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# South Carolina Orchid Society

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## November Program Elections & Auction

The next SCOS Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19th at 12:30 PM. We will meet at the Garden Club Council Building, 1605 Park Circle, Maxcy Gregg Park, Columbia, SC.

### UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS

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

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

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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.**

We will open at 11:30 AM with 1 hour to register to bid and preview the items.

We will hold elections at 12:30 PM for the open leadership positions for 2024 and 2025. Current position openings and those showing interest in the open positions are:

- President—Clay Owens
- Treasurer—Mark Mull
- Secretary—Carrie Woods
- Board of Directors 1—Tony Casler
- Board of Directors 2— Pami Hagan
- Board of Directors 3—Shannon Culp

If you are interested in running for any of the above positions now is the time to let us know your interest as currently everyone is running unopposed.

After our elections we will hold our annual plant auction. We again have a wide assortment of orchids, supplies, framed art and handcrafted orchid pots. There is something for everyone! And who doesn't want a pretty orchid ( or two or three or four or more) for the holidays!

All money raised goes to help underwrite the 2024 South Carolina Orchid Show, help us keep presenting amazing monthly programs for the public and our members, and to support the Carolina's Judging Center.

### Looking back on 2023

It's hard to believe we are closing in on the end of 2023. I hope you had a good spring, summer, and fall growing season. We now enter the coldest and darkest time of the year. I will admit the next several months are not my favorites. Much like our orchids, I prefer the warmer weather. Amazingly, the cold and shorter days signal many orchids to begin sending out flower spikes and the resulting blooms can help cheer us up during the cold and dark days of winter.

The SCOS had a great 2023. It was our first full year back since 2019 due to Covid-19 wreaking havoc in 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Stan lined up several great speakers /programs during the year. Clay revamped our social media presence through the web page, Facebook, and Instagram. We participated in several orchid shows (Greensboro, Asheville, and Raleigh) and our own South Carolina Orchid Show was brought back in April. Our first since 2019. The SCOS show received a great deal of positive feedback from the participating societies, judges, vendors, and attendees. And most important we have gained several new members as a result of these efforts.

## Treasurer's Report October 2023

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**2023**

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**Treasurers Report**

**Oct-23**

<b>Monies at beginning of NOV 2023</b>		<b>\$5,002.35</b>
Bank of America 4 Yr CD	\$4,522.08	
BOA Checking and Cash	\$480.27	
<b>Receipts</b>		<b>\$63.00</b>
Raffle	\$48.00	
Membership	\$15.00	
<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>\$625.00</b>
GCCGC Dues	\$425.00	
Speaker fee	\$200.00	
<b>Monies at end of Nov 2023</b>		<b>\$4,865.35</b>
Bank of America 4 Yr CD	\$4,522.08	
BOA Checking and Cash	\$343.27	
<b>Net change since 1 Oct 2023</b>		<b>-\$137.00</b>



*Above: Jeanne Hudson & Cattleya*



*Above: Karl Lee*



*Above: Tom Carter & Cattleya*



*Above: Speaker Steve Arthur and a virus free Brassavola*

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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:

**Sunday, Nov. 12th @ 9:00 AM—2:00 PM EST** Orchids for the Holidays

**Weds. Nov. 15th @ 8:30 PM EST**

Brassavola

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

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## October 2023 Minutes

President Mark Mull opened the meeting with a slide presentation from the Triangle Orchid Society show on September 8-10, 2023.

The November 19 meeting will be the annual SCOS auction. In addition to plants, other items such as orchid art, pots, mounting branches, cork mounts, and a LED table top grow house will be auctioned. Proceeds of the auction will pay for the April SCOS show, speakers, and field trip, and other SCOS expenses.

The February meeting could possibly be a field trip to Carter and Holmes on Saturday, 2/24.

Vice President Stan Hutto introduced our speaker, AOS accredited judge and long-time orchid grower Steve Arthur, who spoke about viruses.

The first plants known to be virused were tulips. During the 1600's, when tulips were prized and much sought after, red tulips with white stripes caused by a virus were spread worldwide by tulip collectors. Tobacco mosaic virus (TMV) was discovered in the 1880's. Today, viruses are causing problems in coconuts and bananas.

In orchids, at least 30 different viruses have been reported. However, testing is commonly used to identify only the two most common viruses, Cymbidium mosaic virus and Odontoglossum ringspot virus. Testing in 1994 revealed that 25% of commercially grown orchids in Hawaii were infected.

Scientific American published an article, "The Other Orchid Thief," in the 1990's about orchid viruses. The article and photos can be read at [The Other Orchid Thief: Virus Ravages the Popular Flower \[Slide Show\] - Scientific American](#)

The main vector for spreading viruses among orchids is people, although chewing insects such as grasshoppers and caterpillars can also spread viruses. Orchids in the wild are almost never infected because they have not been

vegetatively divided. Seedlings are less likely than mature plants to be infected because they have not been handled. Orchid viruses are RNA viruses, which are very stable viruses. The only way they can infect a plant is through a fresh break in tissue, which occurs when repotting or cutting plants. Viruses can live for up to 30 days on hands or clothing, so it is important to wear gloves when handling plants. The best way to prevent spread of viruses in a collection is to observe strict hygiene practices in growing areas. Tools should be sterilized and pots should be soaked in a bleach solution before reuse. Diseased or suspicious plants should be destroyed or isolated.

Leaf lesions that appear to be symptoms of viruses can also be caused by fungus. Sue Bottom, a member of the St. Augustine Orchid Society, wrote an article in *Orchids*, November 2018, detailing the similarities and differences between viral and fungal lesions.

After Steve's presentation, SCOS members showed off their orchids on the Show and Tell table, a small raffle was held, and the meeting was adjourned.

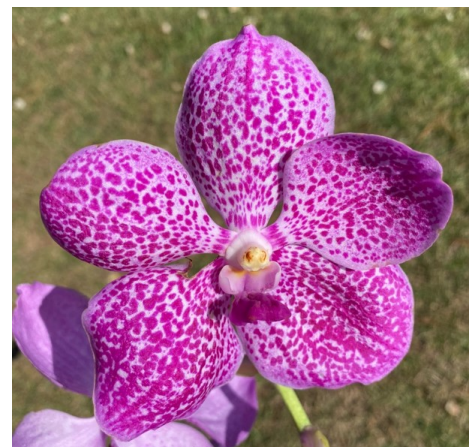
Respectfully submitted,  
Alleene Smith, Secretary

## SCOS Upcoming Speakers

December 2023— No Meeting

January 21, 2024—TBD

February 18, 2024—@Carter & Holmes



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