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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.

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President's Message

Finally back 'Home!' April saw the SCOS trip up to Walhalla to visit Marble Branch Farms. In May, we met up at Carolina Orchids for the annual picnic and auction. Then June was a 'no meeting' month due to the Father's Day holiday. That makes three months since a 'normal' meeting in Columbia.

This coming Sunday, July 19, we will meet at the Garden Clubs' building in Columbia at 12:30 to talk about developments in Mini Cattleya breeding. These are great for the windowsill grower who wants the impact only a cattleya can produce. Most are bred for compact growth, less than a foot in height, and use species with lower light demands. Best of all, they can produce flowers approaching the size of standard catts.

Even though the auction was in May, there has been a lot of potting and repotting since then. Once you've shared with friends, please consider bringing in a division or two for the raffle table. I know that one of our growers already has a stash rooted up for us.

We will also be meeting in August on Sunday the 16th at the Garden Club's facility. Final preparations for the speaker are still being worked out, but I'm sure it will be something fun and interesting.

We have quite a few new members who may not have visited the facility, so a map is included in this issue.

Stan

Meeting Minutes

No business was conducted during the May or June SCOS meetings.

July Meeting

Harry Gallis has been growing orchids since about 1980, and currently has about 1,300 plants in an 800-square-foot greenhouse. The largest groups are Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis and Dendrobiums, the latter being his current passion. His plants have received about 20 awards, and, says Harry, "I very much enjoy growing plants for shows and awards - I'm after the crystal!" He entered the AOS judging program in 1991, and is an Accredited Judge and Chair of the Carolinas Judging Center in Raleigh. He is a life member of the Triangle Orchid Society, and belongs or has belonged to most of the societies in his region (he is currently most active in North Carolina Piedmont in Charlotte [NCPOS]). Harry has chaired local shows, an EOC/AOS Trustees Meeting, and the Southern Spring Show for NCPOS, in which he continues to place a solo 100-foot exhibit, "always gunning for the Show Trophy."

Harry is a native of Athens, Georgia, and his profession is medicine. He also enjoys cooking (his son recently became a chef), skiing, Duke basketball, and "I am now trying to learn how to hit a golf ball." Harry and his wife, Susie, have two children and two granddaughters Taylor ("see namesake Potinara Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Taylor' HCC/AOS - the plant got an HCC, she's an FCC!") and Savannah (Dendrobium Linc's Jewel 'Savannah Hope' HCC/AOS). His other favorite plant is Sophrolaeliocattleya Susie's Valentine 'Harry's Favorite' AM/AOS, named for his wife.

Harry's current position in medicine is in the field of continuing education, "which I have unleashed upon the unsuspecting orchid public." He originally joined the AOS committee structure in 1996, on the Education Committee, "and was informed by Marvin Gerber at my first meeting (before I had a chance to open my mouth and get in trouble) that they needed me to chair the committee hmmm." Shortly after Harry became Chair of the Carolinas Judging Center five years ago, he was asked to take on the position of national training coordinator, and has since been involved in the daunting task of trying to produce a revised training manual for the AOS judging system. He currently serves as a Board member and President-Elect of his national professional society; and has been active in numerous other organizations, professional and community.

"The AOS and other not-for-profits have many challenges before them," says Harry. "I look forward to working with the Officers and Trustees to maintain and improve the position of the AOS as the strongest and most productive organization of its type."

Please remember to bring plants for the
Show Table



TOLUMNIA PAT JANVRIN 'MOTHER'S DAY'
HCC/AOS

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.

Thank You to Gene Crocker at
Carter & Holmes for allowing me to
register the cross of
Tolumnia
Robsan 'Orchid World' AM/AOS x
Newberry Dancer 'Behemoth'
in honor of my Mom, Pat Janvrin.

It is very unusual for a first-bloom
Tolumnia to be awarded, but the
bright color, size and compact
presentation proved a winning
combination with an AOS High
Commendation to 'Mother's Day.'

These are proving to be delightful
little leprechauns, with wide
variation in the spotting on the
broad lips. This particular clone
shows rich, chestnut red over bright
yellow, but others are brighter red
with the same yellow. Check the
C&H site under Oncidium Alliance
for a photo of another clone.



Notes of Note

- Jul. 19 SCOS regular monthly meeting, GCCGC facility at Maxcy Gregg Park.
Aug. 16 SCOS regular monthly meeting, GCCGC facility at Maxcy Gregg Park.
Aug. 27-29 Carter & Holmes Summer Open House, www.CarterAndHolmes.com

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