



# Orchidacea

Newsletter of the  
Triangle Orchid Society

Associated with  
Sarah P. Duke Gardens

May 11, 2015  
Tom Sampliner

## The Bee Orchids-Genus Ophrys Based on trips to Sicily & Crete

Tom Sampliner is a self taught, avid naturalist. This has been a lifelong hobby and has turned into a post retirement mini- career. Tom teaches adults at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) in these subjects: wildflowers/native plants, mushrooms, nature photography. See his images in the American Orchid Society article in the May 2014, vol.83, number 5 issue from a trip about orchid hunting on Sicily under the guidance of Tom Mirenda during April of 2013.

He has submitted articles with images to: journals of the Native Orchid Conference, Arc of Appalachia, Native Plant Society of NE Ohio, Native Plant Society of Tennessee. Tom maintains a personal website **and specialty page on Facebook called "The Bee Orchids"**. He has had images and articles published by these institutions or their calendars: Canadian Wildflower Society, Natural History Museum of Cleveland, Cleveland Botanical Garden. Tom is regularly engaged as a speaker, day or extended nature trip guide for assorted native plant ventures and projects. He has also produced nature photographic products including flashcards, greeting cards, poster size prints, calendars, etc.

He usually bring some CD-ROM copies of his shows in case someone wishes to purchase one.

### 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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## April 13, 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes

The April 13 2015 membership meeting of the Triangle Orchid Society was called to order at 7:30pm by Nancy Harvey, the TOS President. 2 Guests were present. Approximately 47 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).

All members were reminded to volunteer for the many activities that need support including the manning the raffle and welcome table at monthly meetings, labeling and transporting of auction plants, bringing in show table lights and stands @monthly meetings, helping with Grower's Day Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 Spring Auction is this Sunday at the Beech Shelter in Lake Crabtree Park on April 26. The plants for the event are exceptional, with something for the novice and collectors alike! Drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

**The presentation for this meeting was "Stanhopea related species and culture". The presenter was Guillermo Salazar.**

Nick Plummer and Lee Allgood discussed the orchids on the show tables this month.

Greenhouse Awards were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cattleya skinnerii grown by Josh and Robin Gurlitz

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cattleya schillerianna, grown by Paul Virtue

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Phrag. Don Wimber Red, grown by Melissa Bullard

The Non-Greenhouse awards were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Vanda, grown by Suzanne Hens

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Aerangis Fastuosa, grown by Charles Walker

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Pleuragrobii, grown by Lee Allgood.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30. Meeting notes submitted by Louanne and Chrissy Shea TOS Secretary's.

## SPRING AUCTION, 2015

The spring Auction was held at the Lake Crab Tree Park, Morrisville, NC (Beech Pavillion ) on April 26, 2015. It was a chilly day BUT, were any of the orchid bidders deterred by a little thing like needing gloves for an auction? NO, not even the auctioneer! Harry Gallis and Sidney Cox were our auctioneers. There was an excellent selection of orchids for bidding and some very determined bidders.



We had a lot of fun and some good laughs as the competition heated up (something had to since the day was not doing it). Often spontaneous applause broke out after a particularly vigorous bidding was successful. The silent auction was also a huge success and many happy people came away with the orchid(s) of their dreams.

Many members and former members came to the event. It was great seeing so many familiar faces.



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## Blue Ridge Orchid Society show, Roanoke VA.

Triangle Orchid Society (TOS) created an exhibit at the Blue Ridge Orchid Society (BROS) show in Roanoke, Virginia. The show extended from Thursday, 4/30 (Set up) through Sunday, 5/3/15. The American Orchid Society (AOS) judging was held on Friday morning, 5/1. The judges were from the **Greensboro Judging Center and TOS's own Sarah Patterson was one of the judges in training.**

A table top exhibit of about 15 square feet with a total of 18 plants including 6 miniatures was put in. Plants were loaned by Bob Meyer, David Pickett, Charles Walker, Orchid Trail, Robin & Josh Gurlitz and member 'emeritus' Bob Davidson. Robin & Josh set up and took down the exhibit.



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The TOS exhibit received many ribbons and the cultural skills of our members were apparent. The awards the TOS plants received were:

Bob Meyer with Epi. Laura Meyer, 1<sup>st</sup> Place ribbon and Best of Class rosette (classes 15-22)  
 David Pickett with *Eulophia keithii*, 1<sup>st</sup> Place ribbon and Best of Class rosette (classes 92-99)  
 Bob Davidson with C. Janice Evans, 1<sup>st</sup> Place ribbon and Best of Class rosette (classes 23-33)  
**Bob Davidson with *Brassia Rex 'Waiomao Spotless'*, 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon and Best of Class rosette (classes 75-88)**  
 Charles Walker with *Pleurothallis rubella*, 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon  
 Charles Walker with *Zygostates alleniana*, 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon  
 Orchid Trail with *Oncidium Sphacelatum*, 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon  
**Robin & Josh Gurlitz with *Phalaenopsis Eileen's First*, 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon**  
 Charles Walker with *Oberonia microphylla*, 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon  
 David Pickett with *Bulbophyllum saurocephalum*, 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon  
**Bob Meyer with *Lc. John Mossman 'Joe DiMaggio'*, 3d place ribbon**  
 Robin & Josh Gurlitz, the exhibit itself, 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon.

Thanks go out to all the people who loaned out orchids for the exhibit and for growing such good prize worthy plants. A big Thank you also goes out to the judges and the Roanoke society (BROS) for hosting such a wonderful show. We enjoyed meeting new (to us) orchid people from Roanoke as well as the Richmond club.



**David Picketts “*Eulophia keithii*”**  
 one of our Best In Class plants



Charles Walker created this wonderful terrarium exhibit to showcase his miniature orchids. Three of these garnered ribbons!





## Cypripedium acaule

Found on the Appalachian Trail, just west of Roanoke, May 2015.

### 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
May 11, 2015	Tom Sampliner	Bee Orchids Genus Ophrys
June 8, 2015	Robert Fuchs R&F Orchids Orchids will be for sale	<b>What's in a name?</b> Nomenclature changes for Vanda relatives
July 2015	Special Program	Details next Month

### Welcome Table

May	Anne Williams	
June	Anne Williams	





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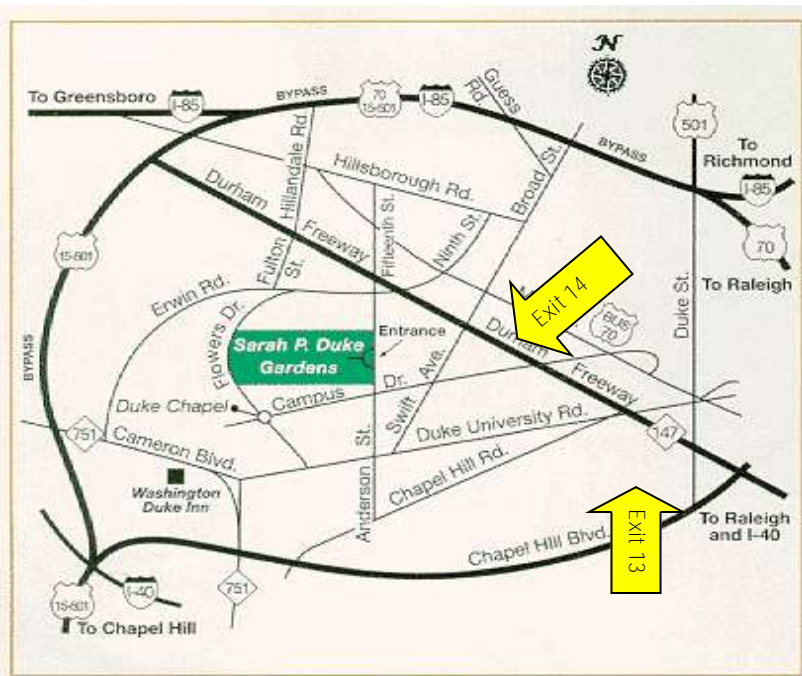
## UPCOMING ORCHID SHOW

Triangle Orchid Society, Durham, NC  
**“Fall for Orchids”**

November 20 through 22, 2015  
Sarah Duke Gardens

This is our show and there is a role for every-  
one.

Please see Harry Gallis and volunteer to help  
us have a fantastic show!!



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Sarah P. Duke Gardens,  
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The Second Monday of the Month  
at 7:30 PM

Visitors are Welcome!  
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From the East. Exit 13 on the Durham Freeway(#147)  
Head South on Chapel Hill Rd. Turn right on Anderson St.  
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From the West. Exit 14 on the Durham Freeway (147)  
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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