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South Carolina Orchid Society

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AN AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY

March Program—Sunday 15th, 12:30 PM

UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS

Atlanta Orchid Show—March 13-15

Asheville Orchid Society—March 26-28

SCOS Orchid Show—April 9-12

Triad Orchid Society— May 8-10

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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.



Clowesetum Diane Drisch

It' Showtime, Let's get ready!

A walk through of how to prepare your blooming orchid for an orchid show.

We will discuss and demonstrate how to clean, stake, and position your plant and blooms for the best display. We will discuss what is involved in plant judging. And, we will discuss how to best transport your plant without damage.

Bitis Botanical will also have a variety of orchids for sale. They are also offering a special discount of 10% to SCOS members who can pre-order from their website starting Monday March 9th. Add code: SCOS10MARCH at checkout. An remember to add a note for delivery to the meeting. www.bitisbotanical.com.

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.

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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Treasurer's Report March 1, 2026

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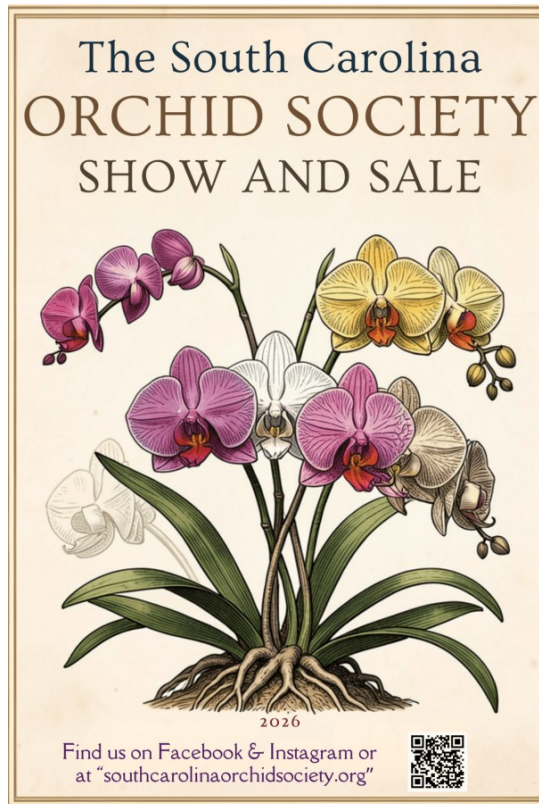
Newsletter:

Mark Mull

Board Members 2026

Elaine Chik
 Tony Casler
 Shannon Casler
 Pami Hagan
 Jen Stott
 Janice Milheim
 Amanda Combs
 Mary Langston
 Julia Zsolczai

Money January 31, 2026	\$13,960.43
Membership	\$130.00
Raffle	\$123.00
Auction	\$200.00
Growers Challenge 2026	\$30.00
SCOS Show Award Sponsors	\$70.00
Speaker fee & Mileage	-\$450.00
Storage	-\$168.00
Money March 1, 2026	\$13,895.43
Change	-\$65.00



SHOW DATES:
 Friday, April 10th: 1 pm - 6 pm
 Saturday, April 11th: 11 am - 6 pm
 Sunday, April 12th: 11 am - 4 pm

American Orchid Society judging is held on Friday, April 10th

VENDORS:
 BITIS BOTANICAL
 SEAGROVE ORCHIDS
 MARBLE BRANCH FARMS
 CARTER & HOLMES ORCHIDS
 and J. STOTT POTTERY

LOCATION:
The Garden Council of Greater Columbia Building
1605 Park Circle, Columbia, SC 29201
(near USC downtown)

\$5.00 adult admission
 (kids under 12 are FREE!)
 ~ AND ~
 you will receive \$5.00 in raffle tickets to use for prizes during the show!

We need Volunteers

- Weds., April 8th—Site set up (Tables, back drops, etc.) 12-5 PM
- Thursday, April 9th—Display set up, Plant registration, vendor set up 9 AM -5 PM
- Friday, April 10th—Judging 9 AM-12 PM (Scribes) Show opens 1-6 PM
- Saturday , April 26— Show Open 11-6 PM
- Sunday April 27—Show open 11 AM-4 PM
- Volunteer needs—set up on Wednesday & Thursday
 - Friday-Sunday—general volunteers
 - Sunday Tear Down 4 PM—7 PM

Please let Clay know if you can assist for a couple hours.
 Email: jester0711@aol.com or (803)-727-4957

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., March 18th @ 8:30 PM EST Vanda Culture

Thurs., April 2nd @ 8:30 PM EST Greenhouse Chat

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

February Program

Linda Thorne of Seagrove Orchids will spoke about Angreacum orchids. There are over 2000 species that originate from Madagascar, and 50 from Africa. They require light levels similar to Phalaenopsis, and temperatures between 57 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Known for their star shaped flowers and pleasant fragrance. Linda brought many of the species she showed for sale and we hope to see many of these back when blooming for our show and tell segment of our meetings.

2026 Meeting Schedule

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

Ribbon Sponsors Needed

We need sponsors for the SCOS Best in Show Ribbons. They are \$35 each and will be given in your name. There are 14 in total, and 5 have already been taken. Please let Clay, Stan, or Mark know if you are interested.

Best Open Exhibit—open

Best Society Exhibit—open

Best Cattleya Alliance—Briget Uzar

Best Cymbidium Alliance—Janice Milheim

Best Cyripedium Alliance—open

Best Dendrobium Alliance—Michelle Stanley

Best First Bloom Seedling—open

Best Miniature Orchid—open

Best Miscellaneous Genera—open

Best Oncidium Alliance—Suzanne Miller

Best Phalaenopsis Alliance—open

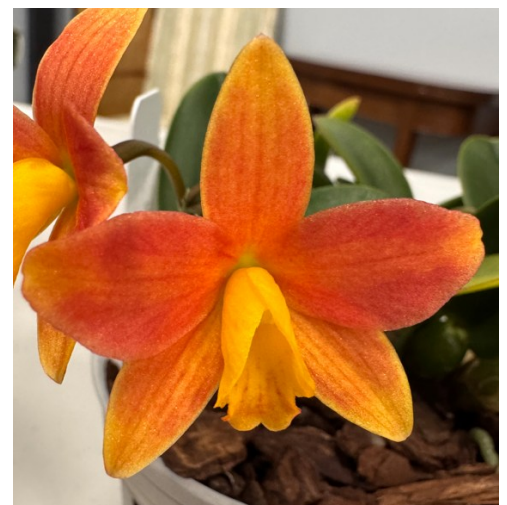
Best Specimen—open

Best Vandaceous Alliance—In Memory of Dave Greive

Best Fragrance— open



Above: Phalaenopsis Manniphil



Right: Slc. Yellow Warbler