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UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS

Virginia Orchid Society Show—
Richmond, VA Feb. 28—March 2

Blue Ridge Orchid Show Feb. 20-
22

Atlanta Orchid Show—March 7-9

Asheville Orchid Society March
28-30

Show & Tell and Raffle

We will also have show and tell. Bring in your blooming orchid and tell us about it. Or a mystery or problem plant where you can ask questions. Limit 2 plants.

We ask guests and members to bring in any donations for our raffle table. It could be something you divided. Something that has grown too big for your growing space. Something that bloomed and you went—Meh....Give it a new home.

2024 Dues

It is time again to pay your annual dues to support our ongoing efforts of the South Carolina Orchid Society. Cost:

Single membership \$20

Student \$15

Joint membership \$25

(two people at the same address)

Commercial \$30

Make checks payable to: South Carolina Orchid Society

Please bring cash or check to the February Meeting, or mail one to

Mark Mull, 723 Fairway Lakes Road,
Greenwood, SC 29649

February Program— Hands On repotting class—

Sunday 16th, 1:00 PM

New Time—Based on feedback, we are adjusting the starting time of the meeting to 1:00 PM. This is to give everyone more time for morning tasks, and time before the meeting starts to enjoy snacks, socialize, and examine the show & tell, and raffle plants.

Time to Re-pot. We are holding a hands on repotting class.

1. Bring in one plant you would like to re-pot
 - It might be in old media and time to refresh?
 - It might have overgrown its current pot?
 - It might not be thriving and needs a change?
 - Maybe it needs a new fancy pot?
2. If you already have a new pot or mount, bring that with you. If you don't have one, we will have a variety available for you to use.
3. We will help you assess your plant and determine what it needs: clean it up, trim it up, and best media for the care you will give it.
4. We will provide a variety of media for you to use and some experienced growers to help answer questions and aid in the repotting of your orchid.

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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 Feb. 1, 2025

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Board Members 2025

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Money at the end of December	\$12,297.71
Memberships	\$490.00
January Raffle	\$165.00
Grower Challenge	\$322.00
Money at the end of January	\$13,274.71
 Note: Awaiting Venmo	 \$116.00
Awaiting invoice Carter& Holmes	



Above: Cattleya Mini Purple



Above: Vanda My EmiLu



Above: Visitor with long arching Phalaenopsis @ show and Tell



Above: Carrie Wood @ show and Tell

We are on the WEB!

<http://southcarolinaorchidsociety.org/>

Also check out our Facebook and Instagram pages

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The American Orchid Society is there for You!

www.aos.org

FREE Webinars & Greenhouse Chats

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

The next Webinars:

Weds. Feb 12th @ 8:30 PM EST Inorganic Potting Media: Never repot again Part 2.

Weds. March 5th @ 8:30 PM EST Why Won't it Bloom?

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

<http://www.aos.org/>

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Also check out our Facebook and Instagram pages

January Meeting

The January meeting began with recognition of the chair people and current board members voted in our November election.

Mark Mull gave a recap of the society financials: in 2024 we had revenues of ~\$11k, expenditures of ~\$9k, and net gain of \$2k. Revenues were mainly from membership dues, the April orchid show, and the two auctions.

Clay Owens presented a summary of 2025's upcoming events. April will be our annual Orchid Show and Sale on April 25-27 and so March's meeting topic will be getting your orchids in show-ready shape, qualities judges look for, and general discussion of preparation for the show. June will be our summer Orchid auction and November is our fall auction. In the first half of 2025, we will head to Carter and Holmes in Newberry on a Saturday for a tour and special AOS judging opportunity. In the second half of the year, we will take a field trip to the Asheville/Piedmont area to visit upstate orchid vendors. Look for more info on these events in the coming months. Please contact a chair or board member if you'd like to help with our orchid show in April!

This month we initiated an orchid growing contest where members purchased a cattleya hybrid provided by Carter and Holmes (specifically Blc. Green Goddess 'Golden Delight' x Cattleya bicolor 'Mendenhall Beta' 4n) in which the person who first blooms the plant and posts a photo on social media or email wins a \$100 gift card from Carter and Holmes. Members chose from the selection of seedling plants at the meeting via the sequence of drawn tickets. Good luck and good growing!

The meeting concluded with a pros and cons session of 2024 events, ideas for this year's meetings, the show-and-tell session, and the raffle.

Carrie Wood

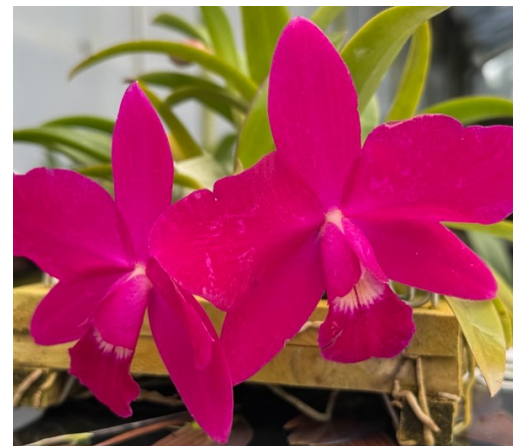
March Meeting Date: Sunday March 16th



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Above: Vascostylis Thailand x Ascofinetia Lou Sneary



Above: Cattleya Miyuki Little King 'Dark Star' Am/AOS