



Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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Meeting Schedule, 2006

Feb 18, Botanica 1:30 p.m.
Greengrowers; 2:00 Meeting;
Program by Bryon Rinke (see
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KOS Newsletter Articles

Submit your articles for the
KOS before Mar 9.

President's Palaver

I hope everyone is staying warm. As I am writing this, it looks like we could get more snow/ice/rain this Sunday or Monday. The snow and ice around the January KOS meeting was bad. Max has been in Uganda, so that left me to take care of the greenhouses. I have found that whenever Max travels somewhere, that is when everything in the greenhouse breaks down. During the ice storm, one of the heaters in the south greenhouse died. Luckily, Max had spare parts and Maintenance came and fixed it. The head of the Maintenance Department really didn't want to pull someone off sidewalk detail at the College to fix it, but I told him the greenhouse was more important. With the ice building up on the North greenhouse, it was starting to get too heavy, so I had to get on the benches inside the greenhouse and break off the ice on the top. Then the Reverse Osmosis water system went down, meaning we lost all humidity in the Greenhouse. We had to wet the floor down 3 times a day to keep up the humidity. Thank goodness Max finally came home. Max is planning on giving a talk on Uganda at an upcoming KOS meeting. He got some excellent photographs of the mountain gorillas.

Hope to see you all at the meeting. We will be discussing the Wichita Garden Show in depth.

Bryon K. Rinke, President KOS.

LOST: AOS CALENDARS

Lost: If you have the AOS 2007 Orchid Calendars, could you please bring them to the next KOS meeting. We need to sell them, and I don't know who has them. Thanks.

Bryon K. Rinke

Minutes, Jan Meeting

The January 2007 meeting was canceled because of the weather. No minutes—JoAnne got a break☺

Featured Orchid

Lepanthes elegantula



Genus pronounced: le-PAN-theez. *Lepanthes* from Greek lepis or scale and anthos or flower; combined lepanthos or scale-like flower. Species pronounced: ella-GAN-tue-la. from Latin elegantulus or elegant. Combined: The Elegant Lepanthes.

The genus *Lepanthes* grow as epiphytes in wet cloud forests of tropical America from sea level to above 3000 meters (9,850 ft.) in elevation. *Lepanthes* plants lack pseudobulbs, and generally can be recognized by a series of tubular ribbed sheaths (lepanthiform sheaths) that surround the ramicauls (stem supporting the leaf). Comprised of some 800 species, *Lepanthes* tend to be miniature plants with colorful flowers; some of which require magnification to fully appreciate. Most *Lepanthes* bear deep-green leaves, while others have reddish leaves, and others have a mottled appearance.

Lepanthes are cool to intermediate growing; dependent upon the elevation of origin. They grow best on vertical or horizontal mounts under conditions of high-humidity and low-light. *Lepanthes* grow well under lights if humidity can be maintained, and the prefer ample watering.

The flower shown is *Lepanthes elegantula*. This plant represents one of the large flowered species, sporting a bloom of over one inch vertical and one-half inch horizontal. The plant pictured was grown and photographed by Bryon Rinke.

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Submitted by Mark Sanborn

Illinois Orchid Society/Mid-America Orchid Congress Show

The Illinois Orchid Society /Mid-America Orchid Congress show is scheduled for April 28-29th from 10am-5pm at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, IL in the newly renovated Regenstein Educational Center. We invite you to celebrate our 55th Anniversary as well as attending the spring meetings of the Mid-America Orchid Congress. There will be at least 30 vendors and perhaps two from Peru and Ecuador that have tentatively agreed to attend as well! Demonstrations and lectures have been scheduled during the AOS judged show at the Botanic Garden, and there will also be corsage making and sales; raffles; bags available of our own special high-quality bark mix; books, pins, and other items, and a repotting service for a \$5 fee for any size orchid plant using our special [bark](#) recipe.

But the most exciting addition to the show is our featured speaker. **Alfredo Manrique, of Centro de Jardineria Manrique, one of two nurseries in Peru authorized to grow and sell Phrag kovachii, has agreed to come!** As most of you know, this is the most talked-about new species discovered in the past 50 years, and seedlings of Phrag kovachii are now becoming available for sale in the United States. The saga of this new, wonderful flower will be told from one who is deeply involved in its distribution and conservation. Other well-known speakers include Patricia Harding, co-author with Carl Withner of one of his Cattleya series, *The Debatable Epidendrums*. Patricia will speak about Huntleya, and related genera. Hadley Cash, from Marriott Orchids, who recently published an overview of his Paph breeding program in *Orchid Digest*, will discuss complex hybrids. And Dr. Eric Christenson, noted author and taxonomist, will have two lectures, one on Maxillaria, and the other on his work in Peru with David Bennett, on a modern inventory of orchids in Peru.

If you have any questions, please email me at Rosalie@dixler.net. I will be out of town from Feb. 11-28th so please contact me before or after those dates.

Rosalie Dixler

It is Time to Renew Your Membership

Dues for the Kansas Orchid Society are due in January. They are \$10.00 for single and \$15.00 for family, or \$200 for a Life-Time Membership. Your dues are important to cover costs for printing, mailing the newsletter and other expenses. You are a valuable member of the Kansas Orchid Society, and we would not exist without you! We will issue membership cards upon receipt of new applications and renewals starting in January 07.

Kathy Ethridge, Membership Chair

Detach and return with dues

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