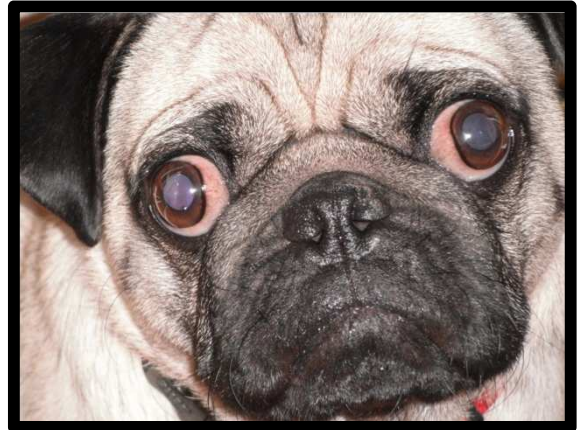




TRIAD ORCHID SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

June 2011 edition



Preview June 2011...

Hello all TOS members, on Sunday June 12th, we will be hosting Steven Frowine, who will be presenting a seminar on Mexican Orchids. Steven will be selling several of his books. Steven A. Frowine is a professional horticulturist and an active garden writer and speaker. He managed one of the largest orchid collections in the United States---over 10,000 plants. Steve has passionately grown 100's of orchids in his home for almost 40 years. He now happily resides with his wife, Sascha, and three dogs, Zoe, Tallulah, and Ben in Ajijic, Mexico where he greatly enjoys growing orchids and other tropicals outdoors, year-around. Steve holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in horticulture from Ohio State University and Cornell University respectively.
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Triad Orchid Society Meetings the Second Sunday of Every Month

Location: The Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs, Inc., 4301 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC. , 27455

Setup at noon / Potluck Lunch at 1:00 pm / Meeting at 2:00pm. New members always welcome!

Frownine Bio continued

A native of Portsmouth, Ohio, Steve Frowine has been fascinated with horticulture since his high school days. He was a student in floriculture and horticultural education at Ohio State University, and after graduating from there, he continued his education at Cornell University where he received a Master's in ornamental horticulture and horticultural education.

He then moved to Hawaii to assume the position of Supervisor of Education at Pacific Tropical Botanical Garden where he set-up an Apprentice Gardeners Training Program. Steve returned to Ohio and served for three years at The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland as Editor and Activities Coordinator. In Cleveland he was a regular guest on the popular T.V. Show, The Morning Exchange.

In 1977, Steve became the Director of the Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center in Mellon Park. In Pittsburgh he was a frequent guest on various radio and TV shows and wrote the weekly garden column for The Pittsburgh Press.

Steve next served five years as the Chairman of Indoor Horticulture at Missouri Botanical Garden. He wrote a weekly garden column for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, was a frequent guest on local T. V. and radio shows and contributed to various national horticultural publications.

In 1984 Steve joined the W. Atlee Burpee & Company, the nation's largest mail-order seed business, as its Public Relations Manager and Staff Horticulturist. He wrote articles for various national magazines and newspapers and was a guest on numerous radio and TV talk shows, including appearances on The Today Show and CBS Morning News He later served Burpee as its Nursery Merchandise Director where he developed its new catalogs of trees, shrubs, bulbs, and perennials.

In 1990, Steve joined White Flower Farm, one of the nation's top mail-order nurseries, in Litchfield, Connecticut where he served as Vice-President of horticulture. He later set up his own specialty plant business for two years called The Great Plant Company and then served as Director of Horticulture at Etera.

Steve was recently vice-president of Horticulture at International Gardening Products where he served as their chief horticultural counsel.

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Frowine Bio continued...

Steve is sought throughout the United States as a horticultural expert. He gives horticultural talks throughout the U.S. and has made various T.V. appearances including ones on Martha Stewart Living, Home Shopping Network, and HGTV. He has given over 500 lectures to horticultural societies, orchid societies, universities and botanical gardens including lectures at The American Orchid Society Headquarters, The Santa Barbara Orchid Congress, Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Chicago Botanical Garden, Missouri Botanical Garden, Longwood Gardens, Mohonk Mountain House, Callaway Gardens, Southeastern Flower Show (Atlanta), Charleston Flower Show, Nashville Antique and Garden Show, Sagamore Resort, Cleveland Flower Show, New York Botanical Garden, Williamsburg, Federation of National Wildlife, and the Federated Garden Clubs.

Steve has written over 200 articles for such publications as Fine Gardening Magazine, American Nurseryman, Nursery Business, National Gardening, NMPPro, Garden Center Management Magazine and Country Woman Magazine.

During his career he has served various professional organizations including being a Board Member of The American Association of Botanical Gardens and Garden Writers of America. Steve completed a six year term as one of six members chosen from top horticulturists from U.S. and England to be on the Visiting Committee of Longwood Gardens. He has served as a judge at most of the major Flower Shows in the U.S. including those in Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Nashville and, for several years, served as the Chairman of the Board of The National Gardening Association.

Steve is an avid gardener and is interested in many facets of horticulture and has a special love for orchids and other tropical plants. He has recently written four books on orchids. One of his books, *Orchids for Dummies*, was published by Wiley Press in March of 2005 and another one, *Fragrant Orchids*, was published by Timber Press in September 2005. *Miniature Orchids*, was published by Timber Press in Fall of 2007 and *Moth Orchids*, was published by Timber Press in the Summer of 2008. Steve did most of the photography for these books.

Steve now happily resides in Ajijic, Mexico where he enjoys growing a myriad of orchids outside in trees and in his shade house. He lectures on orchids in Mexico and throughout the US.

He will be a speaker at the World Orchid Conference in Singapore in the Fall of 2011.

We will also be a farmer's market – bring plants if you wish to sell or trade. As usual there will a great potluck lunch and good times. Hope to see everyone there.

Cheers,
Dennis

Show Table Results May 2011

Cattleya Alliance Species

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|---------------------|---------|
| 1. C. skinneri alba | Brogdon |
| 2. C. schilleriana | Davis |
| 3. Epi. ciliare | Harris |

Cattleya Alliance Hybrids

Small Flower

- | | |
|--------------------|--------|
| 1. Lc. Rojo | Harris |
| 2. C. unknown | Dennis |
| 3. Slc. Ann Komine | Anglin |

Cattleya Alliance Hybrids

Large Flower

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|----------------------|---------|
| 1. Lc. Marcia Foster | Davis |
| 2. C. Shenendoah | Brogdon |

Phalaenopsis

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Phal. Tsay's Evergreen | Goldberg |
| 2. Doritis pulcherrima x chibae | Goldberg |
| 3. Phal Mikken | Goldberg |

Paphiopedilum

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|---------------------|---------|
| 1. Paph. Dark Spell | Dennis |
| 2. Paph. Pisar | Brogdon |
| 3. Paph. druryi | Brogdon |

Phragmipedium

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| 1. Phrag. Living Fire | Brogdon |
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Dendrobium

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. Den. unicum | Harris |
| 2. Den. Gatton Sunray | Harris |
| 3. Den. wasselli | Goldberg |



Oncidium

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| 1. Milt. Pearl Ono | Kinnamon |
| 2. Mtdm. Red Brick Road | Richman |

Vandaceous

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| 1. Ascda. Princess Mikasa | Brogdon |
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Miscellaneous Genera

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| 1. Masd. Machu Picchu | Goldberg |
| 2. Lockhartia serra | Brogdon |
| 3. Chilochista lumifera | Harris |

Best Species

Epi. ciliare **Harris**

Best Specimen

C. skinneri alba **Brogdon**

Best Flower

Masd. Machu Picchu **Goldberg**

Speaker Schedule 2011

Speaker	Date	Topic
Steve Frownie	June 12 th , 2011	<i>Phalaenopsis</i>
Bill Toms	July 10 th , 2011	The Show Table
Linda Thorn	August 7 th , 2011	Mounted Orchids
Auction	September 11th	
Fred Clarke	October 9 th , 2011	Paphiopedilums

May 2011 Speaker Recap: Keith Davis

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Last month the TOS had the pleasure of Keith Davis as our speaker. Keith has been growing orchids for over 25 years and has one of the largest collections of Cattleya orchids in the world and the distinction of being one of the best growers of these orchids. Keith does grow other orchids in his greenhouse including a certain famous FCC "ghost orchid", which has graced the pages of AOS Orchid magazine. What distinguishes Keith from many growers is a fantastic sense of ingenuity and insight into growing orchids; every time I talk with him I learn something. His talk last month was no different. Keith showed us simple and simply smart ways to prepare for dividing a plant. By allowing a new growth to extend off one plant and grow into a separate pot while slowly adding new media, one can ensure that both the old plant and new plant will survive and thrive. Regarding hanging pots, Keith demonstrated clever blow torch measures to secure plastic pots onto wire hangers. By bending and angling the ends of a wire hanger over the edge of the pot such that the triangular space between the wires is below the pots edge one can prevent the orchid from finding a way to grown under the wire – which they inevitably will. By heating the ends of the wire with blow torch, tucking the tips into the plastic pots side, and then rapidly cooling with a spritz of water, one forces the wire to dig into the pot's side, securing the wire permanently (the water prevents too big of a hole). No more falling hazards with this method. Keith is a member of our society and his talk was great. We are fortunate as a society to have many great growers like Keith and as a society we all can become better growers by learning from them. Perhaps in the future we need to sign more of them up to give seminars.

Dear Society Members,

I am passing along information concerning some of the items I talked about last Sunday at our meeting. If you have further questions, please email me and I will be glad to help (dowiana51@gmail.com). Also, I want to thank all the hard working members that take their time to set up, take down and do whatever is needed to make sure the society meetings work and run smoothly. It is a lot of dedication and hard work. I would encourage all members to help out as you can so that just a few do not have to do all the work. I greatly enjoyed talking with you last Sunday and hope you had fun as well.....Keith Davis

1. The pencil I talked about that marks on labels so well was purchased in the art drawing section at Michaels on Battleground near the Home Depot. It is GENERAL'S LAYOUT, EXTRA DARK #555. It came in a package with 3 or 4 other pencils.

2. I get most of my supplies from Tropical Plant Products in Orlando Fl. Their phone # is 407--293--2451. They do not have the plastic pot rhizome clips listed, but they can get them from the people that make them for you. The people that make them are named HICKS. They also have a supply business called HICKS ORCHID SUPPLIES. Their number is 407--493--3064, email is: hicksj0430@bellsouth.net

3. The industrial marker that seems to work so well and does not fade is purchased from KELLEY'S ORCHID SUPPLIES. Their # is 603--673--9524. Web site is: www.kkorchid.com They also have nice labels.

4. The clippers I have that have lasted so well and cut really good are sold by A. M. LEONARD. There is a web site and you can request a large master catalog for all their supplies. The clippers are called SLIMMER TRIMMER HAND SHEARS, # 562. They are listed at \$28.99 but are well worth it.

.....hope this helps.....sincerely.....Keith Davis