCC award to *Oncidium papilio* "Mendenhall" awarded to Carter and Holmes.

Probably the most important and largest show sponsored by the Triangle Orchid Society was 38th Eastern Orchid Congress in October 1993. The title of the program was a Festival of Orchids. The show was at the Raleigh Civic Center and Radisson Hotel.

Harry's talk was great and we should consider ways that we can support the Judging Center. We could sponsor a local judging session as some other NC societies have done. The Judging Center is a fine resource, it is close by and we have qualified judges who are members of TOS. What could be more natural?

[Visit our revamped website at:](http://www.triangleorchidsociety.org)
www.triangleorchidsociety.org



A Letter from the President and Board of Triangle Orchid Society

The monthly TOS Programs and this Newsletter are the result of a lot of volunteer work by Orchid Lovers. The Volunteer Board of Directors is the governing body of Triangle Orchid Society and works with Volunteer Committee Chairmen of TOS sponsored events to make sure TOS has the resources it needs to be successful and financially stable. We are an affiliate society of the American Orchid Society and can sponsor events with official AOS judging. We are fortunate to have an official AOS judging center in Greensboro, NC and several nearby orchid societies who share our love of Orchids!

The Board is currently in search of a new board member and several committee chairmen. YOU may be the person we need! The board meets as a group once a month to discuss and make decisions on issues relevant to TOS activities, and to consider reports from Committee Chairmen, the President, the Program Chairman, the Treasurer, and other active members. Between meetings, board members continue to work for TOS in many ways as they go about their daily lives; mentioning the organization to their friends, family, and coworkers, and always looking for new ways TOS can benefit the wider community of plant lovers and provide education about Orchids.

The board is currently seeking help from members with skills in many professions, including: advertising, accounting, fund raising, IT, public relations, and computer skills. We often have legal questions about our 501(c)(3) status, and most of our events, like the membership meetings, have a strong educational component. Not all volunteer activities require time spent outside the monthly membership meeting. For instance, we desperately need someone to volunteer to run the audio visual equipment at the regular meetings! We need a volunteer to handle sale of raffle tickets at each meeting. You have seen the sign up sheets; just agree to do one of these routine jobs at meetings once or twice a year. Other TOS activities include fund raising auctions in May and September. We also sponsor an orchid potting workshop in the summer **and Grower's Day in August. We try to have educational displays at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences' Darwin Day in February, the Durham Garden Forum Information Fair in July, and** have an exhibit at the State Fair Garden Show in October. We try to have displays in several Orchid Shows sponsored by nearby sister societies and hope to sponsor a Triangle Orchid Show of our own again in 2015.

(This is why we practice by sharing our most beautiful plants with others on show tables at every meeting!)

These events have happened in the past because of interested members volunteering to help. The only way they can happen in the future is if each member volunteers for one or two events and signs up to help at an occasional meeting. Try choosing one event to help with this year; you will learn a lot about orchids while having fun with orchid-loving friends. Keep track of what is happening with TOS by regularly visiting our website www.triangleorchidsociety.org. If you are interested in serving on the board or would like more information about the board or other TOS events, please contact Board President, Nancy Harvey, at triangleorchidsociety@gmail.com.



TOS members John Myhre and John Martin volunteering at the Triangle Orchid Society AOS Show in 2011 at Raulston Arboretum.

Jack Webster Awards
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!!ALAN MILLER PROVIDES ALL OF THE HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS..THANK YOU ALAN!!!

GROWING TIPS for February

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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.

This “Growing Tips” column is reprinted from a previous year. The column is about dealing with very cold temperatures which we have had this last month.

Thanks to Courtney Hackney for letting us reprint this article.

UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS

DATE	SPONSOR	LOCATION
Feb 7– Feb 9	S. CAROLINA O.S.	COLUMBIA, S.C.
Feb 21- Feb 23	VIRGINIA O.S.	RICHMOND, VA.
Feb 28 - Mar 2	TRIAD O.S.	GREENSBORO, NC
Mar 7 - Mar 9	N.C. PIEDMONT O.S.	CHARLOTTE, NC

Would you like to set up a show or participate in any of these shows? If the time is convenient for you, PLEASE talk to a board member. These are all great Orchid Societies who put on great shows that we have partnered with in the past.
LETS SHOW OUR STUFF THIS YEAR!!

Triangle Orchid Society Meeting Agenda:		Calendar 2013	Speaker	Topic
7:00-7:30	Set Up Show Table and Chairs	Feb 10, 2014	TOS	It's Always About Orchids
7:30-7:40	Business Meeting Announcements			
7:40-8:30	Program	Mar. 10, 2014	Wes Higgins	Orchid Diversity
8:30-8:50	Refreshment Break			
8:50-9:20	Show Table Review, Show Table Awards	April 14, 2014	TBA	TBA
9:20-9:30	Raffle			

Welcome Table

Refreshments

February	Gerry Bowater & Anne Williams	Sweet treats-Kelly Nip & Steven McAllister Salty Snacks-Beloved Swartz Fresh Food-Ruth Stanton Drinks- Suzanne Hens
March	See Gerry to volunteer	See Suzanne to volunteer



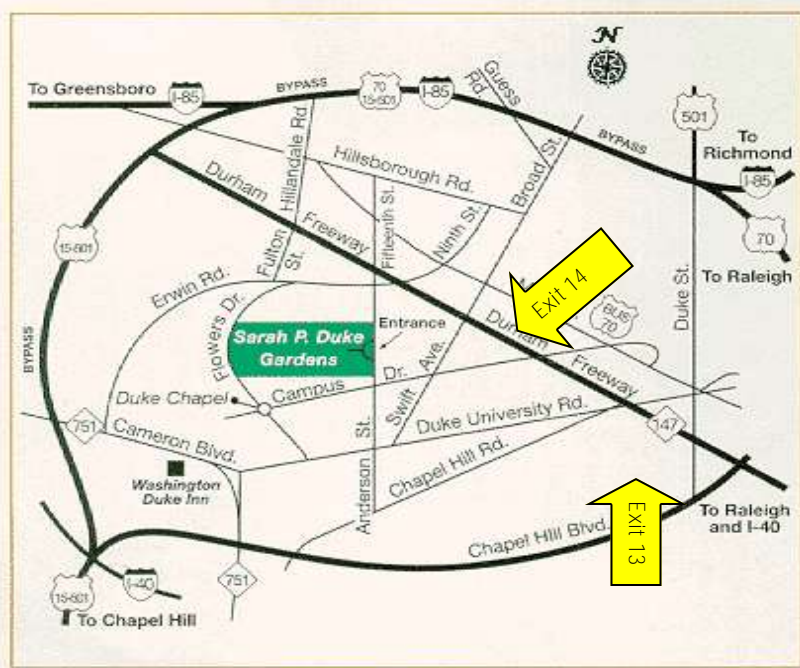
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Map and directions
To Sarah Duke Gardens.



Cattleya percivaliana "Summit"



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

Visitors are Welcome!
www.TriangleOrchidSociety.org

From the East. Exit 13 on the Durham Freeway (#147)
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:

\$20 per year single, or \$26 per year for two persons living at the same address.

Send your dues to: Anne Williams, TOS Treasurer, 1506 Kent St. Durham, N.C. 27707