



Purplish winter leaves of cranefly orchids are common along local woodland trails. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

FLORA
FROM PAGE 1

Spotting a single leaf or two of cranefly here and there — or sometimes an informal line or mat of up to a dozen individual leaves — is easy. The two-to-four-inch-long ovate or egg-shaped leaves are characteristically burgundy or purplish in color. Often the upper leaf surface may be green, but the lower surface is distinctively purplish.

The puttyroot leaf is larger, four to six inches, and elliptic

shaped. Distinguished with white-streaked veins, the leaf surface looks like a miniature accordion barely spread open. The underside of the leaf is sometimes purplish.

The crushed corms of puttyroot produce a sticky fluid that was sometimes used by pioneers to mend cracked pottery — but there are certainly not enough plants for such use today! Some folks call it Adam-and-Eve orchid, because the tuberous root is a pair of swollen corms suggesting a somewhat romantic notion.

If you want to see either

of these terrestrial orchids in flower, you will have to make note of their locations now so you'll know precisely where to look when you return in the summer to catch them. (Images of cranefly orchid flowers from past Flora stories can be viewed on *The Citizen* website.)

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

I've been fortunate to spot lots of the cranefly orchids in flower during July and August, but I've never caught puttyroot in flower. Last summer, I went to my marked locations to discover I was a month late. Now I know to go searching earlier, during May and June.

Locally, I've seen puttyroots scattered in the alluvial forest of Triangle Land Conservancy's Johnston Mill Nature Preserve and I've spotted them on some of the bluffs above the Eno River. If you explore different trails with a keen eye, you'll eventually discover some.

Email Ken Moore at flora@carrborocitizen.com.



Valentines at CHHS, 1963

Before yr hmbl svt knew better than to nuke everything with his flash, we made this photograph of the 1963 CHHS Sweetheart Court for the school newspaper, the *Proconian*. Posing behind a red plush heart borrowed from Robins Department Store, the Sweethearts are, clockwise from front, Jane Graham, Carol Cheek, Sue Tyree (maid of honor), Linda Dixon and Beth Marley (queen).

WATER WATCH OUR RESERVOIRS ARE 70.10% FULL

PRECIP THIS MONTH:	1.66"	PAST 12 MONTHS:	35.36"
CUSTOMER DEMAND	MON: 6.996 million gallons / Monthly avg: 6.90 million gallons		
ESTIMATED SUPPLY:	362 days worth		



A THOUSAND WORDS
BY JOCK LAUTERER

Do you have an important old photo that you value? Email your photo to jock@email.unc.edu and include the story behind the picture. Because every picture tells a story. And its worth? A thousand words.

WORKERS
FROM PAGE 1

But in later questioning from the committee, Norris stated that he had learned from an investigator hired by the town that Stroud was going to his boss, Harv Howard, with complaints about Clark, but that they went no further.

"During the investigation, it was brought to my attention that Mr. Stroud had communicated with Mr. Howard and nothing was done," Norris said. Howard has since been let go by the town.

Clark denied the claims of intimidating behavior.

"They'd have you believe that I was out there acting like a maniac," Clark said.

Of Johnson and Jones' allegations, he said that growing up in Chapel Hill he'd learned that as a black man it was important to be careful how you acted around a white woman.

"If I'd done all that, I wouldn't be in this hearing," he said. "I'd be in jail."

Clark defended his efforts to organize town employees with UE Local 150, which has supported workers who have filed grievances, saying, "I don't see the problem with people wanting to sit down and better themselves."

He said waste-collection drivers try to save time on their routes and that as a result "there's a high risk of someone getting hurt."

Clark and Bigelow were seen by town management as the two primary organizers for the union, McSurely said. They were denied representation in their meetings with management regarding their suspensions, he said, and subsequently weren't allowed on town property.

"What was the rush to get them fired?" McSurely said. "The rush was that the union was building a movement at the same time and had a big meeting scheduled for the same day they fired them."

The Personnel Appeals Committee, comprised of Chapel Hill residents, has until Feb. 17 to make a recommendation regarding whether Bigelow should be rehired and until Feb. 23 for Clark. Those nonbinding recommendations will be presented to Town Manager Roger Stancil, who will make the final decision on both men.

WEIGHT-LOSS SURGERY ISN'T JUST ABOUT THE POUNDS YOU LOSE, IT'S ABOUT THE LIFE YOU GAIN.



Studies have shown that weight-loss surgeries can lead to better health, which in turn leads to a higher quality of life and increased lifespan. Please call us to enroll in one of our easily accessible weekly information and learning sessions where members of UNC Health Care's team—one of the nation's leading bariatric groups—will provide details on the options for weight-loss surgery and the benefits of UNC's highly personalized approach. Our weight loss clinics are now conveniently located at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill and near SouthPoint Mall in Durham.



Call to learn about our weekly information sessions held at convenient locations and times: (919) 966-8436

www.uncweightlosssurgery.org

