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Golden Tang x Richard Mueller

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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: Same Golden Tang x Richard Mueller after a few weeks

August Program Orchid Troubleshooting

Bridget Uzar of Carter and Holmes Orchids will help answer your orchid growing questions.

Why isn't my orchid blooming?

How do I know it's time to repot?

Does my plant have pests and how to treat them?

What's the best way to fertilize my orchid?

Can this orchid survive my growing conditions and care routine?

There will also be a hands on portion where Bridget will examine and diagnose some troubled orchids and provide recommendations to nurse them back to health.

Bridget will be bringing plants for sale, or you can pre-order from the Carter and Holmes website. Choose local pick up and she will bring them to the meeting. AND, use discount code SCOS-15 for 15% off. Orders Must be placed by August 16th.



Above: Bridget Uzar

UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS

Triangle—Fall for Orchids Show September 12 – 14, 2025 at JC Raulston Arboretum, Raleigh, NC.

Field Trip—Saturday Sept. 27th— Looking Glass Orchids, and Owens Orchids , Pisgah Forest NC

Remaining 2025 SCOS Meeting Schedule

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

September—Graham Ramsey—How to grow Phaps & Phrags

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

November—SCOS Orchid Auction #2 Get your Christmas gifts early!



Above: Bc. Richard Mueller x L. rubescens

Treasurer's Report August 1, 2025

South Carolina Orchid Society Officers 2025

Money at the end of June \$15,973.71

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Above: Dr. Martin Motes & Mark Mull talking Vanda's during show and tell

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Mark Mull

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Janice Milheim

Amanda Combs



Above: Brassavola nodosa 'Susan Fuchs' FCC/AOS



Above: Vanda Loke



Above: Blc. Raye Holmes 'Mary Ellen'



Above: Vanda Pamela Greer

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<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:

**Thurs., Sept. 11th
@8:30 PM EST**

Pest Management Techniques for Indoor Orchids with Ron McHatton

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

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

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[http://
southcarolinaor-
chidsociety.org/](http://southcarolinaorchidsociety.org/)

**Also check out our
Facebook and In-
stagram pages**

July Meeting

During our July SCOS meeting, we welcomed new members. Sean, Genie, Robin, Jonathan, Juliann, Gary, Tatiana, Ashley, Susan and Jill. It's exciting to see our numbers growing!

President Clay Owens presented the upcoming events: Bridget Uzar from Carter and Holmes will be presenting her presentation on "Troubleshooting Your Orchids" on August 17th. We also have Graham Ramsey from the Western North Carolina Orchid Society speaking at our meeting on September 21st and Bitis Botanical will be selling orchids and growing supplies. We will take a field trip to Looking Glass Orchids and Owens Orchids in Pisgah Falls on Saturday, September 27th from 11:00 am to 5:00 p.m. (special 25% discounts!) Members are responsible for their own transportation, but we would love for you to join us! Finally, we will have a special judging event at Carter's and Holmes orchids on Saturday, October 11th. It will include tours of the greenhouses and discounts on plants.

Following the announcements, our featured speaker, Dr. Martin Motes from Motes Orchids in Redland FL introduced his wife, Mary Motes, who is an author of several books including Orchid territory ("a rom-com", not a "how-to"), and a book on Kosovo, which happens to be where Mary and Martin met each other. Mary brought along copies of books for sale.

Next, Dr. Motes gave his presentation on vanda breeding and discussed main species used in hybridization which includes *V. sanderiana*, *V. coerulea*, and *V. tessellata* among others. White vandas can be bred from *V. coerulea* alba. *V. suavis* is a cold tolerant species. *V. denisoniana* is an intermediate grower. These species help expand the color variety in these hybrids.

V. Motesiana is a tessellated yellow intermediate growing species named after Dr. Motes and used to make *V. Motes Tiger*. He noted that Hawaiian breeders tend to value form more than color, which is different than in the mainland US where color is more highly valued. The Sri Lanka form of *V. tessellata* 'Mary Motes' was used to make

V. Mimi Palmer which is pollinated by beetles and moths, so it benefits both nocturnally and diurnally. Dr. Motes, who is notably the premier vanda hybridizer in the US and well-known internationally, showed examples of these beautiful plants in his presentation.

Following Dr. Motes talk, the meeting continued with the Show and Tell and raffle.

Regards,
Carrie Wood



Above: *Prra. Tango Fire*



Above: *V. Mary's Friend Valerie x V. Violeta*