



The South Carolina Orchid Society

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The South Carolina Orchid Society,
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Above: The SCOS display from April's SCOS Orchid Show and Sale

NEWSLETTER UPDATES

We're Changing Our Look

We will be revamping the content and format of the SCOS newsletters and the website in coming months and looking for your feedback. If you have suggestions, recommendations, or general opinions on what you would like to see in both of these media, please send your thoughts to Secretary Carrie scarriedoc@yahoo.com or President Clay jester0711@aol.com.

JOIN US!

General Meeting Information

The South Carolina Orchid Society meets at 1:00 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!

UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS

- SCOS Summer Auction - SUNDAY June 28th
- July Meeting - Sunday, July 19
 - Speaker David Off of Waldor Orchids
- August Meeting - Sunday August 16
 - Speaker Mark Reinke of Marble Branch Farms

We welcome visitors and new members! In May's meeting we welcomed Jasmine, Christine, Lavora, Dalita, Cornell, and Sally.

Treasurer's Report

Here is our monthly financials update. Note that the June Auction proceeds will hit after the June 28th auction event.

Money	May 1, 2026	\$13,846
	Membership	\$ 699.08
	Raffle	\$ 211.81
	Plant Auction Meetings	\$ 195.19
	Vendor fees	\$ 997.52
	Ribbons/Show Awards	\$ 309.91
	2026 Show Admission	\$ 1,143.43
	Donation	\$ 25.05
	Total	\$ 3,750.99
	Expenses	\$ 6,034.95
Money	June 1, 2026	\$10,618

Repotting Workshop Recap

MAY 17 REPOTTING WORKSHOP

Every year the SCOS holds a repotting workshop to help new and seasoned members repot an orchid that is either overgrown, challenged or no longer thriving in its existing pot or media. On May 17, we held our repotting workshop meeting and divided members into specific orchid type groupings to best provide guidance on their particular orchid of interest. A variety of repotting materials was supplied by the society and members helped members provide a newly repotted or mounted environment for their plants. Special thanks to experts like Stan Hutto, Janine Fiorito, and Bridget Uzar for offering their pro-tips and for Clay for purchasing and organizing the materials.



Upcoming Events & Programs Calendar

Here is a detailed look at our upcoming schedule. We invite you to join us for learning, friendship, and promoting passion for orchid cultivation.

**JUN
28**

Summer Auction

There will be ~100 items up for LIVE AUCTION. These include blooming plants, seedlings, pottery, care kits, and more. Arrive as early as NOON to preview the items up for bid. Bidding starts at 1pm. We accept cash, check, Venmo, and Paypal, and credit card.

**JUL
10**

July Meeting - David Off

David Off of Waldor Orchids will be our guest speaker and speaking on Cattleyas. He will be bringing a selection of orchids for purchase. You can check out all of Waldor's inventory at: www.waldor.com

**AUG
16**

August Meeting - Mark Reinke

Mark Reinke from Marble Branch Farms will be our guest speaker and speaking on how to mount your orchids. He will be bringing plants for sale. Check out Mark's inventory at: www.marblebranchfarms.com

**SEP
19**

Field Trip to Carter and Holmes

We will be taking a society field trip to Carter and Holmes in Newberry and Bridget Uzar will be presenting *Introduction to Tropical Lady Slipper Orchids*. C&H will also be providing members with "behind the scenes" tours and discounts on plants.

2026 SCOS ORCHID SHOW WINNERS

Congratulations to all the award winners and sponsors from our April 2026 SCOS Orchid Show. And thank you again to all of our volunteers who made it happen!

Award	Sponsor	Name	Society
Best Open Exhibit	Elizabeth Moosbrugger	Marble Branch Farms	
Best Society Exhibit	JoAnne Hay	South Carolina Orchid Society	
Best Cattleya Alliance	Bridgett Uzar	Carter & Holmes	
Best Cymbidium Alliance Alliance	Janice Milheim	Carrie Wood	SCOS
Best Cypripedium Alliance	Carlos Ayala	Carter & Holmes	
Best Dendrobium Alliance	Nancy Graham	Stan Hutto	SCOS
Best First Bloom Seedling	Judy Grieve	Stan Hutto	SCOS
Best Miniature Orchid	Susan Miller	Carter & Holmes	
Best Miscellaneous Genera	Michelle Stanley	Rob Melacon	NCPOS
Best Oncidium Alliance	Carolyn Leedecker	Will Bottoms	Triad OS
Best Phalaenopsis Alliance	Sally Sommerall	Tom Carter	AAOS
Best Specimen	Marty & Janine Fiorito	Pam Kolb	AAOS
Best Vandaceous Alliance	Mark Mull	Sara Gallis	Triangle OS
Best Fragrance	Lynn McLeod	Linda Thorne	

The American Orchid Society is there for you!

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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:

Thur., June 4 @ 8:30 PM EST Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Thur., June 11 @ 8:30 PM EST Catasetum Culture with Scott Elliott of Maneki Hill Orchids.

Thur., July 9 @ 8:30 PM EST Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton



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New Segment: Ask an Expert

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY PLANT?

A member sends photos of their *Dendrobium* Luwin Park x tangerinum and asks, "My dendrobium is pretty and blooming but why does my plant look so droopy?"

Expert:

When I zoomed in on the photos, I could see a bad infestation of mealy bugs where not only the mealy bugs could be seen but webbing as shown in the circled sections below, which indicates an additional infestation of spider mites. The owner can treat the plant with some isopropyl alcohol and water mixture or with a 1% to 2% solution of horticultural or neem oil mixed with a few drops of mild dish detergent. A miticide such as Bonide Mite X can also be used.

The droopiness of the plant and indication of spots on the leaves also potentially indicates something more is wrong with this plant. The owner performed a CymMV and ORSV virus test on a leaf cutting from this plant and found it to be positive for Cymbidium Mosaic Virus.

Needless to say, this smart orchid grower decided to dispose of this poor plant.

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR TOPIC FOR "ASK AN EXPERT", EMAIL YOUR QUESTION AND PHOTOS TO CARRIE @ scarriedoc@yahoo.com AND WE WILL FIND AN EXPERT TO SOLVE THE ISSUE.



THE SOUTH CAROLINA ORCHID SOCIETY'S 2026 SUMMER ORCHID AUCTION

PLEASE JOIN US
SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2026

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 -
PAYPAL- VENMO & CREDIT CARDS**

The Garden Club Council of
Greater Columbia Building
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WHO WE ARE

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MEMBERSHIP: Individual



MEMBERSHIP: Student



Get Involved Today

Joining the SCOS connects you with a passionate community of growers, opens doors to exclusive plant sales and raffles, and elevates your cultivation skills from novice to expert.

Want to become an SCOS member or have not paid your annual dues?

Your annual dues support our ongoing efforts of the South Carolina Orchid Society.

Cost:
Single membership \$25
Student \$15
Joint membership \$30 (two people same address)

You can use the QR code to the left or bring cash or check (payable to South Carolina Orchid Society) to the next meeting, or mail one with your contact information to:

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

MEMBERSHIP: Family



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