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*Cattleya  
lueddemanniana*

# South Carolina Orchid Society

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## June Program— Starting at only \$5!

The 2025 South Carolina Orchid Society Summer Auction will be held **Saturday, June 14.**

We will have 100 items up for auction to the highest bidder: blooming orchids, seedlings to mature orchids, pottery and other items.

Preview starts at noon. Auction starts at 1 PM. We accept Cash, Check and Venmo only.

If you have any plants you would like to donate, please reach out to Clay @ jester0711@aol.com or (803)-727-4957

## July Program

We will have the pleasure of hosting Dr. Martin Motes of Motes Orchids, Redland, FL.. Dr. Motes is a major breeder of vandas. He has produced hundreds of new hybrids, for which he has received scores of American Orchid Society awards, and he is an accredited AOS judge. He has observed tropical orchids growing in the wild, written several orchid books, and has spoken at orchid conferences around the world.

### UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS

SCOS Orchid Auction June 14th

## 2025 SCOS Show Ribbon Winners

**Best Cymbidium Alliance**—Mark Reinke/Marble Branch Farms

**Best Miscellaneous Genera**—Stan Hutto

**Best Miniature**—Tony & Shannon Casler

**Best First Bloom Seedling**—Tony & Shannon Casler

**Best Specimen**—Carter & Holmes

**Best Open Exhibit**—Carter & Holmes

**Best Society Exhibit**—Triad Orchid Society

**Best Cattleya Alliance**—Tom Carter

**Best Cypripedium Alliance**—Carter & Holmes

**Best Oncidium Alliance**—Mark Reinke/Marble Branch Farms

**Best Dendrobium Alliance** —Mark Reinke/Marble Branch Farms

**Best Phalaenopsis Alliance** —Tom Carter

**Best Vandaceous Alliance** —Carter & Holmes

**Best Fragrance**— Keith Davis

**A BIG thank you again to all of our members who volunteered and helped make the 2025 SCOS Orchid Show a success!!**

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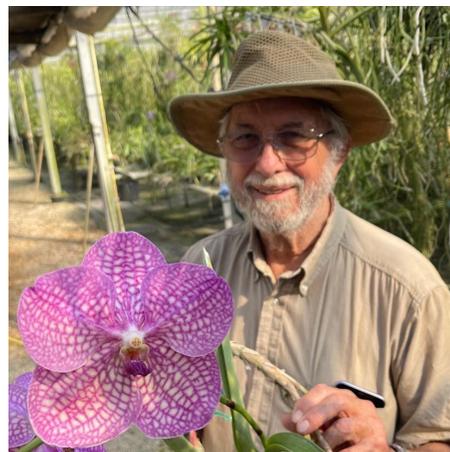
### General Meeting Information

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.



*Above: Phalaenopsis Judy Su (Summer Dance Queen x Mituo King Bellina)*



*Above: Dr. Martin Motes*

### Treasurer's Report June 1, 2025

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Money at the end of March	\$13,950.71
Show Awards	-\$300.00
Show income & memberships	\$1,831.00
May Speaker	-\$281.00
Checks	-\$29.50
Money at the end of May	\$15,171.21



*Above: Cattleya Sea Breeze 'Blue Ribbon' AM/AOS*



*Above: Lc. Canhamiana var. coerulea 'Cobalt' AM/AOS*



*Above: Papilionanda Levi HKN Ng (V. Gordon Dillon x Pda. Mimi Palmer)*



*Above: Vanda Roberts Delight*

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Also check out our Facebook and Instagram pages

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## 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 orchid experts share the latest in orchid research and valuable information on caring for your orchids.

The next Webinars:

**Tues. June 10th @ 8:30 PM EST**

The Best Orchids to Grow Indoors with David Vandenbroek

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

During the May SCOS meeting, we welcomed visitors and new members - Lynn Engleheart, Joanne Hay, Lynne Beasley, and Carla Smith.

President Clay Owens shared highlights of the Western North Carolina Orchid Society show at the Asheville Arboretum in March. He described the bold, coordinated displays with color blocking. He also noted that every SCOS member that showed a plant won a ribbon in that show. Congrats to our exhibiting members! Also, congratulations to winners of awards in our own SCOS orchid show in April and to all exhibitors! We put on a fabulous show!

Clay announced that Bitis Botanical, which is founded by members Shannon and Tony Casler, has officially opened for business. They are selling orchids, flasks, and growing media. Check out their website at [bitisbotanical.com](http://bitisbotanical.com). Clay also reminded the group that June 14 will be the summer auction and requested that members contact him if they have plants to be donated for the auction.

Next up, Trace Elliott of Last Chance Orchids began his talk on Psychopsis orchids, which grow in Central America and the northern parts of South America. He gave a brief introduction about his beginnings in growing, which came about after saving a bunch of orchids thrown into a dumpster, hence the name of his company, Last Chance Orchids. He described the four species in the Psychopsis genus: sanderae, versteegiana, krameriana, and papilio. Sanderae. Sanderae is likely extinct. In the wild, it grew in the cooler temps in the mountains. Papilio, is an intermediate to warm growing species, while both versteegiana and krameriana are hot to warm growing species. Trace showed slides of other hybrids such as Psychopsiella limminghei which has a shingle-like growth and a definite dormant period.

In general, Psychopsis orchids don't like to dry out and require daily watering. In winter, they tend to not require dormancy but a cut back in watering. They flower on the same spike for several years. Don't cut the flower spike after it blooms. Their flowering season is April through November.

After Trace's talk, Clay gave a recap of upcoming events such as the Plant Expo at the SC State Fairgrounds in July, and upcoming meeting agendas and speakers.

June—SCOS Orchid Auction #1

July—Dr. Martin Motes—Vandas

August—Bridget Uzar of Carter & Holmes—Troubleshooting your Orchid

September—Graham Ramsey—Hpw to grow Phaps & Phrags

October- (**Saturday 10/11**)—AOS Judging @ Carter & Holmes

November—SCOS Orchid Auction #2

Clay then presented the SCOS show volunteers with a small thank you gift. The meeting continued with the Show and Tell and the raffle.

Regards, Carrie Wood



*Above: Cattleya Orpetii x Seagulls Apricot*



*Above: Pot. Newberry Delight 'Mendenhall' AM/AOS*



# THE SOUTH CAROLINA ORCHID SOCIETY'S 2025 SUMMER ORCHID AUCTION

PLEASE JOIN US  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2025.**



FOR A "FUN"- FUNDRAISER!  
WE WILL HAVE 100 ITEMS:  
BLOOMING ORCHIDS- MATURE PLANTS  
TO SEEDLINGS- POTTERY AND OTHER  
OFFERINGS!

**YOU CAN PREVIEW THE LIVE AUCTION  
AT NOON -  
AND BIDDING STARTS AT 1:00 PM.**



**WE ACCEPT CASH - CHECK AND  
VENMO ONLY!**

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