



The South Carolina Orchid Society

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Orchid Society*

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Best Exhibit Award at Asheville Show went to Krull Smith Orchids, with multiple Best of Class and AOS quality awards. *Photo, Dave Grieve.*

General Meeting Information

The South Carolina Orchid Society meets at 12:30 PM on the third Sunday of each month, excluding June and December. Our meetings are usually held at the Garden Clubs' Council of Greater Columbia building at Maxcy Gregg Park (corner of Blossom and Pickens Streets) in Columbia, SC. There is a short business meeting, an orchid program, raffle or sale plants, and a Show and Tell Table where members bring blooming plants and those attending can ask culture questions. **Visitors are welcome** and inquiries regarding the meeting may be directed to the Society's Secretary at (803)643-9542, pamkolb@atlanticbb.net.

May 1 Meeting Information

The annual SCOS Picnic and Auction will be the April-May program and will take place May 1 at Carolina Orchids, the home of Tom and Shan Nasser. **NOTE THERE IS NO APRIL MEETING** due to the auction and picnic date falling on the first of May. Please bring a covered dish side item – salad, appetizer, veggies, dessert, or any favorite dish to share. The Society and Carolina Orchids will provide BBQ pork loin, chicken, and baked beans. You

American Orchid Society's Monthly Judging Information

The American Orchid Society's Carolinas Judging Center is located at the Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs building at the rear of the Natural Science Center at 4301 Lawndale Dr., Greensboro, NC. Plants are accepted for judging at 10:15 AM-12:30PM on the third Saturday of each month. For more information contact Stan Hutto, Judging Center Chair, 831 Muddy Springs Rd., Lexington SC 29073, (803) 359-3680. Cell (803) 463-5638.

may (and should!) arrive early to visit the greenhouses to find regular sale items and view the auction plants before the bidding starts. Members are encouraged to bring plants to donate to the auction since this is a prime money maker for the Society, funding our annual orchid show. Members are also encouraged to bring guests that might be interested in learning more about our group and having a great afternoon of orchids and friendly orchid bidding competition. There will be lots of great plants from members' collections, augmented by some of the many unusual and choice plants from the Nassers' greenhouses. The meal will be served at noon, followed by the auction.

RECAP: Bring a chair if you have one, a side dish to share, any plants you have to donate to the auction, and a checkbook or cash for purchasing those choice plants that are sure to turn up on the auction tables! **Directions to picnic are on page 5!!!**

March Meeting Minutes

President David Janvrin called the meeting to order at 12:33 pm on 20 March 2016. We had one guest Trish Cooley, a friend of Laurie Pilcher.

Treasurer Dave Grieve reported that we had a net decrease in funds of \$774.13 in February, primarily due to show expenses. A full accounting was provided in the March Newsletter but the total funds remaining in the Society account is \$7217.81.

There was no Secretary's Report due to the absence of our Secretary. The report was included in the Newsletter.

David Janvrin made the following announcements:

1. SCOS will have an exhibit at the AOS Member meeting in Asheville, 15-17 April. Stan indicated the display would be a table top and asked that

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members who would not be going up to Asheville, to bring their plants to his home on Monday before the set up on Wed the 13th. Dave Grieve will assist in bringing plants and setting up. The Asheville show and meetings were discussed and members planning on attending were encouraged to visit <http://www.wncos.org/2016-orchid-festival/> for details.

2. Our next meeting will be 1 May for the annual picnic and auction at Carolina Orchids in Ft Mill. This meeting will serve as both our April and May meetings. Please bring a covered side item. The Society and Carolina Orchids will provide the BBQ chicken. You can arrive early to

visit the greenhouses and view the auction plants. Bring plants to donate to the auction since this is a prime money maker for the Society. The meal will be served at noon, followed by the auction.

3. There is no meeting in June because of the conflict with Father's Day.
4. The Breezy Hill Orchid Festival will be held 24-26 June at Steve Arthur Orchids, 23 Glass House Rd, Graniteville, 29829. Complete details have not yet been published but AOS Orchid judging will be available.



The SCOS exhibit at Asheville Show done by Dave and Judy Grieve, with plants sent by Grieves, Nassers, Lou Ann Caron, and Pam Kolb. Photo, Dave



Cary considers a sale plant at the March meeting. Photo, Dave Grieve.

Vice President Alleene Smith introduced our speaker, Tom Wise of John's Island Orchids.

Tom's topic was "A Bakers' Dozen—Thirteen Orchids for Southern

Growers".

First on his list was **Cattleya aclandiae and hybrids**. These Brazilian bifoliate have received hundreds of awards and do very well mounted on a stick or the side of a pot.

Second is **Bc. Maikai**, a primary hybrid of *B. nodosa* x *C. bowringiana*. This plant grows like a weed. Two popular cultivars are 'Mayumi' and 'Louise'. Bc. Maikai is one of the "every orchid grower should have at least one" plants.

Third is **Cattleya intermedia**, a Brazilian coastal species whose range extends from Rio de Janeiro south to Brazil's border into Uruguay. One particularly nice plant is *Cattleya intermedia* var. *coerulea* 'Celeste' HCC/AOS. The aquinii form has splash petals and is widely used in breeding.

Number 4 is **Cattleya Beaufort and hybrids**. Beaufort is a cross between *Cattleya coccinea* and *Cattleya luteola*. This cross makes smaller, heat tolerant Cats. Any cultivars with the name 'Elmwood' are particularly nice.

Fifth is hybrid **Coelogyne Unchained Melody**—often misidentified as *mossiae* (a species); it is a primary hybrid of *Coel. cristata* and *Coel. flaccida*.

Sixth is easy to grow **Dendrochilum species** like *filiforme*, *glumaceum*, *latifolium*, and others. He remembered a very large *wenzelii* at the 2015 SCOS Riverbanks show.

Number 7 is **Paphiopedilum sub-genus Parvisepalum**. Sometimes known as "Toilet Bowl" orchids because of the wide lip pouch. Tom grows these in Lava Rock. He is fond of *armeniaceum* and *delenatii*. Tom Nasser had two *delenatii* on the show table.

Number 8 is the Southeast Asian **Paphiopedilum sub-genus Sigmatopetalum cultivars**. These

plants are very good for heat and humidity. Paph. Macabre (Paph. sukhalukii x Paph Voodoo Magic) has 196 awards.



Alan-Jon talks about the crane fly orchid (*Tipularia discolor*) that he has on his property. *Photo, Dave Grieve.*

Number 9 is the **Dendrobium Nobile Hybrids**. Normally Carter and Holmes has many of these. Notable are Stardust (Den. unicum x Den. Ukon) and Super Ise (Den. Super Star x Den. Ise). He said if you only have one Nobile type Dendrobium in your collection, it should be Den. Dream 'Ace'. This plant grows like a weed, blooms several times a year and he did have one for sale

Number 10 is **Neofinetia falcata and hybrids**. These are ideal for people who want vandaceous plants that can be grown on a small scale in a home. Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Bluebird' is a really good growing plant. Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom (*Neofinetia falcata* x *Ascocentrum ampullaceum*) is also a good choice.

Number 11 is smaller **Angraecums**: compactum and leonis. These compact plants and flowers can take heat and high humidity.

Number 12 is **Bulbophyllums**. These warm growers comprise the largest genus in the Orchid Kingdom—but be careful which plant you choose because some have very strong and disagreeable scents. He recommends *Bulbophyllum lobbii* 'Kathy's Gold'.

And, number 13 is “**What ever works best for you**”. He says don't waste time and money on plants that don't work for you. When possible choose primary hybrids to work with. He finished up with a few culture tips:

----Potting media. If what you have works, don't change it. He uses primarily Lava Rock but it needs to be well drained and it can hold a deceptively large amount of water so take care not to over water. He has not had good luck with cypress mulch mix.

----Clay pots are not all the same. Be careful of ones that are not 100% terracotta. Those don't wick as well as the older type..

----Use quality sphagnum, he likes the products from New Zealand.

----Use a fertilizer with a low middle number (phosphorus).

----Orchids have a front and back: make sure the front is facing the sun.

Minutes and program notes by David Grieve for Pam Kolb.

Congratulations to Tom and Shan Nasser who won an Award of Merit (AM) from the American Orchid Society for their Bulbophyllum species at the Asheville Show!!! It was a single flower and is at the bottom right in the exhibit photo on page 3.

**March
Treasurer's Report
(D. Grieve)**

Monies 1/1/16	\$7217.81
4 YR. B of A CD	\$4459.96
B of A checking	\$2720.85
Cash on Hand	\$37.00
Receipts	\$70.00
Membership	\$45.00
Donation	\$25.00
Expenditures	\$280.00
Speaker Fee	\$230.00
Judging Expenses	\$50.00
Monies 3/31/16	\$7007.81
4 YR. B of A CD	\$4459.96
B of A checking	\$2510.85
Cash on Hand	\$37.00
Net Change	-\$210.00



Tom Nasser with his Lycaste at the March Show and Tell. *Photo, Dave Grieve.*



The SCOS exhibit after judging. Note the white paper at bottom right. That is the AOS judging award sheet for the Nasser's Bulbophyllum. It gives the judges' official measurements of the flower, the point score done by the judges, and the rationale for awarding it the honor. It also gave the Nassers another name for the plant based on the flowering season! *Photo, Dave Grieve.*

***May Picnic and Auction
Directions***

Tom and Shan's Phones: 803-548-1682, 803-207-0187

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Carolina Orchids from Columbia, SC: North on I-77 to exit 88. Turn left on Gold Hill Rd. Go 0.3 miles to 2nd stoplight; turn right on Pleasant Rd. Go 1.4 miles to our driveway on left (after Beacon Knoll subdivision on right.)

Carolina Orchids from Greenville, SC: North on I-85 toward Charlotte. Exit 30 on I-485 (toward Columbia) then I-77S. At I-77 Exit 90, turn right on Carowinds Blvd. Go 0.7 miles to stoplight in front of Carowinds rollercoasters. Turn left on Pleasant Road. Go 1.4 miles to Carolina Orchids on right (just past entrance to Catawba Village townhouses). If you reach Beacon Knoll subdivision on your left, you went 200 feet too far.

Carolina Orchids from Charlotte, NC: South on I-77 to exit 90. R on Carowinds Blvd. Go 0.7 miles to stoplight in front of Carowinds rollercoasters. Turn left on Pleasant Road. Go 1.4 miles to Carolina Orchids on right (just past entrance to Catawba Village townhouses). If get to Beacon Knoll subdivision on your left, you went 200 feet too far.

There will be no June meeting due to Father's Day!