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# South Carolina Orchid Society

an American Orchid Society Affiliate

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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

Many thanks to all of you who participated in our fourth annual Riverbanks Orchid Festival! Each year, festival attendance continues to grow. Despite the general economy and the gate fee for Riverbanks, the show is a bargain for a day's entertainment. We saw many couples and families who made the festival their destination for a perfect Valentine's Day.

I'm happy to say that orchids have no boundaries - the attendees were as diverse as the orchids they came to view.

Judges from the American Orchid Society bestowed ribbons on a large portion of the plants entered. Quite a number of plants were 'pulled' for evaluation and three were honored with AOS merit awards and one other for horticultural recognition. These included a mini cattleya cross from Carter & Holmes, two lycaste hybrids from Carolina Orchids and a spectacular dendrochilum from Carolina Orchids. Of course, Shan Nasser from Carolina Orchids will be our speaker for February!

The 'usual suspects' did a great job of manning the Society table, handing out culture sheets to new growers and talking with them about the joys of orchid ownership.

Now we begin the task of helping new orchid growers begin the journey to becoming orchidists. Five lucky individuals who entered the drawing at the show are receiving a 2009 society membership. In addition, this particular issue of the newsletter will be sent out to all of the entrants. We hope that many will take the opportunity to attend the society meeting this coming Sunday, February 15th. Please make them welcome!

Stan

## January-February Minutes

The January meeting of the South Carolina Orchid Society was held on the 18th. Discussion at the meeting focused on preparations for the Riverbanks Orchid Festival.

In February, the Society hosted its 4th annual Riverbanks Orchid Festival. While we aren't quite an international hit yet, we are drawing attendees from throughout the Carolinas and Georgia. We're now developing quite a few familiar faces of folks who come in for the show every year.

Once again, we can thank Riverbanks, local television and newspaper along with Mother Nature for their incredible support. The Botanical Gardens reported their largest winter gate count ever along with a full parking lot.

The society display, planned and coordinated by Cindy Adams, featured a full-scale woodland scene of approximately 250 square feet. Cindy was assisted in the installation by Bertha & Ed Harris along with several other society members. The display's creativity captured the Judges' attention - particularly in the way it met the challenge of incorporating color flow in a 360 degree arrangement. Flanks of deep reds far opposite purples & pinks were skillfully melded with lighter colors to the center and higher up. Rather than a single focal point, this created a series of vignettes in which particular plants served as changing highlights. The display took the AOS Show Trophy amid some good competition!

As the Sunday of the show was our normal meeting date, a smaller newcomers meeting was held the following weekend on February 22. Stan Hutto & David Janvrin presented short talks on the variety of orchid genera available, resources for new orchid growers & media for orchid growing. Treasurer's reports are available on page 5.

## March & April Meetings

On Sunday, March 15, Shan Nasser will talk to the society about her trip to study the ecology and biodiversity of Ecuador. Along with neighboring Peru, Ecuador is a hotbed of genetic diversity - among orchids in particular. Shan is a past president of the SCOS, current president of the NCPOS, and a student in the AOS judging program (everyone wonders why she waited so long...). Along with husband Tom, Shan has been growing orchids since the early 1970's. Together they run the internationally recognized Carolina Orchids in Fort Mill, SC.

In April, we have arranged a field trip to visit Marble Branch Farms in the Upstate of South Carolina. The greenhouse is not normally open to the public, and they're presenting us with a rare opportunity to come & visit.

Mark & Gary focus on miniature and windowsill breeding lines using the most interesting of the cattleya, brassavola, encyclia and sophronitis lines. These are mostly little plants with proportionately big flowers!

Check them out online at  
[www.marblebranchfarms.com](http://www.marblebranchfarms.com)

Please remember to bring  
plants for the Show Table

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## SCOS Meeting Location

The SCOS meets monthly at the Garden Club Councils of Greater Columbia Building behind Maxcy Gregg Park at the intersection of Pickens & Blossom Streets. Meetings are held monthly on the third Sunday of each month.

Typically the May meeting is used for our annual Picnic & Auction. There is no meeting in December due to the holidays.



## Treasurer's Report, January 2009

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| <b>ON DEPOSIT IN BANKS (BEGINNING)</b>   |             | \$7,580.71       |
| Bank of America CD, 5yr, Mat. 8/5/09     | \$4,030.05  |                  |
| Bank of America Checking                 | 3,550.66    |                  |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                          |             | \$245.00         |
| Trophy sponsorship donations             | \$95.00     |                  |
| Dues                                     | 150.00      |                  |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                      |             | \$70.66          |
| Copies & postage                         | 17.94       |                  |
| Printing Matls & SCOS Brochure copies    | 52.72       |                  |
| <b>ON DEPOSIT IN BANKS (ENDING):</b>     |             | \$7,855.05       |
| Bank of America CD, 5yr, Mat. 8/5/09     | \$4,030.05* |                  |
| Bank of America Checking                 | 3,825.00    |                  |
| <b>NET CHANGE FROM DECEMBER 31, 2008</b> |             | <b>+\$274.34</b> |

EDWARD E. HARRIS, TREASURER, SCOS

JANUARY 31, 2009

- Individual . . . . . \$15
- Joint\* . . . . . \$20
- Student . . . . . \$10
- Commercial . . . . . \$25

\* 2 people at same address

- I would like to have my copy of the newsletter mailed to my home (Receiving your newsletter via email saves considerably on the society's expenses)

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(please PRINT clearly)

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Give to Ed at a meeting or mail to his  
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**Lycaste Chita Dream x Wyld Sunset  
'Shan'**

**Awarded at 2009  
Riverbanks Orchid Festival**

## Notes of Note

- Mar. 15 SCOS regular monthly meeting, GCCGC facility at Maxcy Gregg Park.
- Mar. 13-15 Atlanta Orchid Society show, Atlanta Botanical Gardens, 1345 Piedmont Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA
- Mar 21-22 Heart of Dixie Orchid Society Show . Holiday Inn Research Park, 5903 University Dr., Huntsville, AL
- Mar. 27-29 Western North Carolina Orchid Society Show , North Carolina Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC
- Apr. 3-5 Mobile Area Orchid Society Show , Jon Archer Ag Center, 1070 Schillinger Rd. N, Mobile, AL
- Apr. 17-19 Deep South Orchid Society Show , Savannah Mall, 14045 Abercorn St., Savannah, GA

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