

# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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Mar 18, Botanica; 2:00 Meeting;  
Program by Bryon Rinke (see  
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Apr 15, Tour: Southwestern  
College Greenhouse;  
Program: Max Thompson's  
tour to Uganda.

May 20, (Tentative) Bus Tour  
to Bird's Botanicals in  
Kansas City

Jun 17, Botanica; 2:00 p.m.  
meeting; Orchid Auction

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## President's Palaver

Is Spring here for good? Or just another tease? Well another Wichita Garden Show in the books. I don't know about anyone else, but I was really disappointed in the show this year. All of the budget cuts really hurt the look and feel of the show. The orchid sales by the society were not as good as in the past. We sold all but maybe 36 of them. I would like to thank all the people that did come out and help sell orchids. It seems that Max, Cliff, and Marlen put in the most time, and they are probably **three** of the oldest members of the society (sorry I said you were old!). I was hoping that more of the newer members would help out for an hour or two. While many have jobs in the daytime, we were short in the evenings. We will discuss options for next year at the next meeting.

It was nice to see David Bird at the Garden Show. He also sold orchids and seemed to do very well. He brought in a lot of different things so as not to compete with us, not many vendors would be so kind. David invited the society up to Kansas City in May to tour his cave growing area again. We could arrange it like the last trip. Free bus ride to Kansas City, visit Bird Botanicals and possibly ViClI Orchids. David said he would like to take us to a barbeque place to eat. He has a really good one in mind. We are looking into the bus situation right now to see if we can still rent one.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting,

**Bryon K. Rinke, President**

## It is Time to Renew Your Membership

We will be printing the KOS Membership Directory soon. Membership dues 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. For your convenience, an application form is included on page 5 of this newsletter.

**Kathy Ethridge, Membership Chair**

## **New Members, Welcome!**

KOS has two new members.  
Please welcome,

Mary Floyd  
6710 E 43rd Street  
Hutchinson, KS  
67502

Jan Cheesman  
329 North Rutan  
Wichita, KS 67208

New members receive an orchid plant when they attend their second meeting. Prior to attending that second meeting, they should call Bryon Rinke to let him know they will be there and he will bring the orchid.

## **Upcoming Shows**

Fort Worth and Greater North Texas Orchid Societies Show and AOS Members Meeting (hosting SWROGA) Arlington Convention Center - Arlington, Texas May 2 – 6, 2007

Tulsa Orchid Society is having an Orchid Show March 31 and April 1 at Tulsa Garden Center 2435 S Peoria Ave. Tulsa, OK

## **Minutes, February 18**

President Bryon Rinke called the meeting to order. Marlen McIntosh made a motion to accept the past minutes as printed. Jill Stackley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Ethridge presented her report. Richard Vanderlip made a motion to accept the report, which was seconded by Marlen McIntosh. The motion carried.

Max Thompson reported that Great Plains Judging Center did not meet in January due to bad weather. In February 24 plants were presented and 6 were awarded. Max also suggested that AOS members go to the Members Only web site to get news on the reorganization of our parent organization. AOS is looking for a chief operating officer. AOS no longer sells books but does receive a small percentage of sales for items ordered at the AOS web site. "Orchids of Iowa" and "Orchids of the Great Plains" books are coming out soon.

The next SWROGA show in Arlington, Texas on May 2-6 was suggested as a KOS "trip". It would be an overnight trip with KOS providing a bus and members covering their overnight and meal expenses. If a KOS member would be willing to plan the trip, interest was indicated. Are you an organizer?

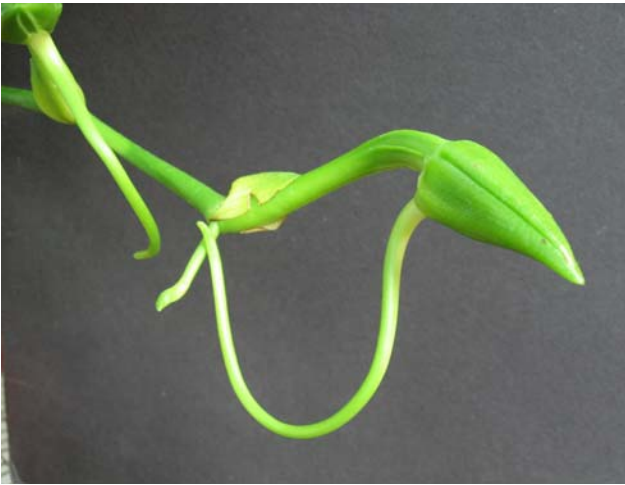
Bryon Rinke is planning a trip to Ecuador November 13-24 to attend a show there and tour for about a week. Please contact him if you are interested. It sounds wonderful!

The upcoming Wichita Flower and Garden Show was discussed. Plants will be loaded at Southwestern College at 4:00 pm so members can help unload and setup our area at 5:00. KOS will not be putting in a garden or display this year. KOS will be selling plants only. There is no signup sheet for members to man the booth during show hours. Come when you can. All help is appreciated. Bryon Rinke and Max Thompson will be on hand during show hours. This is a time when KOS gets to meet the public and spread the good word about orchids. The more the merrier.

Due to computer problems, the scheduled program could not be presented, so the Green Growers presentation was moved to the program's time slot. Mark Sanborn gave his program on potting and repotting orchids. He had a handout available and fielded questions. He potted up plants he had brought for his demonstration and he included mounting plants. Thank you, Mark, for an interesting and fun program. There was a nice selection of Show and Tell plants to enjoy while sampling refreshments and then on to a raffle.

Respectfully submitted, JoAnne Grubb

## Featured Plant



December 4, 2006



December 12, 2006



December 18, 2006

### *Angraecum sesquipedale*

Several years ago we obtained a plant of *Angraecum sesquipedale*. In the fall of 2004, it produced a flower spike which grew to perhaps a foot long and the bud blasted. In the fall of 2005, same thing. Last fall it produced another spike and we decided it perhaps needed more humidity. We moved the plant from the south shelf perhaps 4 feet to the north shelf in the greenhouse, but directly under the misting nozzles. Whether that was the difference or not we were excited to have the spike produce 2 buds that continued to develop and open. The photos show the first bud on Dec. 4, 2006 while the spur was still caught up; the second was on Dec. 12 after the spur was growing downward (note the second bud in the background); the third (note second bud) and fourth are on Dec. 18 after the first flower had completely opened. It changed from the green color shown here into a bright white as it matured.

By the time the second flower opened on Dec. 22 the tips of the sepals, petals, and lip had started to discolor on the first flower. The flowers lasted about a month. Called "Star of Bethlehem" or sometimes "Christmas Orchid" as blooms during Christmas season. First flowered in Europe in 1857. Has the 18 in. spur of Darwin and moth fame.

Gary Yong Gee in the September Bulletin of the Brisbane Species Society had the following information on the species:

"The French explorer and botanist Aubert de Petit-Thouars named *Ang. sesquipedale* in 1822 in *Orchidees des Iles Australes de l'Afrique* from the Latin *sesqui* (one and a half) and *pedalis* (foot long) in reference to the length of the flower. It comes from the lowlands of east coast Madagascar at altitudes below 100 meters (about 300 ft.). It is found on trees and rarely on rocks in light shade at the edges of forests often in the crotches of trees or on sloping trunks so the roots attach to the bark or hang in the air. Constant rainfall is heavy (150 inches per year) without a dry season. In addition temperatures are consistently warm so it has a constant growing season. Generally produces 2 to 4 flowers which produce a very strong spicy scent at night.

Hillerman and Holst say that cultivation under warm or intermediate conditions is not difficult provided several basic rules are observed. Upon reaching flowering size the plant's roots should be disturbed as little as possible otherwise plants may sulk for 2-4 years. Potting in a coarse medium can avoid frequent disturbance. Plenty of light short of burning the leaves during spring is recommended as well as regular fertilizing and plenty of water during summer. It thrives with good air movement and fairly high humidity. Plants take many years to reach a large size. Blooming begins when the plant is small with one flower on one inflorescence. The number of both flowers and inflorescences increases over the years."

**Richard Vanderlip**



December 18, 2006

**Great Plains Judging Center  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 17, 2007**

1. No Award	Paphiopedilum Luk Luk (stonei x niveum)	B. Rinke
2. No Award	Paphiopedilum (Grand Master x Incantation) x Paphiopedilum Saiun	B. Rinke
<b>3. AM 82 Pts.</b>	<b>Princess Bianca 'Max'(henryanum x Bianca)</b>	<b>M Thompson</b>
4. No Award	Paphiopedilum Francisco Baptista (Memoria Larry Heuer x Norito Hasegawa)	M. Thompson
<b>5. AM 82 Pts.</b>	<b>Phragmipedium Don Wimber 'M &amp; B'(besseae x Eric Young)</b>	<b>M Thompson</b>
6. No Award	Phalaenopsis Rothschildiana (amabilis x schilleriana)	M.Thompson & B.Rinke
7. No Award	Phalaenopsis Rothschildiana (amabilis x schilleriana)	M.Thompson & B.Rinke
8. No Award	Phalaenopsis Rothschildiana (amabilis x schilleriana)	M.Thompson & B.Rinke
<b>9. HCC 79 Pts.</b>	<b>Aeridopsis Memoria Michael Metzger 'Max &amp; Bryon'(Aerides jarckiana x Phalaenopsis equestris)</b>	<b>M.Thompson &amp; B.Rinke</b>
<b>10. HCC76 Pts. CCM 84 Pts.</b>	<b>Rodrumnia Enchantment 'Bryon' (Rodrumnia Mystique x Tolumnia Baroque)</b>	<b>B. Rinke</b>
11. No Award	Potinara Autumn Fire(Slc Bright Angel x Potinara Little Toshie)	M. Thompson
12. No Award	Barkeria Oaxacan Showers (Rebecca Marsh x Obosa Ivory)	B. Rinke
13. No Award	Lepanthes elegantula(Species)	B. Rinke
14. No Award	Porroglossum mucosum(Species)	B. Rinke
15. No Award	Pleurothallis (Kraenzlinella) lappago(Species)	B. Rinke
<b>16. CBR</b>	<b>Pleurothallis (Panmorphia) brevipes (Species)</b>	<b>B. Rinke</b>
17. No Award	Epidendrum Lime Drop (floribundum x stamfordianum var. alba)	B. Rinke
18. No Award	Miltoniopsis Bert Field(Mulatto Queen x Woodlands)	M. Thompson
19. No Award	Dendrobium cuthbertsonii (Species)	D. Lyon
20. No Award	Phalaenopsis Ellen Joyce (Memoria John Craig x Mahinini)	K. Backus
21. No Award	Phalaenopsis Brother Pico Striper (Sunrise Delight x Timothy Christopher)	Faith & Hope

<b>Team 1: 1-21</b>
*Tom Larkin
Lowell McCabe
Carolyn McCabe
Bryon K. Rinke
Gary Blankenbiller (Prob)
Pam Norberg (Prob)
Danny Lyon (Student)
Darrin Mullins (Student)
<b>**Max C. Thompson presiding over judging**</b>

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*Detach and return with dues*

**2007 KOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL**

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### **KOS Officers, 2007**

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### **KOS Board of Directors, 2007**

Sarah Pratt	2007 (end of term)
Craig Webb	2007 (end of term)
Jill Stackley	2008 (end of term)
Ron Haselhuhn	2008 (end of term)
Richard Vanderlip	2009 (end of term)
Karlene Sanborn	2009 (end of term)

### **KOS Garden Council Representative**

Kathy Ethridge

### **Committee Chairpersons**

Finance	Bryon Rinke
Program	Mark Sanborn
Nominations	Max Thompson
Hospitality	Marlen McIntosh
Publicity	Kathy Ethridge
Membership	Kathy Ethridge
Native Orchids & Conservation	Ron Haselhuhn

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