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The South Carolina Orchid Society meets at 12:30 PM on the second Sunday in odd months in room 004 on the lower level of the Coker Life Sciences Building on the campus of USC in Columbia, South Carolina.

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## President's Message

Thank you all for that wonderful vote of confidence at the November meeting. I'm really looking forward to the next two years as SCOS president. We've got our hands full for the start of 2006!

Plans for the Riverbanks Orchid Festival in early February are in full swing. Regional societies were notified months ago & they now have a copy of our show flyer in hand for promotion at the January meetings. By Sunday 'Press Packets' will have been sent to all of the region's major newspapers and radio stations. We're hoping for some feature articles in newspapers for Sunday, February 5 - the week before the show. And Riverbanks Magazine is ready to go with a feature article by Jim Fowler on South Carolina's native orchid species. There is a flyer and map inside the newsletter so you can talk up the show and share with your orchidaceous friends.

Now we just have to pull it off!

At our January meeting, Stan will be soliciting assistance for day-of activities. Please show your pride in the SCOS by volunteering to help - this is our chance to really shine & catch the attention of potential new members. Clerk for the judges for an up close look at the judging process. Man the society table for the opportunity to hook new members. Whip up a dish to show off your culinary skills. Or roll up your sleeves to demonstrate the SCOS' skill at producing award-winning displays.

**It's Gonna Be Great!**

*Cindy Adams*



## January 2006 Meeting

Tom Harper is a well-known grower and hybridizer of Phalaenopsis and one of the founding members of the "International Phalaenopsis Alliance." It was almost 40 years ago in 1967 when Tom began like most orchid hobbyists - growing on his windowsills.

By 1975, he had opened Stone River Orchids in the Nashville suburb of Franklin, Tennessee. Soon Tom earned his stripes as an accredited AOS judge and is a valued resource of orchid knowledge at the Atlanta Judging Center.

A few years ago he retired from his position at Nashville State Technical Institute and has devoted himself full-time to orchids.

In addition to speaking to societies throughout North America, Tom is an accomplished author on phals with frequent articles in the

IPA's Phalaenopsis, AOS Orchids and the Orchid Digest. He is also a frequent 'contributor' to the Awards Quarterly as his orchids are shown and awarded.

Tom will be talking to the SCOS about the opportunity he had this summer as a participant in the Taiwan International Orchid Show. The



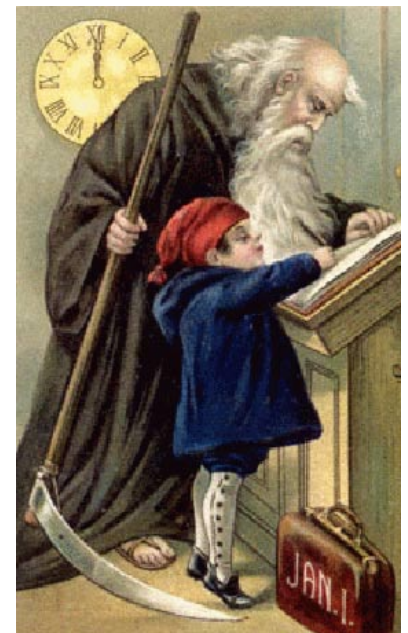
2005 show was held at the Taiwan Orchid Plantation in Tainan. Still under construction and slated for completion in 2008, the park will integrate resources for professional and international development of orchid products and is designed to become a platform for international marketing and exchange

of technological and other information. As you can tell from the construction schedule, the Taiwanese take their orchids very seriously as this is no small place! Tom will bring us highlights from the show & talk about some of the innovations the Taiwanese have employed to maximize orchid growth.

## It's that time Again...

With the new year comes the annual reminder that "dues are due." Luckily, they're the same as ever - \$10 for an individual membership and \$15 for a family.

Dues are payable to treasurer Ed Harris at any SCOS meeting or you can mail him a check payable to "SCOS" at the address on the front of the newsletter.



## This Month's Pictures

As you may already know, your humble editor never gets to attend the November meeting as the schedule conflicts with the Atlanta Judging Center's.

What a weekend it was! The Atlanta & Metro Societies' annual show opened with judging on Friday followed by center judging Saturday & the 4-hour educational seminars on Sunday.

The seminar featured Linda Wilhelm, proprietress of Woodland Orchids and Center Chair for the Carolinas Judging Center. Her topic was Stanhopeas and she managed to cram a whole encyclopaedia of knowledge on this section of the Gongorinae into two hours.

Linda had a wonderful resource with her - volumes 20 & 21 of *Caesiana*, the Italian-English journal of the Italian Orchid Society. In these two volumes, Rudolph Jenny sums up his 20+ years of study on the genus. I've ordered these back issues for my personal library, so if you find a particular article you would like to have scanned, please let me know.

I think I started to write about pictures... The pics in this month's newsletter are of plants exhibited at the Atlanta show. The cover features an excellent example of *Maxillaria scalariformis* exhibited by Andy's Orchids. This rarely seen species from Panama produces axillary flowers all along the ladder-like growth.

The *Habenaria carnea* to the left was a seed-grown example exhibited by Hoosier Orchids. The growth and flowers of this Thailand native terrestrial are produced by a tuber that goes dormant during the dry winter season.

The *Phalaenopsis bellina* on this page is my favorite phal (species or hybrid). Their habitat in Borneo is seasonally dry with heavy morning dew and temperatures rarely below 70.



## Treasurer's Report

<b>ON DEPOSIT IN BANKS (BEGINNING)</b>		\$8,504.87
Bank of America CD, 5yr, Mat. 8/5/09	\$4,030.05	
Bank of America Checking	4,474.82	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		\$226.00
Raffle	\$176.00	
Dues	50.00	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		\$671.39
Speaker Expense - Aybar	\$468.79	
AOS Honorarium (in lieu of speaker fee)	100.00	
Speaker hotel/meals - Arthur	85.94	
Newsletter expenses - Janvrin	16.66	
<b>ON DEPOSIT IN BANKS (ENDING):</b>		\$8,059.48
Bank of America CD, 5yr, Mat. 8/5/09	\$4,030.05	
Bank of America Checking	4,029.43	
<b>NET CHANGE FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2005</b>		<b>- \$445.39</b>

EDWARD E. HARRIS,  
TREASURER, SCOS

NOVEMBER 12, 2005

### Notes of Note

Birmingham and Memphis are already done, as is the IPA Region 13 meeting. The same weekend as the SCOS meeting, The Atlanta and South Metro societies will join forces for their spectacular show at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. This annual event attracts vendors from all over including Andy’s Orchids from California, Hoosier Orchids from Indiana, and Wentzel Orchids from Brazil. Check out the program at [http://www.atlantaorchidsociety.org/2005orchid\\_show.htm](http://www.atlantaorchidsociety.org/2005orchid_show.htm)

#### Date Event

- Jan. 27-29 Shreveport Orchid Society Show, R.S. Barnwell Art & Garden Center, 501 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport, LA. Contact: Richard Jamison, 8602 Rampart Pl., Shreveport, LA 71106; (318) 861-9095
- Feb. 11-12 South Carolina Orchid Society Show, Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, 1300 Botanical Parkway, West Columbia, SC. Contact: Stan Hutto, 831 Muddy Springs Rd., Lexington, SC 29073; (803) 359-3680; sandhillorchids@aol.com.

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### Contributions

Members are encouraged to share their orchid experiences, travels to ‘orchid country’ both here and abroad, growing tips, and questions & answers. Please submit any suggestions to David Janvrin, newsletter editor. We’re happy to publish news of any horticultural event in the area.



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