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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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MAY 2007

President's Message

Off to the Auction!

Another great spring show season draws to a close with a flurry of ribbons for SCOS members. We started it off with a bang at our own 2007 Riverbanks Orchid Festival and just wrapped up with a blue ribbon on our display at the Savannah show.

Freaky weather aside, the real work now begins - prepping, dividing, and repotting all those beauties for their spring growth spurt. And, the members of the South Carolina Orchid Society have a long history of sharing.

When we started, orchids were such a rarity that the only way to get great plants was through division. *Cattleya skinneri* 'Casa Luna' is one of those truly great species with divisions now found in collections throughout the world. It started its life right here in South Carolina in the greenhouse of SCOS founding members Dr. Amiot & Leora Hewlitt. Most are lab-grown mericlones, but many current SCOS members are lucky to have divisions of the original plant that the Hewlitts donated to the society's spring auction.

And this year's spring picnic and auction is just a week away! Saturday, May 5 with preview beginning at 10am. Come early & tour the greenhouses.

Tom and Shan Nasser of Carolina Orchids in Fort Mill, near Charlotte, have graciously offered the use of their facilities and appreciable culinary skills for this year's event. If you've never been there before, Carolina Orchids is easy to find - right near Carowinds along I-77 at the SC-NC border. You'll find a map and directions inside. The Nassers have three big greenhouses full of the most amazing tropicals you'll find. Orchids dominate, but you'll find those and plenty more to make you wish you had a bigger greenhouse!

Please be sure to tell your friends and members of other societies. Please also bring a dish to pass along with the Nassers' great barbecue.

Along with your prized divisions, we will have plants from Carolina Orchids and this year's features from Cal-Orchids. Owen's Orchids has sent down some seedlings of their new crosses as well, so we should have a really nice selection of plants!

Cindy Adams

Spring Picnic & Auction of the South Carolina Orchid Society

Psychopsiella lemminghii



Saturday, May 5, 2007

Carolina Orchids

3637 Pleasant Road

Fort Mill, SC 29708-1234

803-548-1682 (see directions on back)

Preview: 10AM until Noon

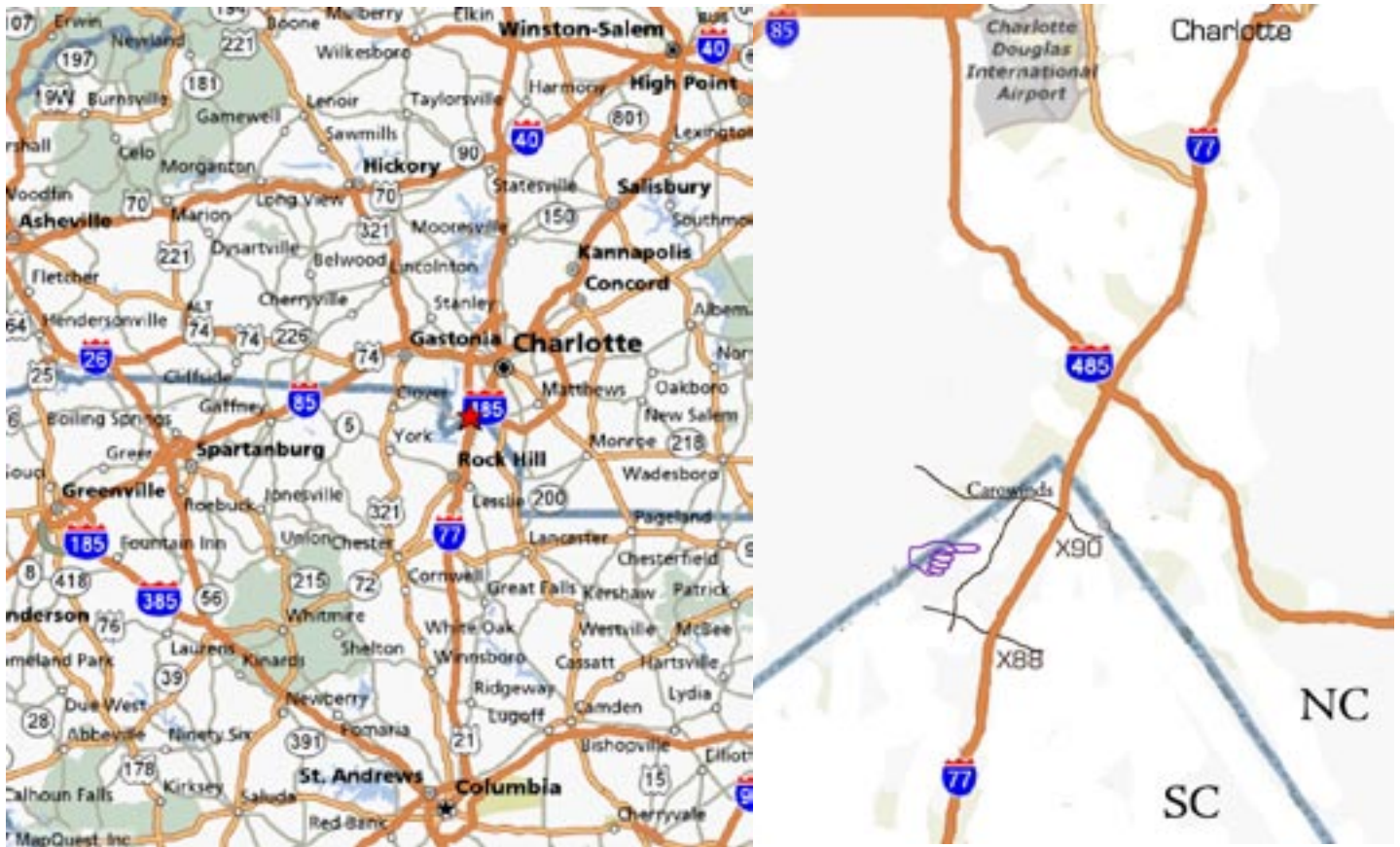
Picnic: Noon until 1PM

Auction: 1 until 4PM

The Members of the South Carolina Orchid Society are delighted to invite you to attend our annual picnic and auction. The society will provide the entree, drinks and place settings. SCOS Members are encouraged to bring a dish to pass and lawn chairs. And, of course, guests are guests - you don't need anything but a chair & your checkbook for the auction!

Stan Hutto has been busy collecting a great group of new and interesting species and hybrids for us to bid on. The Society goes back to the 1960's, and we're lucky to have a few "originals" as active members! They are a storehouse of knowledge, as well as great heirloom divisions. Several members have active breeding programs for species and hybrids. Combined, we always put together a really nice group of auction plants.

The Nasser's have the perfect location close to I77 & Carowinds with easy access to orchidophiles throughout South & North Carolina!



Directions to Carolina Orchids:

from Charlotte, NC:

South on I-77 to exit 90. Turn right on Carowinds Blvd. Go 0.7 miles to stoplight in front of Carowinds rollercoasters. Turn left on Pleasant Road & go 1.4 miles to Carolina Orchids on right. If you get to Beacon Knoll subdivision on your left, you went 200 feet too far.

from Columbia, SC:

North on I-77 to exit 88. Turn left on Gold Hill Rd. Go 0.3 miles to 2nd stoplight; turn right on Pleasant Rd. Go 1.4 miles to Carolina Orchids on left (after Beacon Knoll subdiv.on right.)

from Greenville, SC:

North on I-85 toward Charlotte. Exit on I-485 (toward Columbia) then I-77S. At I-77 Exit 90 turn right on Carowinds Blvd. & follow above instructions to us from Charlotte, NC.

See You There!

Nasser's Home: 803-548-1682

David's Cell: 864-617-2333

Notes of Note

Date	Event
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May 5	SCOS Annual Picnis & Auction, Carolina Orchids, Fort Mill, SC, see insert
May 18-20	Redland International Orchid Festival. Homestead Florida

New Meeting Venue

Beginning in July, the South Carolina Orchid Society will have a new meeting venue! The Garden Club Council of Greater Columbia maintains a beautiful meeting facility at Maxcy Gregg Park, just down Blossom Street from our current venue. And there's parking, parking and more parking! There's also a complete kitchen & parking close to the building. Remember to come early for a good parking space, because parking is virtually unlimited. Complete details along with a map will be included in the July newsletter.

Did I mention that there's much better parking than at the current facility?

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