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# South Carolina Orchid Society

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The South Carolina Orchid Society meets at 12:30 PM on the second Sunday in odd months at the Garden Club Councils of Greater Columbia building at Maxcy Gregg park (corner of Blossom & Pickens) in Columbia, South Carolina.

For more information, please contact the society's secretary listed above.

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## President's Message

So much to do!

Summer is (finally!) cooling down, leading to a flurry of activity in the Orchid house. It's already time to start preparing plants that went outdoors for the summer to come in and bloom for us. That also means that it's time to go on the prowl for bugs, slugs and snails before you move them into more crowded circumstances.

While you're out there, you might look at the ripening growths of fall blooming plants to see if they need staking to prepare for the weight of blooms. Clean up old growths as you look for signs of insects that live in the media. And, of course, tag plants that simply must be repotted next spring!

September is the month when nominations are announced for our elections in November.. A big pre-election thank you to those who have agreed to be nominated.

And the fall is the time for us to heat up with activities of the regional orchid societies.

The weekend after our meeting on Sept 16, the NCPOS society in Charlotte will have their annual auction at the home of Harry Gallis in the Charlotte suburb of Cornelius, NC. A flyer with directions is available on the SCOS home page at [www.SCOShome.com](http://www.SCOShome.com) Members of the NCPOS were strongly supportive of our auction, and I hope we can reutrn the favor!

The following weekend the Alabama Orchid Society will kick off the Fall Show Season with the Birmingham Orchid Show. The show is held annually at the beautiful Birmingham Botanical Gardens in Mountain Brook.

Carter & Holmes annual Summer Sale is already a memory for 2007, but they will be hosting the IPA Region 13 Fall Meeting on October 27. The meeting features wonderful speakers, an auction and free range of the C&H greenhouses.

And, the AOS has now released the significantly upgraded electronic AQ+ database. In January 2007, this will replace the existing Awards Quarterly at a significant cost savings. Subscriptions to AQ+ are available on the AOS website [www.AOS.org](http://www.AOS.org)

If you currently receive the newsletter via both mail and email and are happy getting just the email version, please let David Janvrin know: [DJanvrin@mindspring.com](mailto:DJanvrin@mindspring.com)

*Cindy Adams*

## September Speaker

Tom's program will be on *Bulbophyllums* and *Cirrhopetalums* and will introduce you to many of the different species in both genera and cover their culture. *Bulbophyllums* are found throughout the tropics and subtropics of Asia, Africa, North and South America, although most of the species are Asian in origin.

Tom and his wife Shan are the owners of Carolina Orchids located in Fort Mill, South Carolina. Tom has been growing orchids since the early 1970s when he received his first plant as a gift. As with most of us that plant was not long for this world, but he was determined to learn how to grow orchids. After meeting Shan they gave each other a greenhouse as a gift and the rest is history.

He and Shan Currently have three greenhouses stocked full of plants, most of wide variety of plants including *Bulbophyllums*, *Maxillarias*, *Paphiopedilums*, *Lycastes*, *Pleurothalids* and *Angraecums*. And everything in the greenhouse is for sale "No Red Tags."



*Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis*

Please remember to bring plants for the Show Table.

Refreshments Provided By:

Bill & Cindy Adams, Ed & Bertha Harris and Clara Hornsby.

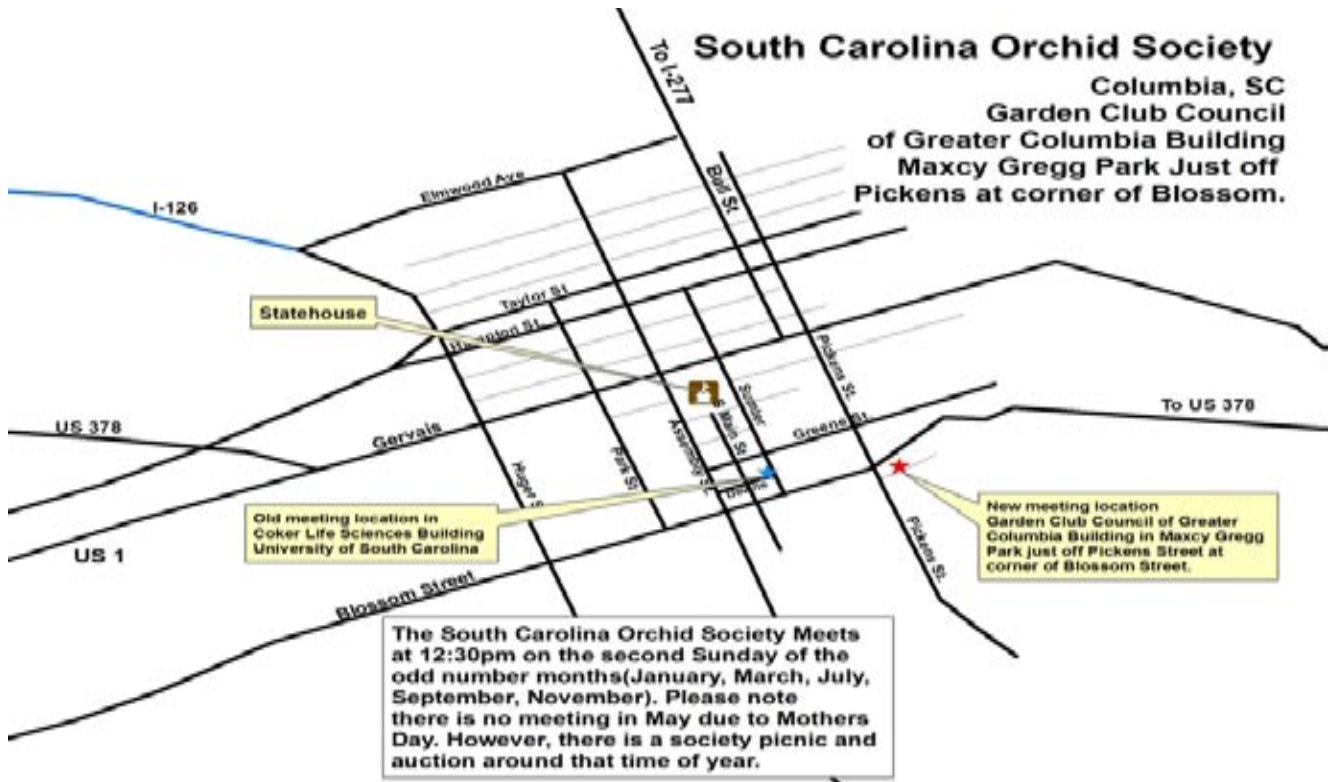
## July 2007 Meeting Notes

This was the first meeting in our new location in the Garden Club Council of Greater Columbia building. and H. P. Norton of Orchiview in Moncks Corner was our speaker. His cultural tips for red phrags include the importance of moisture at the roots. Phrag besseae and its hybrids want to stay moist and never completely dry out. However, be careful you don't drown them. To accomplish this H. P. is reverting back to some of his earlier successful cultural technique of growing these phrags in plastic pots and then sitting them in a shallow clay saucer to keep moisture up throughout the day. He only uses McConky plastic pots out of California as the drain holes are elevated on the bottom of the pot allowing air flow after water in the saucers has evaporated. It is important to remember he only grows the red phrags this way. Use only the smallest pot the roots will fit into and use a very loose mix. The trick to potting and keeping the mix loose is to settle the mix around the roots by tamping the pot on the bench during potting, under no circumstances force mix down into the pot around the roots.

H.P.'s mix is fairly open. For small pots, those under 4" the mix contains 6 parts seedling grade fir bark, 1 part #3 sponge rock, 1 part medium grade (3/8" to 1/2") hardwood charcoal, and either 1 part peat moss or 1 part New Zealand or Chilean sphagnum moss cut into 1/2" lengths. For larger parts the mix is 4 parts medium grade fir bark, 1-2 parts seedling grade fir bark, 1 part #3 sponge rock, 1 part medium grade charcoal and either 1 part peat moss or New Zealand or Chilean sphagnum moss, 1/2" length.

Water quality is another key. H.P.'s water is low in dissolved solids and actually has only 66 parts per million of dissolved solids or less. With fertilizer added your dissolved solids should be about 100 parts per million. If your water is of less quality consider using distilled water from the store. As for fertilizer he uses any standard type like peters, or miracle grow at 1/4 strength at every watering. In addition he adds 1/4 teaspoon of fish emulsion to this mix. On a monthly basis he will add 1/8 tsp Superthrive. And every second month adds 1 tablespoon Epsom salts to the water.

Finally H.P. says his seedlings grow extremely fast in the warm shady conditions of the Phalaenopsis house. However to produce flowers of great color, it is necessary to cool the plants down. If you are like H.P., you air condition your greenhouse. If you like most of us just grow them in your normal greenhouse in the coolest spot available. Since the majority of red phrags bloom in the spring, temperatures are already just about right. You just have to deal with bland colors during the warm season.



**South Carolina Orchid Society**  
 Columbia, SC  
 Garden Club Council  
 of Greater Columbia Building  
 Maxcy Gregg Park Just off  
 Pickens at corner of Blossom.

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**Treasurer's Report, July 2007**

<b>ON DEPOSIT IN BANKS (BEGINNING)</b>			\$5,839.12
Bank of America CD, 5yr, Mat. 8/5/09		\$4,030.05	
Bank of America Checking		1,809.07	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			\$2,403.00
Raffle - Mar		\$81.00	
Dues - Mar		55.00	
Auction Donation - Procko		40.00	
Auction		2,127.00	
Deposit Correction		100.00	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			\$1,010.30
Show Expenses - Hutto		\$ 172.8	
US Treasury - 501(c)(3) application		300.00	
Auction Plants - Cal-Orchids		200.00	
Postage, envelopes & rosters		22.06	
SCOS Show Awards Slides		30.00	
Newsletter copies		10.50	
Auction Plants, Carolina Orchids		200.00	
Postage, Newsletter & List		74.94	
<b>ON DEPOSIT IN BANKS (ENDING):</b>			\$5,362.66
Bank of America CD, 5yr, Mat. 8/5/09		\$4,030.05*	
Bank of America Checking		3,201.77	
* Does not include accumulated interest of \$387.89 as of 04/04/07.			
<b>NET CHANGE FROM MAR 10, 2007</b>			<b>+\$1,392.70</b>

**Special Note**

On July 8, 2007 at a called business meeting, the South Carolina Orchid Society voted changes to the Bylaws that include a change from bi-monthly meetings on odd-numbered months to a monthly meeting schedule. An additional change was made moving the meeting day from the second to the third Sunday of the month. The change from the second to the third Sunday was made to avoid interference with the Coastal Carolina Society meetings, allowing SCOS members to also participate in those meetings if desired.

These changes will take effect beginning with the **January 20, 2008** meeting. We hope the change to more frequent meetings will be easier for members to keep up with and benefit the society's membership.

EDWARD E. HARRIS, TREASURER, SCOS

JULY 07, 2007

## Notes of Note

See notes on regional activities and shows in the President's Message or online at [www.SCOShome.com](http://www.SCOShome.com)

## 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.

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

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