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**'Pink Marvel' AM/AOS**

# South Carolina Orchid Society

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## October 2023 Program

The next SCOS Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 15th at 12:30 PM. We will meet at the new Garden Club Council Building, 1605 Park Circle, Maxcy Gregg Park, Columbia, SC.

Our October speaker is Steve Arthur. Steve, who is from Graniteville, SC, has been growing orchids for well over 40 years. Steve has a background in science and has previously worked for the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta and with the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs for thirteen years doing research on animal tissue culture. For eight years, he taught middle school science in a private Catholic school in Augusta. He owns and operates Steve Arthur Orchids and has built a new orchid lab in Edgefield County where he propagates orchid from seed and also performs mericlone. He is also an accredited AOS Judge and loves parrots.

This month's program focuses on viruses. Orchids are susceptible to a variety of ailments that can adversely affect their development and diminish the quality of their leaves and flowers. The most important of these include fungi, bacteria and viruses.

Approximately 30 different viruses have been reported infecting orchids in various regions of the world. Of those, Odontoglossum ringspot virus (ORSV) and Cymbidium mosaic virus (CyMV) are considered the most problematic due to their prevalence, worldwide occurrence and the severe symptoms they can induce in several orchid genera, often reducing their vigor, lowering flower quality and leading to economic losses.

Mixed infections are quite common, because these viruses have similar biological and epidemiological characteristics and are frequently transmitted together.

### UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS

**SCOS Orchid Auction—Nov. 19th**  
**SCOS Elections—Nov. 19th**

**South Carolina Orchid Society—**  
**April 26—28, 2024**

### 2023 SCOS Elections

Per our by-laws, elections are held in November. We have four positions that need to be filled.

After many years of dedicated service, Dave Grieve has decided to step down as treasurer at the end of 2023. This is a key leadership position for the SCOS. The treasurer is responsible for keeping the books, paying speakers, collecting dues, providing a monthly treasurer's report, and membership list and contacts.

Also open is the secretary position. The secretary records minutes of our meetings. Thank you Alleene for your service!

We also have two positions open for the SCOS board of directors. Thank you to Loretta Rocker and Rachel Long as their terms are expiring at the end of the year.

If you are interested in assisting with the nominating committee or running for one of the open positions please contact Mark Mull, Stan Hutto, or Carrie Wood.

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### General Meeting Information

The South Carolina Orchid Society meets at 12:30 PM on the third Sunday of each month at the Garden Club Council building, 1605 Park Circle, Maxcy Gregg Park, Columbia, SC. There is a short business meeting, an orchid program, raffle plants, and a Show and Tell Table.

**Visitors are welcome.**

**Treasurer's Report September 2023**

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**2023**

Rodger Winn

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**Treasurers Report**

**Sep-23**

**Monies at beginning of Sep 2023**

**\$5,002.35**

Bank of America 4 Yr CD \$4,522.08

BOA Checking and Cash \$480.27

**Receipts**

**\$68.00**

Raffle \$48.00

Membership \$20.00

**Expenditures**

**\$0.00**

None \$0.00

**Monies at end of Sep 2023**

**\$5,070.35**

Bank of America 4 Yr CD \$4,522.08

BOA Checking and Cash \$548.27

**Net change since 1 Sep 2023**

**\$68.00**



*Above: Tony Casler's Pot. Very Vermillion 'SVO' x Pot. Circle of Pot. Circle of Nine 'SVO Perfection'*



*Above: Jan Schuler and Blc. Amy Wakasugi 'Cathy'*



*Above: Show & Tell Cattleya*



*Above: Carrie Wood's Blc. Lake Murray 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS*

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Also check out our Facebook and Instagram pages

## The American Orchid Society is there for You!

[www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

**FREE Webinars & Greenhouse Chats**

Join the global community of orchid-growers on AOS' one-of-a-kind webinars where the world's top orchid experts share the latest in orchid research and valuable information on caring for your orchids.

### The next Webinars:

**Tues., October 12th @ 8:30 –9:30 PM EST** Lycaste, Current Trends in Hybridizing and Judging.

**Tues., October 17th @ 8:30 PM EST**

Greenhouse Chat

For more information on this program, culture info, and events of interest to orchid growers.

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## September 2023 Minutes

President Mark Mull opened the meeting by welcoming guests and making announcements of upcoming events.

At the October meeting, Steve Arthur will discuss orchid viruses. The November meeting, on 11/15, will be our annual auction, plus election of new officers and board members. SCOS members are encouraged to donate plants and orchid-related items for the auction. The proceeds of the auction pay for speaker expenses and our annual orchid show.

Our speaker for the September meeting was Vice-President Stan Hutto who spoke about recognizing more desirable orchids when upgrading an orchid collection as you run out of growing space or simply improving the quality of orchids in a collection. The program talked about AOS awards and what judges consider to be superior characteristics in a variety of common groups of orchids. While everyone grows orchids for their own personal reasons, many growers enjoy displaying their orchids and entering them in shows. This hopefully leads to plants receiving AOS awards which are given to superior plants. To receive a First Class Certificate, a plant must have a score of 90 points or above. An Award of Merit is given to plants scoring 79.5-89.5, and Highly Commended Certificates are given to plants scoring 75-79 points. For Cattleyas, up to 30 points can be awarded for form (fullness and roundness of blossoms, absence of gaps between petals and sepals, and size and roundness of lips).



*Vanda YiYi*

Up to 30 points can be given for the color of blossoms (clarity of color, brightness). Points can be deducted for muddy colors. Up to 40 points can be awarded for other characteristics such as texture, substance, floriferousness, orientation of blossoms, and strong stems supporting the blossoms. Awarded plants are valuable in a collection, as are plants with sentimental value to the grower.

After Stan's presentation, SCOS members displayed their orchids on the show and tell table, the monthly raffle was held, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alleene Smith, Secretary

### SCOS Upcoming Speakers

October 2023— Steve Arthur—Orchid Viruses

November 2023—Elections & Auction



*Vanda Ploenpit Prize*