

Triad Orchid Society

October 2014

Officers

President

Tammy Goldberg

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Steve Davis

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Don Richman

James Curtis

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Triad Orchid Society meets the second Sunday of each month at the Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs Building on the campus of the Natural Science Center 4301 Lawndale Dr. Greensboro, NC 27455 at 1:00

October Speaker

Tom Harper

Tom began growing orchids on a windowsill in 1967. By 1975, he had registered his first orchid hybrid and founded **Stones River Orchids** as a business. A long-time supporter of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, Tom served as its President, Vice-President and *Mid-American* Editor (the MAOC newsletter).

Tom is also a founding member of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) in 1989 and has served in many responsible positions including Vice President, President, and *IPA Journal* contributor on many occasions. Currently he serves on the Board of Directors as the Immediate Past President of the Alliance and is the Southeast Region 12 Representative.

He has been an active member in the Orchid Society of Middle Tennessee since 1967 serving as President, Vice President, and Trustee.

Tom assisted in writing and editing the Phalaenopsis species section of the soft cover Ortho book entitled *Complete Guide to Orchids*. He has written several articles on Phalaenopsis for *Orchids*, *Orchid Digest* and the *IPA Journal*.

Tom has traveled coast to coast and internationally speaking on various aspects of Phalaenopsis. Tom lectured at the 16th World Orchid Conference in 1996 in Brazil, and the 19th WOC in January 2008 in Miami. Additionally, he was invited to speak in March 2005 and again in 2007 at the Taiwan International Orchid Show and Symposium in Hsinying, Taiwan, Republic of China. He returned to Taiwan in 2010 and plans to travel there again soon. Most recently, he spoke at the 15th Annual International Phalaenopsis Alliance meeting in the United Kingdom in June 2009.

In 2008, he received his first FCC/AOS on Dtps. Brother Success, 'Laura' (The highest award given by the American Orchid Society) at the Heart of Dixie Show in Huntsville, Alabama.

He has been an accredited American Orchid Society judge since 1984 and is based in the Atlanta Judging Center.

Tom will be bringing plants for sale.

Slate of Officers for 2015

The following slate of officers has been presented by the nominating committee and will be voted on at the November meeting.

President: Steve Davis

Vice-President: James Curtis

Secretary:: Betti Kinnamon

Treasurer: Gay Sharpe

Auction

The September meeting of the Triad Orchid Society was our annual auction of orchid plants, supplies, books and other orchid-related items. Plants for the auction were supplied from members, Orchid Trail and Waldor Orchids with many in gorgeous full bloom so that bidding was spirited at times. Many of the plants donated by present and former members are of exceptional quality and ones not easily obtained today. TOS's favorite auctioneer, Jack Kepley, kept everyone entertained with comments and jokes, outrageous pronunciation of plant names, interspersed with useful cultural information. Jack was ably assisted by Don Richman, Johan Goldberg, Dennis Lajeunesse and Ben Belton distributing plants to successful bidders, while Betti Kinnamon helped Annette track & tally bids. This once-a-year event is most important to raise funds for the coming year to cover the costs for hall rental (\$1600 per year) and fees for outside speakers (\$200 or more depending on travel costs) whom everyone enjoys. Your treasurer greatly appreciates all those members who came out and so generously supported the Triad Orchid Society, as well as those members who sent contributions even though they could not attend. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this important event.