

Some people hesitate to join an orchid society because, "I only grow a few."

The benefits of membership are not limited to the number of plants you can grow or the conditions you have available. The South Carolina Orchid Society offers a welcoming atmosphere for new & experienced orchid growers.

You might be surprised to know:

While some members have hundreds of plants, many orchid society members have fewer than 10 - there are even some who don't grow orchids at all but love to see and learn about them!

A few have greenhouses, but most members grow with available window light or supplement with electric lights.

While there are many highly specialized Orchids, most are neither fussy nor difficult to grow. Members can help you find the right orchids for you and love to share divisions. If you can grow African Violets, you can grow orchids.

Orchids are the nation's second largest horticultural 'crop' surpassed only by poinsettias - the 'Christmas Plant.' A blooming orchid makes its own special occasion.

The Southeastern US has the highest per-capita 'orchid ownership' and the tri-state area has a history in orchid growing and hybridizing going back to the 1930's.

South Carolina is particularly rich in native orchids with more than 50 species growing wild.

Our State has three orchid societies - in Charleston, Columbia, and the Upstate. Societies also serve Aiken/Augusta, Savannah and Charlotte. Wherever you live, there's a society nearby!

- Unlimited admission to meetings and events throughout the year.
- Speakers on general and specific orchid subjects.
- Special invitations to The Riverbanks Orchid Festival, auction/plant sale, and social occasions throughout the year.
- Field trips to regional nurseries, shows, and members' growing ranges.
- Special discounts at area orchid nurseries during our special events.
- Raffle Table at regular meetings.
- Annual spring picnic.
- Subscription to monthly Newsletter



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The
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Membership
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ounded in 1967 by a small band of dedicated hobbyists led by Bill Carter of Carter & Holmes Orchids, the South Carolina Orchid Society has grown into a vibrant group of dedicated orchid lovers from throughout South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia.

SCOS meets the second Sunday of odd-numbered months in room 004 on the lower level of the Coker Life Sciences Building on the campus of USC in Columbia, South Carolina.

Membership Benefits

Each year, the SCOS has 12 monthly meetings. Members enjoy unlimited admission to meetings and events throughout the year.

Most meetings include a speaker on a topic relevant to orchids. Some recent presentations:

Tom Harper, proprietor of Stone River Orchids, Taiwan International Orchid Show;

Manuel Aybar, Orchids of the Dominican Republic;

Linda Thorne of Seagrove Orchids, Adventures in Search of the wild *Cypripedium acaule*;

Jim Fowler of the Native Plant Society, Wild Orchids of South Carolina;

Linda Wilhelm, of Woodland Orchids and Chair of the Carolinas Judging Center, Orchid Judging 101; and

Stan Hutto of Sandhill Orchids, Asian Paphiopedilums, and South American Phragmipediums.

The list of speakers and topics goes on! Each meeting we try to provide something interesting for both new and experienced growers. Topics include travelogues to explore the orchid genera of exotic locations, Orchid genera talks on species and hybrids you can grow, pest and disease management, and culture talks covering the full range of growing conditions including windowsill, under lights, greenhouse & summering plants outdoors.

Each year, we also try to have a few special meetings where we may stage exhibitions of orchid plants, plant sales and auctions, and various social occasions throughout the year.

The newsletter has much more than minutes of previous meetings. A typical issue will also include growing tips and suggestions, news of regional events at shows and area growers', and special sections on developing good plantsmanship. For 'Wired' members who have an active E-mail address, the E-mail newsletter is a free benefit of membership.

From time to time the society hosts field trips to regional nurseries, shows, and members' growing ranges. When we visit regional nurseries, we can typically negotiate a special discount for society members!

*We would love to have you
attend a meeting
as our guest before you join!*

- Student\$10
- Individual.....\$15
- Family (one address)\$20
- Commercial.....\$25
- I would like to have my copy of the newsletter mailed to my home (email-only saves the society considerably)

Membership Information (please PRINT clearly)

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