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Newsletter of the
Triangle Orchid Society

Associated with
Sarah P. Duke Gardens

January 12, 2015 Dr. Harry Gallis

Harry A Gallis MD is a native of Athens, GA, graduate of Princeton University, Duke University School of Medicine and training programs in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at Duke University. Although fully retired in December of 2008, he has continued to do consultative work in continuing health professions education.

Harry began growing orchids in 1980, initially purely as a hobbyist, ultimately growing his collection to a small commercial backyard operation with 3500 plants. In 1993 he and Jack Webster chaired an American Orchid Society (AOS) Trustees/Eastern Orchid Congress meeting in Raleigh, planned and staffed by members of Triangle Orchid Society with over 600 registrants and an **out-standing speakers' program, 22 exhibits and 39 vendors. He is a member of the NC Piedmont OS, Triangle OS, and South Carolina OS.** He has been a member of AOS since 1980, entered the AOS judging program in 1991, chaired the Carolinas Judging Center, served as AOS training coordinator, AOS Trustee from 2004-2010, and as Chair of the Judging Committee of AOS since May 2010. He is currently Vice President of the American Orchid Society.

His plants have received 43 AOS awards. His collection consists primarily of Cattleyas and Dendrobiums. He has named two hybrids which have received **AOS awards: Potinara Lisa Taylor Gallis and Slc Susie's Valentine and recently Linda Wilhelm received an award on his hybrid Den Alex Gallis.** His favorite plants are midsize and miniature Cattleyas and big and tall antelope Dendrobiums.

He and his wife Susie have two children and two grandchildren. They moved back to Durham in December of 2012 and Harry has recently moved his plants into a 300 square foot greenhouse for his current collection of 375 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.

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

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The Second
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December 8, 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes

The December 8, 2014 membership meeting of the Triangle Orchid Society started with the potluck dinner at 6:30pm. Several guests were present. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting. Anne Williams was recognized for covering the Welcome Table. Thanks to Louanne Shea, Chrissy Shea, Ruth Stanton, and Suzette Morand for helping with the pot luck table and drinks.

There was no raffle this meeting because of the TOS auction. All members were reminded to volunteer for the many activities that need support including the raffle and welcome table. The 2015 TOS Calendars were sold for the second meeting.

The TOS auction was very successfully with active bidding on 50 orchids from 3 different sources: Carmela, Orchid Trial, Member Donated. Average selling price was \$25, and top selling price was \$50. Thanks to the following for helping with this auction: Harry Gallis, Bob Meyers, Nancy Harvey, Anne Williams, Paul Feaver, and John Stanton.

Paul Feaver discussed the orchids on the show tables this month. The Jack Webster Award Plants were:

Greenhouse Awards were:

1st Place: Cynodes Wine Delight 'JEM' FCC/AOS, grown by Mellisa Bullard

2nd Place: Pleurothallis cordiaglossa , grown by Lee Algood

3rd Place: Blc. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Susie' HCC/AOS, grown by Harry Gallis

The Non-Greenhouse awards were:

1st Place: Bulbophyllum lindleyi, grown by Charles Walker

2nd Place: Onc. croesus, grown by Charles Walker

3rd Place: Leptotes unicolor, grown by Charles Walker

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

January 12, 2015 Membership Meeting

Our January 12 membership meeting is going to be exciting and participatory. Come prepared to learn how to build an exhibit for an AOS show from an expert in the field. Harry Gallis has been involved with orchid judging for over 20 years and in that time has chaired the Carolinas Judging Center, chaired the Judging Committee of the American Orchid Society and seen countless exhibits and great specimen plants.

Harry will review the basics and, we expect, many of the fine points of creating winning exhibits. Then, we will divide ourselves into three teams and each will create an exhibit with the plants from the show table

Bring your blooming orchids for show table so we will have plenty to use in our hands-on opportunity to build an Orchid Exhibit. We will vote on the winner and hear the judges opinions!

We will have table cloths, plant stands, black fabric, pots, and milk crate risers for the groups to use.

This is a meeting you won't want to miss.

Please remember to fill out our annual Member's Survey.

This is the easiest way to let the Board know what you think about programs and other TOS activities.

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Monthly Checklist for January and February



Cattleya trianae 'Mary Fennel'
HCC/AOS is a good example of
this winter-blooming species.

Cattleya

Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

Cymbidium

We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

Lycaste

The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

Odontoglossums

Odontoglossums and their intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on odontoglossum breeding, the new intergeneric hybrids made using Oncidium and Brassia, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs.



Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

Paphiopedilum

The standard Paphiopedilum insigne-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a paphiopedilum, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.

Phalaenopsis

Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of phalaenopsis at orchid shows and sales.

In the fall Phalaenopsis should start initiating flower spikes. Inflorescences should be well developed by mid-January.

Zygopetalum

For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

The Triangle Orchid Society thanks the American Orchid Society and authors Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.

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Miltoniopsis moreliana 'Jean Webster'

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

Calendar 2015	Speaker	Topic
Jan. 12, 2015	Harry Gallis	Orchid Shows and Judging
Feb 9, 2015	Bob Davidson	Oncidium Alliance
Mar 9, 2015	Chuck McCartney	Orchids of Granny Squirrel Gap, NC

Welcome Table

January	Anne Williams	
February	Anne Williams	



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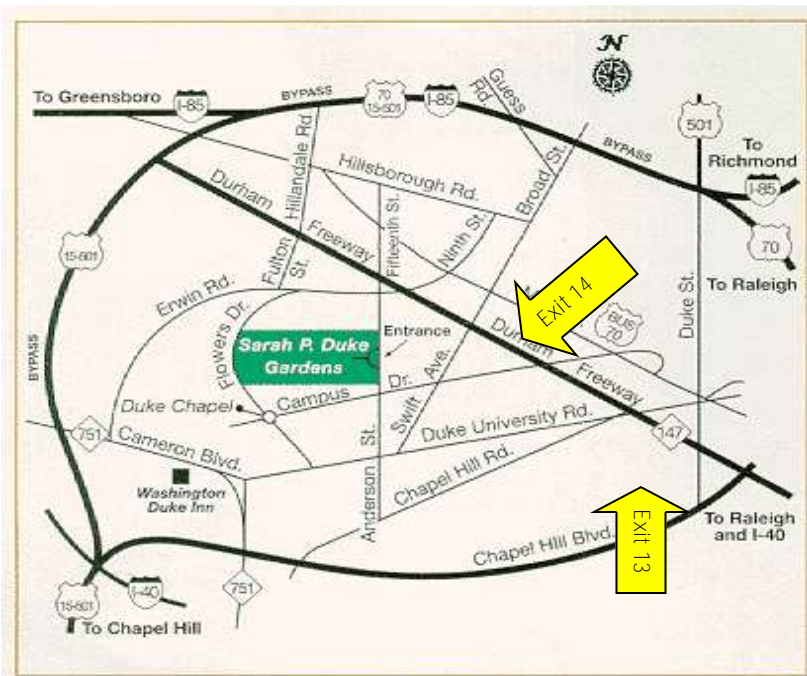
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UPCOMING ORCHID SHOWS

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.**



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