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World of Energy to host orchid show

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SENECA — Although most flowers are lying dormant for the winter, orchids are putting on a grand show.

Duke Energy's World of Energy at Oconee Nuclear Station will host a free orchid show and sale Feb. 17-18. In its eighth year, the annual event is a partnership with the Blue Ridge Orchid Society of South Carolina.

"The orchid show will feature beautiful and unusual orchid displays of all shapes, sizes and varieties," Duke Energy communications consultant Mikayla Kreuzberger said. "Visitors will have the opportunity to discover why our local climate is perfect for orchids, learn about the orchid's history and join the Blue Ridge Orchid Society."

Mark Reinke of Marble Branch Farms in Walhalla will have a variety of unique blooming orchids on display and for sale. Reinke is an internationally known orchid hybridizer and grower. A portion of Reinke's sales benefits the Blue Ridge Orchid Society.

Society members will be available to answer questions about growing and caring for orchids. Orchids will also be available for purchase, with proceeds benefiting the society.

The show will be open to the public 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 17 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 18. Duke Energy's World of Energy is located at 7812 Rochester Highway in Seneca.

The World of Energy is an interactive education center that focuses on informing the public about energy production and the environment for nearly 50 years.

All events and activities are free and open to the public. For more information, call (864) 873-4600 or visit duke-energy.com/worldofenergy.