



Orchidacea

Newsletter of the
Triangle Orchid Society

Associated with
Sarah P. Duke Gardens

Feb. 9, 2015

Bob Davidson

Modern Oncidium Alliance Hybrids and Their Culture

When Bob was an engineer on the Space Shuttle program in Southern California he started growing orchids as a hobbyist in 1985 after receiving a Cymbidium orchid as a gift. Before he knew it this "hobby gone bad" had caused greenhouses to sprout all over his backyard. During his stay in California he spent two years as president of the Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society.

After a trip to Cape Canaveral Bob toured some orchid businesses in Southern Florida and In 1988 he bought an orchid business on Florida's west coast and moved there to try his hand at growing orchids on a commercial scale (approx 30,000 sq ft of greenhouse space and a seed lab). For the next 9 years Bob grew and sold orchids, doing about 12-15 AOS judged shows a year, including the Miami International Orchid Show.

In 1998 Bob moved to Chapel Hill and built a more-manageable orchid business that operates out of a single greenhouse. For the past dozen or so years he has sold orchids during the summer months at the Carrboro Farmer's Market and other markets around the area. In the winter business is limited to selling through the Weaver Street Market and at his greenhouse on his weekly Saturday open houses.

Bob's favorite part of orchid growing is in taking tiny orchids from flask or com pot and watching them grow into mature plants. There is just some kind of magic about epiphytes!

Bob will bring some plants and mix for a hands on potting demonstration.

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.

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

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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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January 12, 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes

The January 12, 2015 membership meeting of the Triangle Orchid Society was called to order at 7:30pm by Nancy Harvey, the TOS President. One guest was present. Approximately 41 people attended the meeting. Anne Williams, Sara Patterson and Nancy Harvey 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 ticket for each plant they bring for the show table (maximum of 3 free tickets).

All members were reminded to volunteer for the many activities that need support including the raffle and welcome table. Also volunteers are needed for the upcoming February 14, 2015 NC Natural Sciences Museum Darwin Day and January 31, 2015 through February 1, 2015 Atlantic Avenue Orchid's open house. Sign-up sheets were available.

Nancy Harvey discussed the T.O.S. treasury funds. Nancy stated that members are all welcome to attend any and all board meetings. The financials are available for review. Contact Nancy Harvey.

All present were asked to fill out an interest survey to plan the coming year's events.

The presentation for this meeting was "Introduction to shows and a review of where we may go". The presenter was Harry Gallis.

Sidney Cox and Harry Gallis discussed the orchids on the show tables this month.

The Jack Webster Award Plants were:

Greenhouse Awards were:

1st Place: Den spectabile, grown by Steven McAllister and Kelly Nipp

2nd Place: Dendrobium lindleyi, grown by Bob Meyer

3rd Place: Epi. Volcano 'Trick', grown by Mellissa Bullard

The Non-Greenhouse awards were:

1st Place: Vandaeopsis Newberry Whimsey, grown by Sarah Patterson

2nd Place: Dtps. Arakaki Spring 'Fairy', grown by

3rd Place: Lc Magic Bell 'Carnival', grown by Sidney Cox.

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

January 12 program, Introduction to Orchid Shows: Dr. Harry Gallis

Harry gave the society a comprehensive program that focused on AOS sponsored and judged orchid shows. This timely presentation is intended to introduce the society to the inner workings of a show and what we will be doing to host our show next fall. Included in this presentation were notes on how to present orchids for showing including early staking, leaf cleaning and close attention to the absence or presence of noxious critters.



Of particular interest Harry discussed planning for and arranging an exhibit. To help understand this, the society broke into three teams. Each team scavenged the show tables for blooming plants and created a table-top exhibit. A rule of thumb is one orchid per square foot of exhibit space. A 15 s.f. table top might have about 15 orchids (of course depending on the size of the orchids.) The three exhibits are shown here and the different approaches are clear.

As you can see the actual exhibits here ranged from sparse (top photo) to packed (bottom photo). In all of these there are common features. All pots are wrapped in black fabric. The plants are displayed according to an intentional pattern including color and size of each plant. Risers are used to create emphasis.



These exhibits were created in less than an hour, while in most shows the exhibit teams have several hours to **set up. Well prepared teams set up 'mock' exhibits the day before a show and note the location of each plant .** This method allows for more consideration of placement of each plant is **the overall visual flow of the exhibit.**

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DARWIN DAY

NC MUSEUM
OF NATURAL-
SCIENCES

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 14
9AM TO 5 PM.



TRIANGLE ORCHID SOCIETY

WILL HAVE AN EXHIBIT AT THIS FASCINATING NORTH CAROLINA STATE CELEBRATION OF CHARLES DARWIN. COME DOWN TO RALEIGH AND SEE THE EXHIBIT, SUPPORT THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL BE THERE AND ALL OF THE SPECIAL EXHIBITS HOSTED BY THE MUSEUM TO HONOR DARWIN.

IF YOU HAVE A LAST MINUTE URGE TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT PRESIDENT NANCY HARVEY TO FIND OUT IF THERE ARE ANY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE. YOUR EDITOR VOLUNTEERED FOR SEVERAL DARWIN DAYS AND CAN CONFIRM THAT IT IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET THE PUBLIC AND INTRODUCE MANY PEOPLE TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS.

IF YOU HAVE A GREAT ANGRAECUM THAT WILL BE BLOOMING ON FEB. 14 THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL WAY TO SHOW THE FLOWER.

NORTH CAROLINA Museum of Natural Sciences

Downtown Raleigh • corner of Jones & Salisbury Streets • naturalsciences.org



Dendrobium Gloucester Sands
'Alan Miller'

(Den. discolor x canaliculatum)

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
Feb.9 2015	Bob Davidson No orchids for sale	Oncidium Alliance
Mar 9, 2015	Chuck McCartney	Orchids of Granny Squirrel Gap, N.C.
April 13, 2015	Guillermo Salazar	Stanhopea species and culture

Welcome Table

February	Anne Williams	
March	Anne Williams	



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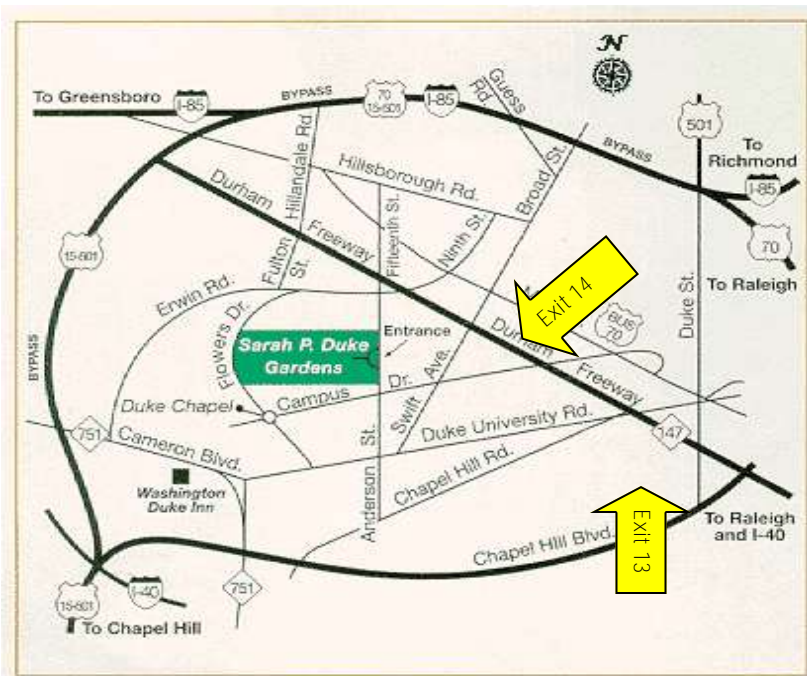
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UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS

DATE	SPONSOR	LOCATION
Feb 7– Feb 8	S. CAROLINA O.S.	COLUMBIA, S.C.
Feb 21- Feb 23	VIRGINIA O.S.	RICHMOND, VA.
Feb 28 - Mar 1	TRIAD O.S.	GREENSBORO, NC
Mar 27 - Mar 29	WESTERN NC O.S.	ASHEVILLE, NC
May 1 - May 3	BLUE RIDGE O.S.	ROANOKE, VA

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.

We put together some wonderful exhibits last year and brought home many ribbons for flower quality and exhibit **design. Let's make this year even better as we run up to** our own fall show.



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:

\$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