

March 2023 Triangle Orchid Society Newsletter: From the President's Desk



Dear TOS Members,

Spring has arrived and daylight-saving time returned this month, which means we were all deprived of 1 hour of sleep! If orchids shared human emotions, undoubtedly, they would be highly amused at our perennial effort to “save” daylight. But do not be fooled, orchids are very much preoccupied with daylight too; they are constantly registering and responding to subtle changes in the natural light/dark cycle (along with other environmental factors) and as a result many are now in flower, or coming into flower, with the coincidence of spring. Such perfect timing for our orchid show season!

Now for an apology. It goes out to all members who were expecting to join the March meeting via ZOOM. IT systems and I have a rather fraught relationship to say the least and in my blessed relief upon seeing that Mark Weathington had set up his own laptop and was all ready to roll, I inadvertently forgot about requesting the ZOOM connection. Post meeting, having explained the embarrassing situation to Mark, he very kindly provided the three videos below for your viewing. I say no more, other than enjoy these videos at your leisure and please forgive my faux pas!

Mark Weathington - Terrestrial Orchids, Sacred Lilies, and Other Choice Shade Garden Perennials - <https://youtu.be/jEinOEy56jU>

Peter Lin - Neofinetia and the Japanese Fukiran - <https://youtu.be/oe-r7y4BLJ>

Michael Hwang - East Asian Cymbidiums - <https://youtu.be/YDhcNei0Ziw>

I am pleased to tell you that TOS will be showcasing itself at the Raulston Blooms event at JCRA on Saturday, April 29, 2023, 10:00 am–3:00 pm. Feel free to swing by for a chat with orchid addicts and to help spread the good word about orchids and TOS. We shall not be selling orchids but will be looking to borrow a few scintillatingly eye-catching orchids for the information table to stop passersby dead in their tracks. And, when you have had enough orchid chat (indeed, an unlikely thing!), of course you can stroll around JCRA to take in the wondrous spring treasures in bloom, as well as participate in the other activities of the day.

Remember if you missed the first sale of the Biltmore raffle tickets at our March meeting, come join your orchid-fanatical friends at our April meeting. More raffle tickets will be on sale and Keith Davis (of ghost orchid fame) will be speaking on the topic, **Tips and Tricks for Better Growing**.

The final sale of tickets and the grand Biltmore drawing will be at our May auction so stay tuned for more information. I can hear a chorus from tickets already in the box, "Pick me, Pick me!"

Phil Brindle, TOS President

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