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*Angraecum sesquipedale*  
'Star Shine' FCC

# South Carolina Orchid Society

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## February Program— Sunday 15th, 12:30 PM

### Angraecum Orchids, also known as “Comet Orchids” or Darwin’s Orchid

Linda Thorne of Seagrove Orchids will speak about this diverse family of orchids. The wide variety of sizes, and growth habits, their history, and how to care for them. They range from small size plants (great for windowsill and indoor growing) to larger specimens that will put on a full display of their recognizable star shaped and often fragrant bloom.

Linda 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.

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.

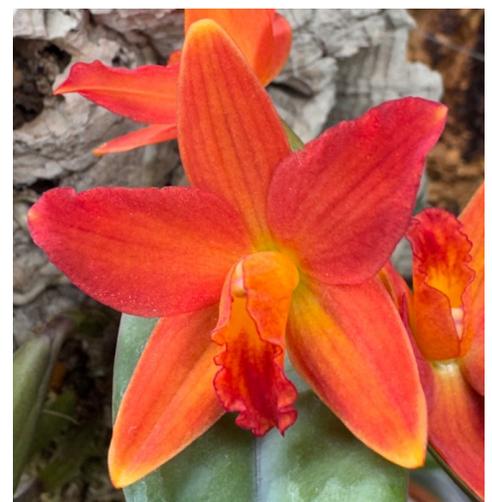
Visitors are welcome.



*Angraecum sesquipedale*  
'Star of Malagasy' CCM



Left:  
Deborah  
Off 'Mill  
Pond' x  
Self



Slc. Yellow Warbler

**Treasurer's Report Feb 1, 2026**

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| Money December 31, 2025 | \$12,624.43 |
| Membership              | \$705.00    |
| Raffle                  | \$300.00    |
| Auction                 | \$206.00    |
| Growers Challenge 2025  | -\$100.00   |
| Growers Challenge 2026  | \$225.00    |
| Money January 31, 2026  | \$13,960.43 |
| Change                  | \$1,336.00  |

**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 we had 15 people join the challenge. You can still purchase the seedling and join the challenge. The seedling is 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 Orchid**



**Above: Paphiopedilum Avalon Mist**

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<http://southcarolinaorchidsociety.org/>  
 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 orchid experts share the latest in orchid research and valuable information on caring for your orchids.

**The next Webinars:**

**Thurs., Feb. 12th @ 8:30 PM EST** Happy Roots Happy Orchids

**Tues., March 3rd @ 8:30 PM EST** Greenhouse Chat

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

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**January Program**

Bridget Uzar of Carter and Holmes gave 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. From Cattleya trianae that starts blooming in December and January to the Brazilian Laelia's that bloom in May and June.

There was a large show and tell table with lots of orchids in bloom. The raffle table was a hit as well as our second time having blooming plants up for auction.

**2026 Meeting Schedule**

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: Assortment of Marty & Janine Fiorito's Show and Tell Mini Cattleyas**



**Above: Sc. Lana Coryell 'Pink' x Blc. Solar Flare 'Paradise'**



**Above: Cattleya loddigeii 'Martinelle'**



**Above: Lycaste Momo**