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*Pot. Paxton Brooks
'Orange Surprise'
x Laelia rubescens*

South Carolina Orchid Society

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January Program— Sunday 18th, 12:30 PM

Cattleya Royalty: Introduction to the Cattleya Alliance

Bridget Uzar of Carter and Holmes will give an overview of the Cattleya family including its origins in cultivation, and the species that make up our modern crosses. Plus the cultural requirements for the most popular types. For those who want to get started with Cattleyas, or learn more about the ones they already grow, this is the meeting you don't want to miss.

Bridget will be bringing an assortment of plants for sale. Members can purchase as early as noon, and guests 12:30 the day of the meeting.

To place discounted pre-orders, go to their website and use promo code SCOS-15. Also select local pick up to avoid shipping charges. Plants will be delivered to the meeting.

www.carterandholmes.com

We will also have a Plant Raffle & Show & tell too!!

We ask that our members bring in a plant or item that you want to donate. Something that you have divided, or it's gotten too big, or just hasn't thrived for you. Tickets are only \$2.00.

And new to the raffle, we will try to have a couple of blooming orchids that will be a live auction. High bidder will be the winner.

Bring in a plant for show and tell. Tell us about how you grow it and show it off.

UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS

Blue Ridge Orchid Show Feb. 11-14

Atlanta Orchid Show March 13-15

Asheville Orchid Society March 26-28

SCOS Orchid Show April 9-12

2026 Dues

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

Single membership \$25

Student \$15

Joint membership \$30

(two people at the same address)

Make checks payable to: South Carolina Orchid Society

Please bring cash or check to the January Meeting, or mail one with you contact information to:

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

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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.



*Dendrobium striaenopsis
Moluccas Indonesia*



*Vanda Noppadol Delight
'Thailand' AM/AOS*

Treasurer's Report Jan 1, 2026

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Money at the end of December 2024	\$12,297.71
Money at the end of December 2025	\$12,624.43
Change	\$326.72

New Year—New Challenge

First, congratulations to Don McLellan who was the first to bloom last year's seedling: Blc. Green Goddess 'Golden Delight' x Cattleya bicolor 'Mendenhall Beta' 4N. Don wins a \$100 gift certificate to Carter and Holmes Orchids.

We are again holding a growers challenge. Everyone who wants to participate will start with a seedling, and the first one to bloom will win a \$100 gift certificate to Carter & Holmes.

At the January meeting you can purchase the seedling: Paphiopedilum Avalon Mist. (Pinocchio x primulinum). These are sequential bloomers. They will produce new buds on the end of the flower stem for months on end. Compact foliage is a medium green, with slightly rippled edges. Blooms on this now famous hybrid are in shades of soft yellow, with slightly darker petals contrasting the pale pouch.

The cost is \$15 each. Cash, Check, or Venmo. You can purchase and enter as many as you like. Try different growing methods and see what works best for you. These are all seedlings, and should bloom within the next year. It's a much better new year's challenge than trying to diet or exercise!



Above: Don with his winning 1st to Bloom



Above: Paphiopedilum Avalon Mist

We are on the WEB!

<http://southcarolinaorchidsociety.org/>

Also check out our Facebook and Instagram pages

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., Jan 8th @ 8:30 PM EST
Greenhouse Chat

Weds., Jan 14th @ 8:30 PM EST
Phragmipediums: What Can Nature Teach Us? – Part 2

For more information on this program, culture info, and events of interest to orchid growers.
<http://www.aos.org/>

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November Auction

We had another very successful orchid auction to raise funds for the society's operations. We had 125 items up for auction and 24 winning bidders. The auction proceeds were \$3,857.00. Our costs were \$500 for plants for a net gain of \$3,357.00. A special thanks to everyone who donated items. And a HUGE THANK YOU to Clay for pulling this all together and being the auctioneer. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success.

2026 Meeting Schedule

Sunday, January 18th, Cattleyas, Bridget Uzar, Carter & Holmes

Sunday, February 15th, Angraecum, the comet orchid, Linda Thorne, Seagrove Orchids

Sunday, March 15th, General Meeting and SCOS Show Prep

April = SCOS Show 9th–12th

Sunday, May 17th, Repotting

Saturday, June 27th, Auction

Sunday, July 19th, David Off, Waldor Orchids

Sunday, August 16th, Mark Reinke, Marble Branch Farms

Saturday, September 19th, @Carter and Holmes

Sunday, October 18th, Auction

Sunday, November 15th, Holiday Party

December = No Meeting



Above: Vanda Insignis



Above: Lc. Melody Fair



Above: Lc. Koolau Seagull x Volcano Queen, x LC. Starfire 'Rubens'



Above: Vanda Arthur Lauffenberg x Vanda coerulea