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Newsletter of the
Triangle Orchid Society

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Robert Fuchs, R&F Orchids

Robert Fuchs is a third-generation orchid grower, and president of R.F. Orchids, Inc., in Homestead, Florida, USA. The nursery was **founded in 1970. In 1984, R.F. Orchids' Vanda Deva 'Robert' AM/AOS -SM/11WOC** was named the Grand Champion of the 11th World Orchid Conference in Miami. A recognized expert on vandaceous orchids, Robert presents lectures to audiences around the world, and his articles have been published in many prestigious publications.

Robert Fuchs is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge, past president of the South Florida Orchid Society, life member of the AOS, and was President of the 19th World Orchid Conference, in 2008. He was inducted into the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2013, the first orchid grower to be so honored. In 2014, the AOS appointed him as a Trustee of the World Orchid Conference Trust.

Robert and Michael will be selling ORCHIDS



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 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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May 11, 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes

The May 11, 2015 membership meeting of the Triangle Orchid Society was called to order at 7:30pm by Nancy Harvey, the TOS President. Nancy introduced guests and two new members, Ariel Zelaya and Michael McKnight. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting. 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 (maximum of 3 free tickets).

Nancy had many new items to announce. The next TOS Fall Show Committee meeting will be on June 14 at 2:30 PM. TOS has plans to start a 'keiki club' with a first meeting at Orchid Trail on June 20. All members were reminded to volunteer for the many activities that need support including the manning the raffle and welcome table at monthly meetings, bringing in show table lights and stands @monthly meetings, helping with Grower's Day (which will be on Saturday July 25th), publicity and advertising for our TOS Show November 21-22, joining the show committee and helping in any way that you can. No job is too small. All help is welcome!

The presentation for this meeting was "Orchids of the Mediterranean region including the Bee Orchids, a genus called Ophrys ". The presenter was Tom Sampliner.

Bob Meyer and Harry Gallis discussed the orchids on the show tables this month. Thanks also to Suzette Morand for the varied and delicious refreshments .

Greenhouse Awards were:

1st Place: Galeopetulum Giant "Rhine Moonlight" grown by Ralph Belk

2nd Place: Vandofinetia White Crane grown by Lee Allgood

3rd Place: Dendrobium Tsiku Yamanego grown by Alan Miller

The Non-Greenhouse awards were:

1st Place: Bulbophyllum Wallichii grown by Charles Walker

2nd Place: Encyclia cordigera grown by Anne Williams

3rd Place: Sacoila lanceolata grown by Stephen and Kelly Nipp

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

Thomas Sampliner

Orchids of the Mediterranean region including the Bee Orchids, a genus called Ophrys

Tom Sampliner took us all on a trip through Crete and Sicily through his photographs and commentary. These islands have been almost totally deforested due to millenia of successive waves of human occupation. The resultant landscape is sunny, open, rocky and nutrient poor. This turns out to be perfect for the Bee Orchid except for the sunny part; so Bee Orchids frequently grow in the shade of a 'nurse' plant. Better yet, some of the nurse plants tend to be spiny and provide some protection from grazing animals as well as from the sun.

Ophrys grow close to the ground, standing off the soil surface by just a few inches. Their most notable characteristic is a lip that is much larger than the lateral petals and is patterned so that it mimics a female bee...especially if you are a male bee! In fact, most of us humans also see the bee mimicry and hence the common name we have attached to this orchid. The Mediterranean is a hotbed of Ophrys: Kew formally recognizes 16 species while others recognize up to 250 species. Clearly the taxonomy of this genus is open to interpretation. We do believe that each species mimics a specific specie of bee, hence the great variety in the designs of the lips. While this talk is focused on the Mediterranean, the common "Bumblebee Orchids" are widespread through Europe extending from Turkey through Great Britain.



Ophrys insectifera



Ophrys bombiliflora



Ophrys episcopalis

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Jack Webster
Awards
Greenhouse
Grown



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'Rhein Moonlight'
grown by Ralph Belk



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Crane'
grown by Lee Allgood

3rd Place: Den. Tsiku Yamanego
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Thanks to Alan Miller For taking these great show table photos



Jack Webster
Awards
Non-Greenhouse

1st Place *Bulbophyllum wallichii*
Grown b y Charles Walker
See page 8 for a follow up on this
well grown *Bulbophyllum*

2nd Place (tie) *Encyclia cordigera*
grown by Anne Williams



2nd Place (tie) *Sacoila lanceolata*
grown by Steven McAllister
& Kelly Nipp

OUR! UPCOMING ORCHID SHOW

Triangle Orchid Society, Durham, NC

“Fall for Orchids”

November 20 through 22, 2015

Sarah Duke Gardens

The next TOS Show Committee meeting will be Saturday, June 13th at 9:30 am at Nancy Harvey's house at 3502 Manford Drive, Durham, NC. Everyone is welcome. Do not feel you have to go to every meeting, but come as often as you can. Call Nancy if you need directions 919-401-4533.



John Myhre and John Martin setting up an exhibit for a TOS show

REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

We need someone to volunteer to do refreshments for the July Membership Meeting. The program will be about how to keep your orchid plants ready to "SHOW" off when they bloom! Presenters will be Harry Gallis and other TOS members and will include some 'hands on' opportunities and demonstrations. Refreshments are always nice to have at this less formal type of meeting.

Please let Nancy know if you can help,
triangleorchidsociety@gmail.com or 919-401-4533.

The Triangle Orchid Society sends condolences to the family of Mr. Seth Sunday Fish who passed away April 29, 2015. Many thanks to the co-workers of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sherry Fish, who have chosen to honor the family with a donation to the Triangle Orchid Society in the **family's name. Sherry is an** avid admirer of orchids and supporter of the Orchid Trail which cares for the lovely orchids she shares with the patients and staff at Rex Vascular Specialists.



Laelia anceps

KEIKI CLUB

The first keiki club meeting of the Triangle Orchid Society will be held on **June 20 at The Orchid Trail in Morrisville, NC. The subject will be “Potting and Managing Bare Rooted Imported Orchids”** taught by John Stanton. John says “.....the keiki club will give both beginner and intermediate orchid growers **good cultural information about growing many different genera”**.

In horticulture, a keiki (*/ˈkeɪki/ KAY-kee*) is a plant produced asexually by an orchid plant, especially *Dendrobium*, *Epidendrum* (*sensu lato*), and *Phalaenopsis* orchids. The baby plant is an exact clone of the mother plant, sometimes flowering while still attached to the mother. The word *keiki* is Hawaiian for "baby" or "child", literally "the little one". [Wikipedia definition]



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Bulbophyllum wallichii grown by Charles Walker

Charles Walker received a Certificate of Cultural Merit of 86 points on his *Bulbophyllum wallichii* 'Whirligig' at the Carolinas Judging Center on May 16th. It is a beautiful little plant not often seen in the US. It is native to Southeast Asia and grows epiphytically on trees. It is not a big plant as you can see from the pictures. But the little plants present a different list of challenges to the grower and apparently Charles has figured out the formula for successfully growing this bulbophyllum.



Congratulations to Charles

GUILLERMO SALAZAR: April 2015 speaker

THE BEST STANHOPEAS AND RELATED SPECIES

Stanhopea are a fascinating genus that are just beginning to be understood by orchid hobbyists. Stanhopea are new world orchids. Their natural range is from Mexico to northern Argentina. Stanhopea are pollinated by a bee.. the same bee that will pollinate Catesetum.

Stanhopea send out their spikes below the crown and this characteristic effects our culture of the plant. **We always plant Stanhopea in a basket with a loose growing medium... if we ever want to see a flower!** The roots of a Stanhopea will also grow right through the media and the side of a basket. The flowers are normally short

lived which makes the plant very hard to judge. Gongorras have more blooms and they last longer and are also somewhat smaller than Stanhopea.



Stanhopea ecornuta

Stanhopea tigrina





Vanda Fuchs Delight

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V. Bitz's Heartthrob

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
June 8, 2015	Robert Fuchs R&F Orchids Orchids will be for sale	What's in a name? Nomenclature changes for Vanda relatives
July 13, 2015	Harry Gallis and other TOS members	Getting orchids ready to "Show" off when they are bloom. Also, demos and hands-on
Aug.10,2015	Special Program	Details next Month

Welcome Table

June	Anne Williams	
July	Anne Williams	

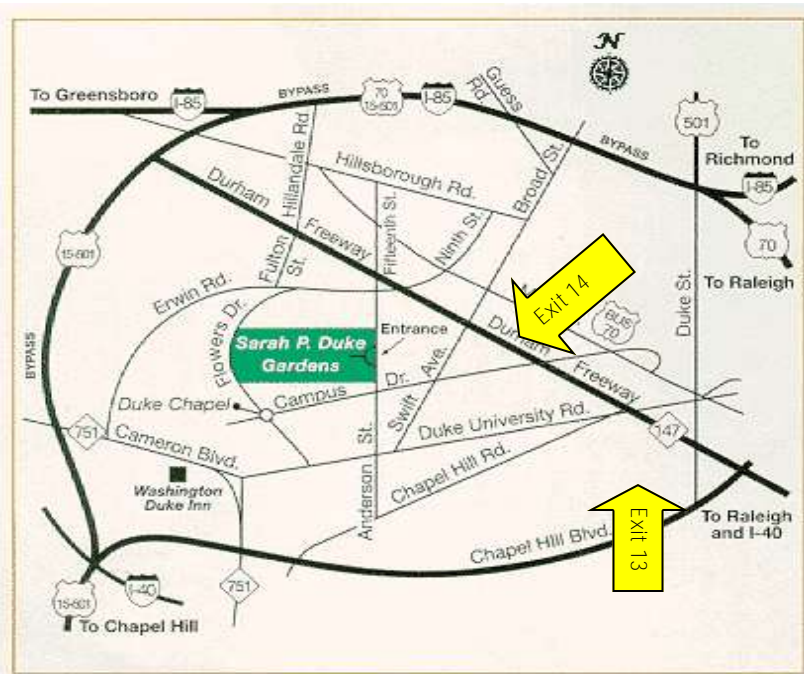


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The Second Monday of the Month
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Head South on Chapel Hill Rd. Turn right on Anderson St.
The Gardens are on the left.
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Head South on Swift Ave. 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