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Smaller leaf of crane fly orchid (left) is sometimes burgundy-colored compared to the larger, silver-striped, pleated leaf of puttyroot orchid (right).

FLORA
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Mark several separate plants or populations, because, typical of native terrestrial orchids, they may flower several years in succession or they may sit out a year or two. Each summer's discovery is a special treat. But every summer, some of them are flowering somewhere.

Crane fly has a close cousin, *Aplectrum hymale*, sometimes called Adam-and-Eve orchid, because it has a tuberous root of a pair of swollen segments, and sometimes called

putty root, because the crushed corms produce a mucilaginous fluid that was used by pioneers as a mending agent for cracked pottery.

This orchid has a life cycle similar to the crane fly orchid. You will have to keep a really keen eye focused to find the single leaf of puttyroot, because it occurs much less frequently, preferring a less acidic soil than is typical of most of our forests.

Locally, I've seen puttyroots scattered in the alluvial (flood plain) forest of the Triangle Land Conservancy's Johnson Mill natural area between

Turkey Farm and Mt. Sinai roads north of Chapel Hill. The leaf is about three times larger than that of crane fly and is distinguished by silvery stripes along the veins of an accordion-like pleated leaf. As with the crane fly orchid, you'll have to make careful notes of where you find this leaf in the winter if you want to return to see it in flower in the early summer. It flowers a month or two earlier than its cousin.

So go walking now and plan your strategy for seeing these seldom-noticed forest beauties during the summer months.



Roland Giduz in his prime, fall 2007

Chapel Hill photographer Catherine Carter called him a "town treasure." The village of Chapel Hill that he helped grow into a unique little city gave him about every honor it could think of. To me, Roland Giduz was one of my Chapel Hill daddies — one of a precious handful of older newspapermen who made sure that my internal journalist's moral compass was locked in on true north — men who gave me their indelible stamp of modeling and the generosity of time. I am not alone. An SRO congregation at his memorial service Monday testified to what VilCom President Jim Heavner wrote back in a November email, alerting Roland's friends of his final days.

Heavner might have been speaking for all of us when he said his friendship with Roland was "born of my deep respect for his work as a journalist. Even though Roland is 14-15 years older than I am, he and I bonded long ago in our mutual involvement in local news and community projects ... his view of a requirement for relentless objectivity in the way he covered stories was an inspiration to me, and I aspire to his standard." So farewell to the 83-year-old self-professed "notorious hometown ne'er-do-well" who we shall always remember for his energy, charm and humility — a man who *Daily Tar Heel* general manager Kevin Schwartz calls "Mr. Chapel Hill." Amen and amen.



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