



# Orchidacea

August Newsletter of the  
Triangle Orchid Society

Associated with  
Sarah P. Duke Gardens

## August 10, 2015 Tim Culbertson

Although I teach middle school kids for a living, one of my passions has always been plants. I began growing orchids as an offshoot from working at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia just after college. From the very beginning it was all about Paphs, particularly awarded and select clones of historic importance, of which my collection numbers nearly 1000. While I love finding old, rare stepping stones in paph breeding, I also do a little hybridizing of my own, and growing up my own babies is a blast. I enjoy making my culture the best it can be, and I have had numerous experiences with professional growers in California and on the East Coast, which has helped tremendously.

I am the youngest accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, and have served in various capacities with local orchid societies. I love meeting other people who like orchids too, and doing so often finds me traveling to shows, vendors, and peoples' greenhouses to see the latest and greatest in new hybrids and to get the best orchid gossip.

I like to be involved in plants as much as possible: in addition to Longwood, I've worked at the Smithsonian Institution tending to their orchids, and for years for the United States National Arboretum, collecting rare plants and documenting cultivated species and hybrids for their herbarium.

***The speaker will not be selling plants.***

### Dinner with the 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.

Please contact Alan Miller if you plan on attending the dinner. (919) 969-1612

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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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## July 13, 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes

The July 13, 2015 membership meeting of the Triangle Orchid Society was called to order at 7:30 pm by Nancy Harvey, the TOS President. Three guests were present. Approximately 45 people attended the meeting.

All members were encouraged to volunteer for the many upcoming activities. This is a great way to show appreciation and meet other orchid enthusiasts. Some of the monthly events that need support include the raffle and welcome table, and refreshments. Please look at the upcoming activities, especially Grower's Day and the Fall show, for participation.

Other President reminders included:

\* All are encouraged to come out to the Durham Garden Forum on July 21, 2015, 6:30-8:00 pm. Bring an orchid to share. There will be exhibits, displays, birds and bee exhibits as well as orchids, and Durham Master Gardeners.

\* The Fall Auction is September 12th @ the big Shelter at Lake Crabtree Raleigh.

\* We are having a table at the October N.C. State Fair. Volunteers are needed to man the exhibit during fair hours.

\* We are pairing up with the other orchid societies and will be called the Eastern NC Orchid coalition .

\* Many do not realize that the TOS is a Duke Garden Affiliate.

The presentation for this meeting was "Fall For Orchids: getting ready for the orchid show." The presenter was Harry Gallis.

**Thank you to the refreshment table hosts, Jeanette and Anesha.**

Harry Gallis and Paul Fever discussed the orchids on the show tables this month.

Greenhouse Awards were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Encyclia alata, grown by Mike Wagner

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Smbc 'Giant Glory', grown by Paul Virtue

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Dendrochilum Filiforme 'Willow Pond,' grown by Melissa Bullard

The Non-Greenhouse awards were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Dendrobium lanyiae 'orange mint', grown by Charles Walker

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Paph. Thalanum, grown by Charles Walker

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Gastrochilus japonicus, grown by Charles Walker

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. Meeting notes submitted for Louanne and Chrissy Shea, TOS Secretaries.

Harry Gallis

### Fall for Orchids: Getting Ready for the Orchid Show

The program for the July meeting consisted of a discussion of Triangle's show preparation for our November show – Fall for Orchids. Harry started out with a discussion of the purpose of orchid shows in general and what shows had meant to the TOS going back to our first hosted show in February of 1985 at North Hills Mall. We discussed the value of shows in educating the public and in building camaraderie and teamwork within societies. We discussed the basic outline of show schedules and entering plants for ribbon judging as well as the opportunity for having our plants evaluated for American Orchid Society awards.

We spent a good bit of time talking about preparing plants for shows: grooming and cleaning, making certain that plants were properly oriented to facilitate the ideal presentation of flowers, the types of exhibit spaces that would be available and some of the basics about how to build an exhibit. We discussed the general schedule with set up on Thursday November 19, judging on Friday November 20 and preview party to society and Duke Gardens members that evening, opening to the public on Saturday at 10 and again on Sunday at 1.

We had a very successful and generous group of contributions from the members to support the trophies that will be awarded during judging and discussed our need to find raffle items, which will be our major fundraiser since we will not be charging admission. We asked members to consider either purchasing or donating gift items such as dinners in their favorite restaurants, weekend stays at nice venues, gift certificates and the like or soliciting raffle items from some of their favorite businesses. We will talk about this more in our future meetings. Additional plans include potting workshops and lectures on Saturday and Sunday, opportunities for members to volunteer to lead docent tours of the show during show hours, and potential vendors to sell plants and materials. We will also have a table set up to recruit new members for TOS and AOS.

You will hear more about the details at subsequent meetings. All of us should begin to watch our plants carefully and begin to select out those that are likely to be blooming in late November. Tell your friends and let's have a great turnout for this show!



**Jack Webster  
Awards  
Greenhouse  
Grown**



**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Encyclia alata  
grown by Mike Wagner  
(replacement photo)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Schombocattleya 'Giant Glory'  
grown by Paul Virtue



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Dendrochilum Filforme 'Willow  
Pond'  
grown by Melissa Bullard



**Thanks to Alan Miller For taking these great show table photos**

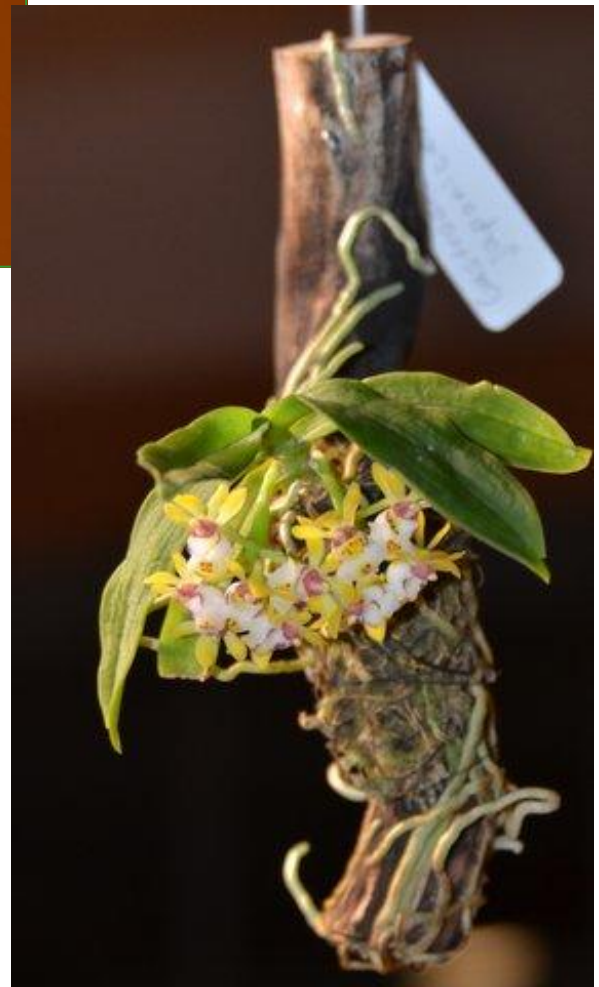


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## 2015 Grower's Day

This year Grower's Day was held on Saturday, July 25 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. There were about 45 attendees with many new to TOS. This event was a great success thanks to the speakers and many volunteers that provided logistics, lunch, show table orchids, raffle items and plants for sale. This year the show was hosted entirely by TOS with speakers from our society, Steven McAllister, Sarah Patterson, and Harry Gallis. Topics included:



Sarah Patterson gives a talk on orchid genera.

what is an orchid, orchid genera, and orchid culture. The day concluded with two simultaneous repotting workshops given by Steven McAllister and Josh Gurlitz. Sarah Patterson ordered a variety of beautiful orchids for sale from H&R Orchids with proceeds going to fund other TOS events. Attendees received a free membership to TOS for the remainder of the year.

If you missed this annual event, plan on attending next year. There is always something to learn from your society friends, purchase great quality orchids, and if there is time, see the beautiful Raulston Arboretum.

Kelly Nip and Steven McAllister listening to a lecture on orchids.



## FALL for ORCHIDS

November 21–22, 2015

Saturday, 10am–5pm;  
Sunday, 1–4pm

Sarah P. Duke Gardens  
420 Anderson Street,  
Durham, North Carolina  
(Parking Fees may apply)

An American Orchid Society Judged Show  
Enjoy beautiful exhibits with hundreds of blooming orchids.

Informative Speakers and Workshops  
Learn how to grow orchids in your home, how to repot  
the orchid you already own, and get growing advice from experts.

Orchid Plants and Growing Supplies for Sale  
Many exciting raffle items!



Presented by the Triangle Orchid Society and Sarah P. Duke Gardens.  
For more information visit: [triangleorchidsociety.org](http://triangleorchidsociety.org) or [gardens.duke.edu](http://gardens.duke.edu)



**Attention:** This month send us your best orchid photos for a chance to have your orchid featured the 2016 calendar.

Please send no more than 4 photos to [info@triangleorchidsociety.org](mailto:info@triangleorchidsociety.org).

TOS 2015 Calendar cover  
photo taken at the 2014 N.C.  
State Fair

Upcoming Events

**TOS Fall Orchid Auction (Sept. 12)**

**Coastal Carolina Orchid Show (Oct. 2-4)**

**N.C. State Fair Exhibit (Oct. 15-25)**

**TOS Fall Orchid Show (Nov. 21-22)**

TOS August Member Events

**Keiki Club**

9:30 am Saturday, August 15

This event will be held at Paul and Olivene Virtues' home.  
See how these friendly and fun TOS members grow gorgeous  
high and low light orchids.

3420 Kennebuck Court, Raleigh, NC 27613; 919-846-1245

**TOS Monthly "Fall for Orchids"  
Show Committee Meeting**

9:30 am Saturday, August 29

Meet us at Nancy Harvey's house and help us plan the show.  
This is an AOS sanctioned event in conjunction with the  
Sarah P. Duke Gardens.

3502 Manford Drive, Durham, NC

Call Nancy if you need directions 919-40-4533.

**TOS Board Meeting**

6:30 pm Monday, August 17

Make your voice heard and help us plan society events.



TOS Members' Paphs



**Triangle Orchid Society Meeting Agenda:**

- 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 Break
- 8:50-9:20 Show Table Review, Show Table Awards
- 9:20-9:30 Raffle

Calendar 2015	Speaker	Topic
Aug. 10, 2015	Tim Culbertson	Paphiopedalums
Sept. 14, 2015	Chuck Riley <i>Will be selling plants.</i>	Building the 21st Century Greenhouse
Oct. 12, 2015	TBD	

**Welcome Table**

**Refreshments**

<b>August</b>	<b>Axel Elling</b>	<b>Louanne &amp; Chrissy Shea</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Axel Elling</b>	<b>See Nancy to volunteer.</b>



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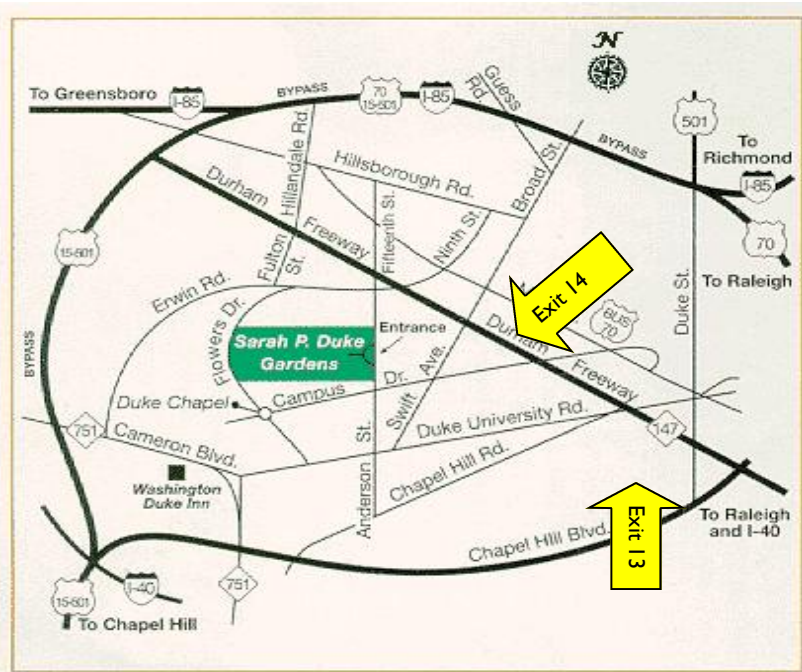
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Paph. Pedro's Moon, TOS show table winner: Allgood



Paph kolopakingii x randsii\_  
TOS show table winner: Judi Powell



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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:**

**\$22** per year single, or **\$30** 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