



# Orchidacea

Newsletter of the  
Triangle Orchid Society

Associated with  
Sarah P. Duke Gardens

May, 2014

Lucinda Winn

J & L Orchids

Lucinda Winn grew up in Missouri, and received both her BS and MS degrees from the University of Missouri. Her love affair with orchids began when she saw her first mounted orchid plant in the mid 70's. Lucinda's first job in orchids was at Zuma Canyon Orchids in Malibu, California.

In 1979 J&L Orchids went up for sale, and Lucinda bought it along with her two partners, Marguerite Webb and Cordelia Head. Over the years, J&L has carved out a reputation for growing fine miniature orchids, as well as many interesting and rare genera, especially in the Pleurothallidinae. J&L has won many awards for their exhibits world wide.

Lucinda has spoken at two World Orchid Conferences, European Orchid Congresses, British Orchid Congresses, as well as throughout the United States and Canada. Her topic will be Miniature Orchids.

Lucinda will be selling plants  
from J & L.

## Monday Dinner WITHOUT our 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

Inside this issue:

<b><i>This Month's Program</i></b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Meeting minutes</i>	2, 3
<i>April Meeting photos</i>	4, 5
<i>Courtney Hackney</i>	
<i>Reprint from 2010</i>	
<i>Show Table Ribbons</i>	6, 7
<i>Announcements</i>	8 & 9
<i>Future Meetings</i>	10,11
<i>Map and directions to Sarah Duke Gardens</i>	

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

www.Triangle  
OrchidSociety.org

## TOS Officers and Board Members

2014

### Officers

President

Nancy Harvey (919) 401-4533  
[ntharvey@gmail.com](mailto:ntharvey@gmail.com)

Vice President

Program Chairman

Robin Gurlitz(919) 929-9717  
[robing@i-gga.com](mailto:robing@i-gga.com)

Secretary

Sidney Cox (919)489-7173  
[sidney269@earthlink.com](mailto:sidney269@earthlink.com)

Treasurer

Anne Williams (919) 493-1727  
[annewilliams1973@hotmail.com](mailto:annewilliams1973@hotmail.com)

Past President

Ralph Sears (919) 477-0483  
[ralphsears@gmail.com](mailto:ralphsears@gmail.com)

### Board of Trustees

At Large Trustees: 2014

Gerry Bowater (919) 593-1674  
[gbowater@unch.unc.edu](mailto:gbowater@unch.unc.edu)

At Large Trustees: 2015

Suzanne Hens (919) 452-5545  
[sciftan@yahoo.com](mailto:sciftan@yahoo.com)

Harry Gallis

[harry.gallis@frontier.com](mailto:harry.gallis@frontier.com)

At Large Trustees: 2016

Pei-fen Liu (919) 683-3066  
[peifenliu@earthlink.com](mailto:peifenliu@earthlink.com)

David Devine (919) 828-5332

[devinejd@aol.com](mailto:devinejd@aol.com)

The April 14 2014 membership meeting of the Triangle Orchid Society was called to order at 7:30pm by Nancy Harvey, the new TOS President. No guests were present. Approximately 51 people attended the meeting this night. Jeanette Massengil and Angela Johnson were recognized for covering the Welcome Table and selling raffle tickets. Everyone was encouraged to purchase raffle tickets. (Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00.) Members receive a free tickets for each plant they bring for the show table (maximum free tickets is 3).

All members were reminded to volunteer for the many activities that need support including the snack table and auction, and to sign up for the potting party. All members were encouraged to attend the spring Auction, member's sale, and potting party.

Following the speaker presentation, there was a short time for refreshments. Thanks were extended to Robin Gurlitz, Anne Williams, Steven McAllister and Kelly Nipp, who provided the refreshments and drinks for the evening.

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

Greenhouse Awards were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Epicyclia Laura Meyer "Happy Days", grown by Bob Meyer

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: C. skinneri "Casa Luna", grown by Paul Virtue

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Polystachia paniculata, grown by Bob Meyer

The Non-Greenhouse awards were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tolumnia Jairak Rainbow "Plum Pretty", grown by John Bitz

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Trichoglottis triflora, grown by Charles Walker

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Den. nobile hybrid, grown by Eleanor Ciftan

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

## April's speaker: Paul Feaver

Paul gave us a wonderful presentation all about Dendrobiums. The presentation should convince anyone that Dendrobiums are diverse, fascinating and deserve a place in all of our collections.



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



Membership meeting, April 2014

COURTNEY HACKNEY

## Growing Tips for May Reprinted from May, 2010

By Courtney T. Hackney EMAIL at [Hackneau@comcast.net](mailto:Hackneau@comcast.net)

If emails and casual conversations are any indication, repotting is traumatic for many orchid hobbyists. It is not surprising to most of us that have been doing this awhile, because it was traumatic to us in the beginning too. Given how different orchid roots look, the cost compared to a petunia, and the number of pages in orchid books devoted to the “dos and don’ts” of potting, fear is not surprising. So here is what everyone should remember.

Getting two or more orchids from repotting one should never be the reason to repot, although that is a frequent consequence. Repot when your orchid is at risk because the potting media is breaking down or there is some other problem, e.g. heavy scale infestation that cannot be solved without removing the plant from its pot. Remember that the bigger your orchid is, the more and larger flowers it will have.

Always sterilize any instrument that cuts an orchid. The best method is to hold your snips in the flame for a few seconds making sure you have exposed both sides of the entire cutting surface to the flame. A hot cutting tool effectively sterilizes the cut surface of the plant.

Do not worry about damaging roots, since most will ultimately die from the repotting anyway. Some expert growers remove almost all roots when they repot to avoid them rotting later and infecting the rest of the plant. If repotted at the correct time of the year, your orchid will quickly re-grow roots, but it may take a few years to acquire the root mass it had before repotting, hence the suggestion to avoid repotting unless absolutely necessary.

Many times I sit a cattleya with all of its roots removed in the bottom of a clay pot in a shaded portion of the greenhouse until I see tiny new roots starting. Only then do I add the medium and complete repotting. On occasion, I forget a plant and find it fully rooted to the pot the next spring. Again, the key point is that one should only repot during the growing season; i.e. now.

Most books recommend wetting the medium before using it, a recommendation that I do not endorse. This is an open invitation for bacteria and fungi to invade any open wounds on the plant. It is best to use dry medium and wait at least several days before watering your newly repotted orchid. Some growers lay their divisions on newspaper in an unused bedroom until new roots appear. Why waste a pot and medium if the division is not going to grow well.

The key to all repotting is to remember that your orchid has been shocked and lost most of its ability to obtain water. Cattleyas, dendrobiums and other orchids with thickened leaves will be fine if the plant is shaded heavily after repotting until they get new roots. Then, gradually give them more light. Other orchids that are terrestrial-like and/or have fine roots or thin leaves, need more care and may require some misting until new roots appear.

The one exception to the need to keep roots dry is when a medium is used that is toxic to bacteria and fungi, e.g. sphagnum or osmunda. The pH is so low that almost no bacteria harmful to plants will grow. This seems to be the medium of choice for many phal growers.



Jack Webster  
Awards  
Greenhouse Grown



1<sup>st</sup> Place Ribbon:  
Epicyclia Laura Meyer  
**“Happy Days”**  
Grown by Bob Meyer

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribbon:  
**C. skinerii “Casa Luna”**  
Grown by Paul Virtue

3<sup>d</sup> Place Ribbon:  
Polystachia paniculata  
Grown by Bob Meyer

Thanks to Alan Miller  
For taking these  
showtable photos





Jack Webster  
Awards  
Non-Greenhouse

1<sup>st</sup> Place Ribbon:  
Tolumnia Jairak Rainbow  
**“Plum Pretty”**  
Grown by John Bitz



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ribbon:  
Tricoglottis triflora  
Grown by Charles Walker

3<sup>d</sup> Place Ribbon:  
Den. nobile hybrid  
Grown by Elinor Ciftan



## Triangle Orchid Societies' Spring Orchid Auction

*Put this on your calendar*

### **Saturday, May 17th**

Join us at the White Oak Shelter at Lake Crabtree County Park (1400 Aviation Parkway, Morrisville, NC) right off I-40. For directions go to: [www.wakegov.com/parks/lakecrabtree](http://www.wakegov.com/parks/lakecrabtree).

**Time: 12:00 PM** ————— until we have finished selling all the wonderful orchids

**Bring a dish to share for lunch** bring a smile and a happy attitude and SHARE a good time with new and old friends! Whether you buy an orchid or not you'll have a good time!

BUT we do hope you buy. THESE AUCTIONS ARE our major fundraising EVENTS where we make most of our money to continue to run our organization



At the **July TOS Meeting**, there will be a **Member's Plant Sale**. So, plan ahead while repotting and dividing this spring!

**August 2nd: TOS Grower's Day** at JC Raulston Arboretum. Save the date!

Lunch and Learn: 'The North American Orchid Conservation Center'

With Dennis Whigham, Senior Botanist,  
Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

Thursday, June 05, 2014

North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Bring your lunch and join us for a free lecture!

Learn about native orchids and the Go Orchids website, the first major product of the North American Orchid Conservation Center (NAOCC, <http://northamericanorchidcenter.org/>). Hear Dennis talk of plans to add orchids from the Southeast and other parts of the country to the database, with a goal of covering all taxa in the U.S. and Canada by the end of 2014

Free, but you must register in advance at : [www.ncbg@unc.edu](http://www.ncbg@unc.edu) See "events"



---

## J&L ORCHIDS WILL BE PRESENTING OUR PROGRAM THIS MONTH.

J & L Orchids of Easton Connecticut      203-261-3772

Please visit their website at : [www.jlorchids.com](http://www.jlorchids.com).

They have an online catalogue with many photographs , growing temperatures and prices. They have fascinating orchids which do not take up too much space.

Just to tempt you with a partial list in their catalogue: Draculas, Pleurothallis, Dendrobiums, Masdevallias, Coelogynes , Platysteles, Chiloschista, Dendochilum, and these including  
species and hybrids.

They offer a 10% discount on domestic PREORDER Orchids that are delivered to the societies where J & L is talking.

If you preorder please follow their directions on their website . Make sure you indicate which Orchid Society you are with so the orders can be packed accordingly. Please give them plenty of time to find, package and wrap your preorder. All this takes time. They want your orchids to arrive fresh and your speaker to arrive fresh.




---

HELP SUPPORT THIS WONDERFUL PUBLICATION : ORCHID DIGEST  
and have a good time, too.

Orchid Tales—The Adventures of George and Matilda by Editor Emeritus of Orchid Digest Harold Koopowitz . The majority of the proceeds go to Orchid Digest.

**“This is a collection of stories based on either facts about orchids or events in orchid history. The stories range from the discovery of rare plants in the long ago past to the extinction of species in a future time. The stories are unique in that while each tale takes place in a different time era and country, the characters and their personalities always remain the same. “**



Den. findleyanum var. oculatum

Triangle Orchid Society Meeting Agenda:		Calendar 2013	Speaker	Topic
7:00-7:30	Set Up Show Table and Chairs	May 12, 2014	J&L Orchids Orchids for sale and pre-order	Good Things come in Small Packages
7:30-7:40	Business Meeting Announcements			
7:40-8:30	Program	June 9, 2014	Charles Wilkins	Orchids You Should Consider Growing (Dendrochilums, Phragmipediums, Gongoras, Stanhopeas)
8:30-8:50	Refreshment Break	July	Recorded program Loren Batchman	Orchid Pests
8:50-9:20	Show Table Review, Show Table Awards			
9:20-9:30	Raffle			

<b>Welcome Table</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>
----------------------	---------------------

May	Connie Howard	Suzanne Hens
June	See host to volunteer	See Suzanne Hens to volunteer



Associated with  
Sarah Duke Gardens

Newsletter Editor  
Josh Gurlitz  
Phone: (919) 929-9717  
E-mail: robing@i-gga.com

## HAVE FUN AND VOLUNTEER. YOU ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF TOS

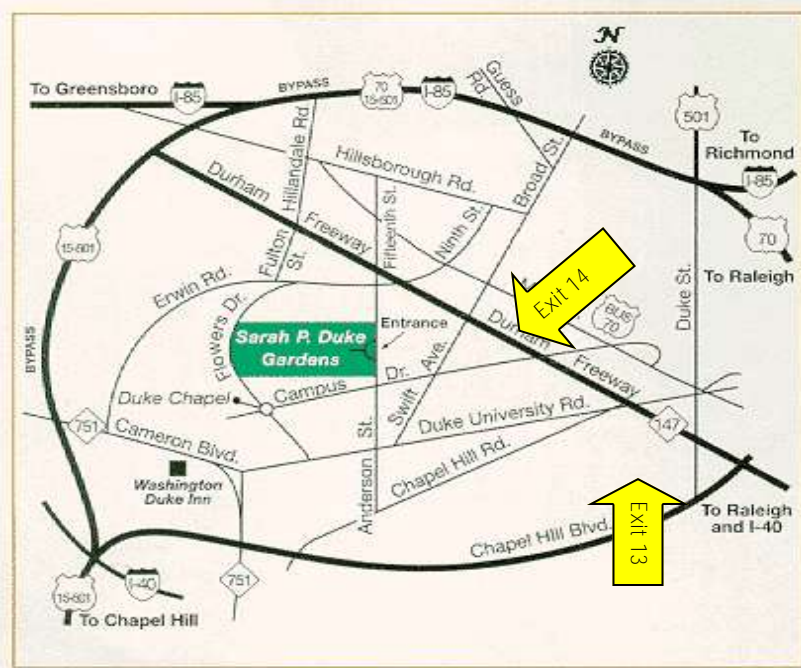
sign up to help with some events outside the membership meeting time--- "the not so secret parts"

On a monthly basis sign up to help with the welcome table at a meeting, this is a great way to get to know your fellow members and learn more about TOS.

- sign up to bring something for the refreshment table, offer to bring the ice and help serve the drinks, etc. ,
- bring orchids for the show table, help set up the lights, help others bring supplies and plants inside from cars;
- buy a few raffle tickets or a TOS mug, seek out and welcome a visitor or new member.



Volunteer !!



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](http://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