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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

I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that our own David Janvrin is being elevated to fully accredited judging status by the American Orchid Society. I would certainly like to extend heart felt congratulations! This is quite an achievement and well deserved! We are so very blessed to have a few judges in our own society. And we certainly wish David many productive years to come.

As colder weather approaches we have had to clean our orchids and bring them into warmer environments. I know I have had to clean off many creatures that seem to be as fond of my Orchids as I am. I am already dreading the heating bills, as I know most of you are.

I know that all of you are looking forward to our Thanksgiving meal/meeting. I certainly am. I need to get busy letting out a pair of pants so that I can eat more. Please bring a dish of your most delicious, favorite recipe to share.

I will also be giving an update on our analysis regarding tax exemption status. Many thanks to 'retired' Don McClellan for his valuable legal advise and ability to sort through all of the paperwork required. We will most probably make a few wording changes to our bylaws to better reflect our educational focus. With the proper changes we should be able to apply for the 501 C 3 status if desired.

I hope that all of you are giving thought to the upcoming show season. I got my first taste of setting up and taking down shows last spring. It was exhilarating and very rewarding. I do think that clerking was one of my most favorite things. I was in awe of the talents possessed by the judges. I learned so much just following them and listening to their opinions. I certainly hope that all of you are looking forward to the World Orchid Conference in early 08. I know I am. As you evaluate your own Orchid Collections look with an eye toward the future. I am already thinking ahead to what I hope to have blooming at that time. Until Sunday, Happy Gardening!

Cindy Adams

September Minutes

The society is beginning to warm up for the 2007 Riverbanks Orchid Festival. We discussed formative plans for event publicity & will make every attempt to get even more coverage for the 2007 event. If you have any media contacts, now is the time to start teasing them with tidbits from last year & plans for February 2007. We still need plenty of volunteers, so contact Cindy, Stan or David!

As an integral part of the show discussion, and attracting additional sponsorship for the event, the society revisited the issue of tax exemption status. Ed Harris confirmed that the SCOS has 501 C(5) organization status granted in 1967- now held comparable to an agricultural labor union or Farm Bureau. This is significantly different from 501C(3) charitable organization status.

Since September, Don McClellan has helped to shed significant light on why that may have been done & how it was tied up with the unsettled nature of 501C at the time. We will likely move this to the 'back burner' until after the 2007 show, as we would not be able to obtain a status change before that time.

After all that drudgery, the society got down with some tasty vittles (many thanks to our Hostesses & Hosts), then settled in for an in-depth session with George Schudel discussing just how he grows Pleurothallidinae in Florida. While it's still not possible for him to grow the chilly-willies, he has successfully maintained a sizeable collection of intermediate and cool-growing species using a unique adaptation of a 3/4 roof greenhouse of his own design. This design is most often used in Northern climes to maximize capture of the low-angle winter sun. In Florida, the obtuse angle helps to reflect much of the summer sun. Combined with shading, some cooling & careful watering, he manages to keep the plants comfortable through the worst of summer.

George also showed a collection of digital photos of orchids in his collection. The tiniest of flowers are perfectly formed, often bright colors, and include intricate and unique details to tempt their pollinators. They must represent a wonderland for those small enough to pollenate them! George is to be commended for his skills as a photographer as well as his skills as a grower!

Tom Wise will be up from Charleston to speak at our November meeting. Tom has travelled extensively in Australia - home to delightful and fragrant *Dendrobium kingianum* along with many desirable epiphytes. Australia's origin and geographic isolation has resulted in a bewildering array of terrestrial orchids found no-where else on earth. Australia also has a devoted following of orchid growers who love both their natives and hybrids. Should be an interesting talk.

Off to Atlanta

The Atlanta Orchid Society and South Metro Orchid Society are all geared up to present their combined 2007 Fall Show, next weekend, November 10-12 at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens next to Piedmont Park in Mid-town Atlanta. This annual event is always a hit. The weekend features show judging on Friday, Atlanta Center AOS judging Saturday, and an AOS speaker's day from 8-noon on Sunday (unfortunately the same Sunday as the SCOS meeting).

Fourteen vendors are lined up including several of our friends from the Carolinas, and Andy's Orchids from California, Hoosier Orchids from Indiana, Orchid Inn from Illinois, Paphanatics from California, and Plantio La Orquidea from Venezuela. They also have two non-plant vendors who always bring exquisite, functional artwork: Nature Glassworks and Silk Synergy. For more information, check www.AtlantaOrchidSociety.org

If you do not have a membership to the Gardens, an entrance fee is charged. In addition to the Orchid Show, the Gardens are also in their last week of a show of unique sculptures by internationally renown artist Niki de Saint Phalle. This is the largest-ever exhibition of the artist's work and is co-sponsored by Turner Broadcasting. Finally, this may be the best weekend to enjoy colors in the garden. Also, the AOS's newest fully Accredited Judge, David Janvrin, will reportedly be in attendance - so get down there for a multi-faceted event!

Celebrate & Give Thanks

Remember that the November meeting includes our regular Holiday Dinner! Top chef's from throughout SCOS are pulling out all stops to win the coveted Golden Belch. Remember to bring a dish to pass and a good appetite! (Editor's note - darn, I always miss this meeting!)

Society's Awards Quarterly Collection

Over the past two months, Stan Hutto has put considerable effort into organizing and binding the Society's collection of past issues of the AOS Awards Quarterly. These publications are a treasure-trove of information. They AOS judges also require that a set be available at all judged shows. When you see judges feverishly flipping through these magazines, they aren't catching up on Town & Country, they're researching previous awards to crosses and their parents.

Thanks to recent donations by Stan, the Harris' and Lynn Spooner, the society has a reasonably complete collection. Since the society's subscription lapsed in past years, we are still missing some key issues from the 2000's. If you have any of the following issues that you can bear to part with, we would really appreciate your donation to complete the set:

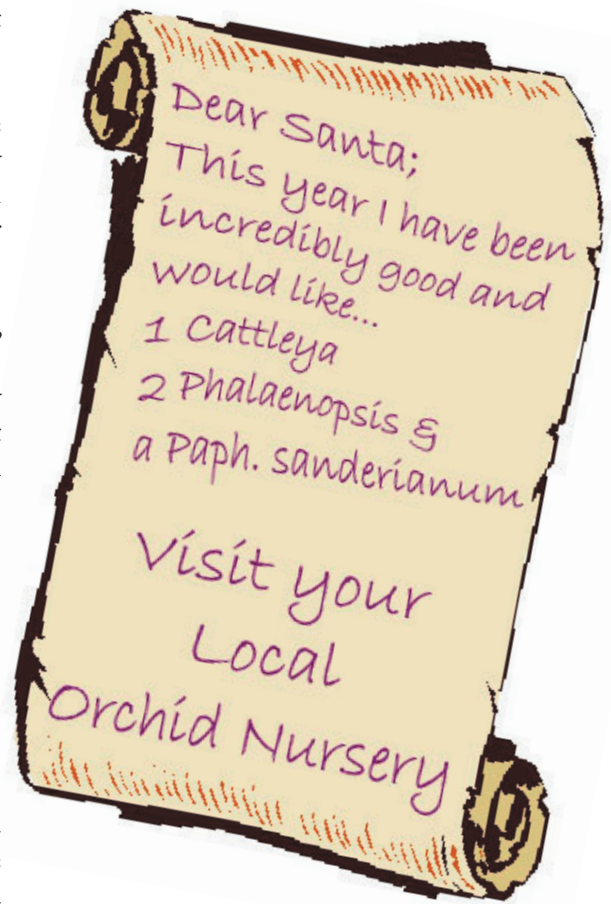
2001 Volume 32 Number 4

2002 Volume 33 Numbers 1 & 4

2003 Volume 34 Numbers 2, 3 & 4

2004 Volume 35 Numbers 1, 2, 3 & 4

Most of these are still available as back copies from the AOS, and we may need to order them in January to complete the set before our show. Still, if you have them & would like to donate, it would help us avoid spending a sizeable chunk of funds.



AOS Gains Sponsor & Lends Endorsement

As of this writing, the AOS & Sun Bulb Company have entered into a sponsorship agreement wherein Sun Bulb will feature the AOS logo on their orchid media and fertilizers. Though the media is a bit expensive, it is comprised of quality ingredients. I do personally use their Gro More fertilizer which is urea free & contains necessary minor elements. To me this seems a reasonable way to keep the AOS away from a financially precarious position while we pay down the mortgage on 'The Palace.' The decision, like most others, is sure to stir controversy.

Sun Bulb Company was founded by AP and Mildred Hollingsworth 1956. Over the years, this third-generation family business has grown with the orchid industry, distributing Better-Gro garden products throughout North and South America. These products are found at major garden retailers and independent garden centers — see www.better-gro.com for a retail outlet in your area.

The American Orchid Society, founded in 1921, is the largest special-interest horticultural organization in the world. The nonprofit organization's goals are to extend the knowledge, production, preservation, use and appreciation of orchids. The AOS Web site — the one-stop e-shop for quality orchid information — receives more than 3 million hits per month, making it the #1 Internet site for orchids (Google keyword "orchids"). The AOS is the premier authority for orchids for all matter of audiences (governments, the horticultural and orchid industries, affiliated societies, the national and international media, etc.). The AOS has more than 400 affiliated orchid societies and organizations.

If your winter travels happen to take you near Delray Beach, the AOS headquarters is well worth a visit. Admission is free with AOS membership.

Notes of Note

Date Event

- Nov. 10-12 Atlants & South Metro Orchid Societys' Fall Show, Atlanta Botanical Garden.
- Nov. 12 SCOS Meeting, 12:30PM, Coker Life Sciences Bldg., USC, Columbia, SC
- Nov. 30 to Dec 2 Carter & Holmes Open House. You know the drill - wonderful people, great plants, discounts, call ahead for lunch. This is a fortuitous time to get out & see the many hybrids & species that we seldom see because they're outside of normal show season. Also a great time for seasonal shopping - but where to hide a budded orchid for 22 days? Luckily books & supplies abound (and a few plants too)!
- Jan. 13 SCOS Meeting, 12:30PM, Coker Life Sciences Bldg., USC, Columbia, SC (yep - 2 months, orchid withdrawal beginning to show)
- Jan. 26-28 Triad Orchid Society Show, Council of Garden Clubs Building, 4301-A Lawndale Dr., Greensboro, NC. Contact: Donald W. Richman, 1210 Knollwood Pl., Martinsville, VA 24112; (276) 632-5728; richman@earthlink.net.
- Feb. 9-12 ***SCOS 2007 Riverbanks Orchid Festival!***

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 area horticultural event.



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