



Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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Meeting Schedule, 2007

Oct 21, KOS meeting at Sarah Pratt's home (greenhouse tour included) **1:00 p.m.**
 Program: Entering Plants for Table Top Judging. Map and info on pg. 3

Nov 2-4, KOS Orchid Show. Setup on Nov. 2, Show on Nov. 3-4. See schedule on pg. 1

Nov 18, KOS meeting at Botanica, 2:00 p.m. Program, TBA.

Dec 2, KOS Christmas Party at Botanica. Do we know how to say "Bingo"?

KOS Newsletter Articles

Submit your articles for the KOS Newsletter by Nov 7 to ksanborn@prairieorchids.com

Members Activities

Max Thompson is in Ghana, Africa with a group of students from Kansas University. They are doing research on Bird Flu.

Ron Haselhuhn recently presented a program for the Lyon County Garden Club about orchids native to Lyon County and their conservation.

Mike Everhart's book, *Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure*, is available in the bookstores this month. The National Geographic sponsored documentary based on this book will be shown at the Cosmosphere IMAX Theater in Hutchinson from October through February.

President's Palaver

It is with a heavy heart that I write this column. Fred Burgess, a long time members of the KS Orchid Society has passed on. Fred lost his partner in April. lost their home and farm to a tornado in May, and Fred died in October. Fred will be remembered by everyone who knew him. Fred and Jim taught me a lot about putting together an orchid exhibit. I remember driving out to Denver for the AOS show years ago. I was new to the orchid thing but they had me helping put together the KOS exhibit. I got a 3rd place ribbon for a little white Paphiopedilum cross at the show. I was so excited and they were both so happy for me. The plant died shortly after the show. On to happier times for Fred & Jim, together again.

As I write this, Max is in Ghana, Africa. He is working with KU on collecting birds and doing research on Bird Flu. He gets back on November 15. As you know everything in the greenhouse breaks when he leaves. Well, it happened again. Both heaters in the South Greenhouse have a cracked manifold, so that means 2 brand new heaters are coming. I am so glad I found this out before the really cold weather set in. I'm just waiting for something else to break now.

I hope everyone will have some orchids in bloom to put in the KOS show in November. We will need everything in bloom that you have. If you don't have anything, you can enter an orchid arrangement or corsage. You can even purchase a plant or two in bloom from a vendor and enter it if the show. We also need food. So start looking through your cookbooks for delicious item or two to bring to the show also. Hope to see you all on Sunday.

Bryon K. Rinke, President Kansas Orchid Society

KOS Tabletop Show Schedule

The schedule of activities for the November show is below. We need volunteers to help setup and cover the tables at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 2; food donations for Hospitality on Nov. 3 and 4; and help to tear down at 4:00 p.m. on Nov. 4. Thank you to all who have volunteered thus far to help make the show a great success.

Nov. 2, Friday	8:00-9:00 a.m. 9:00-7:00 p.m.	Table setup (volunteers needed) Registration
Nov. 3, Saturday	7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 8:00-10 a.m. 10:00--5:00 p.m.	Judges Breakfast Clerks Meeting Ribbon & AOS Judging Show Open to Public
Nov. 4, Sunday	10:00-4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Show Open to Public Tear down (volunteers needed)

AOS CORNER

Orchid Trivia from Dot Henley, Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society: According to legend, the way to recover from a rattlesnake bite is to make the snake bite himself, then follow him as he leads you to a *Goodyera pubescens* Rattlesnake Plantain which he will begin to eat to save himself. Take the Plantain away from the snake and eat it so you will be saved. Source: Glicenstein, L. AOS Slide Program 213. *Orchids of Lower 48*.

About AOS Would you like to receive a first class monthly magazine about orchids - with information, stories and beautiful pictures of orchids, in their natural habitat, in greenhouses, in gardens or elsewhere? Would you like to add to your knowledge of how to grow them; where to see them in shows; where to buy them and all the accessories, fertilizer, pots and potting media -- in other words, loads and loads of orchid news, pictures and information? The answer is: **Orchids** magazine, of course! You won't find it on newsstands. The only people who receive it are AOS members. If you are already a member, of course you already know and already enjoy the benefits of AOS membership. **An incentive to those who are not yet members is that you can receive a new member coupon worth 50% off the purchase price of one of the following Society publications: *Your First Orchid, Growing Orchids, Orchid Pests and Diseases, Orchid Photography, and Growing Orchids Under Lights.***

Do you like bargains, like saving money because you pay in advance? Then you could benefit from a two-year AOS membership! Two-year sign-ups receive a coupon worth \$30 off on a retail plant purchase of \$100 or more from one of a more than dozen outstanding commercial firms. Also, a two-year membership costs less than buying your membership on an annual basis. Consider: Yearly membership averages out at \$5 monthly; for some, that's merely the cost of one coffee treat!

These benefits are only *some of the rewards* of AOS membership. Visit the AOS Web site www.aos.org to get a complete list of the benefits. For a membership brochure, contact your local AOS Representative or the AOS Website at www.aos.org

Susan Taylor

September 16, Meeting Minutes

The KOS meeting at Botanica was called to order by Bryon Rinke, President.

There were no minutes or Treasurer's report presented.

Bryon Rinke reported the Wichita Garden Show will be March 5-9, 2008. KOS will have space in about the same area as the last show.

For members who like to travel, Richard Vanderlip reported there might be a tour to Costa Rico next year.

Stay tuned for more information.

The KOS tabletop show is coming in November. Setup will be the second, judging early on Saturday morning, and open to the public Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Show Chair is Karlene Sanborn. Signup sheets were available for bringing food and serving it and to staff the membership table. About 10 clerks will be needed (you can learn a lot if you clerk). Please help in any way you can, this is what keeps our organization going. Karlene reports the AOS has approved the show and judges have been contacted and are coming. Please contact Karlene with any questions or if you can help. Richard Vanderlip made a motion to spend \$1,000 for advertising radio spots. Pat Sallee seconded the motion and it carried.

Max Thompson reported that 13 plants were entered at Gt. Plains Judging Center and 4 were awarded. Max will be gone October 8-15 to study bird flu in Africa. Maybe we can coax him into giving a presentation.

Bryon Rinke and Max Thompson have a list available on the internet of their plants that are for sale. These are awarded plants that would make a great addition to anyone's collection. Make your wishes known soon.

Richard Vanderlip gave a program on the trip to Costa Rico that he and Elisabeth enjoyed recently. Their programs are always informative with a little humor inserted with their personal observations. Thank you to the Vanderlips for sharing their travels.

Members enjoyed refreshments while discussing a nice group of Show and Tell plants and hoping that their ticket number would be drawn in the raffle so they could take home a new plant.

Respectfully submitted, JoAnne Grubb Recording Secretary

Free Light Fixtures to KOS Members

The Monsanto Company, which has a research facility located near Valley Center, has offered to donate 10 to 15 400-watt high-pressure sodium light fixtures to KOS.

I have been using two fixtures similar to these since December 2006. With these, I have been able to bloom more plants than ever before. These fixtures are much different from the fluorescent fixtures that most of us use to grow orchids in our homes. The most important difference is that they are VERY HOT. My growing room is 12 x 14. I use two fixtures in a 12 x 4 ft area. The lights must be at least 25 inches or more from the top of the plant or the plant will burn. Watering is increased because of the heat. I have two fans going all the time the lights are on. The fixtures weigh 20 pounds each and are held up by chains. The ones we receive will probably have used light bulbs included, which could last several years.

Bulb replacements are readily available at electrical supply stores, but they are more expensive than fluorescents. Be sure and keep the fluorescent fixture in your growing area because the light from the high pressure is too intense for Phalaenopsis and other low light lovers. The high-pressure sodium fixtures are good for Cattleyas, Dendrobiums and other high light lovers.

KOS is passing these light fixtures on to members only and will limit two per household. If you are interested, please **contact Kathy Ethridge as soon as possible at 684-8299 or 838-1634** and leave word on the answering machine.

**Great Plains Judging Center
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 15, 2007**

1. No Award	Pleurothallis (Acronia) tridentata(Species from Venezuela)	B. Rinke
2. HCC 77 Pts.	Habenaria carnea 'Bryon'(Species from Thailand)	B. Rinke
3. No Award	Dendrobium Lynn Horiuchii(Macrobig x bigibbum)	M. Thompson B. Rinke
4. No Award	Trichocentrum microchilum(Species from Guatemala)	M. Thompson
5. No Award	Bulbophyllum phalaenopsis(Species from New Guinea)	M. Thompson
6. No Award	Angraecum elephantinum(Species from Madagascar)	M. Thompson
7. CBR	Lemurorchis aff. madagascariensis 'Max'(Species from Madagascar)	M Thompson
8. HCC 75 Pts.	Vascostylis Fuchs Precious Jewel 'Karlene'(Ascocenda John De Biase x Rhynchostylis coelestis)	M/K Sanborn
9. No Award	Cattleya Summer Spot(Cattleya Summer Stars x Cattleya aclandiae)	R. Gabaldon
10. AM 80 Pts.	Potinara Golden Circle 'War Eagle' (Blc. Goldenzelle x Slc. Circle of Life)	T/B Larkin
11. No Award	Slc. Circle Star 'War Eagle'(Slc. Seagulls Apricot x Slc. Circle of Life)	T/B Larkin
12. No Award	Paphiopedilum (Hsinying Concon x armeniacum)	J/B Kramer
13. No Award	Paphiopedilum (Dragon Flag x Limeade)	J/B Kramer

Team 1: Plants 1-8

* Gary Blankenbiller (Prob)
Karlene Sanborn (Student)
Tom Larkin
John Kramer
Lowell McCabe
Ray Gabaldon

Team 2: Plants 8 – 13

* Danny Lyon (Prob)
Bryon K. Rinke
Mark Stroube
Carolyn McCabe
Steve Gray
Karl Siegler

****Max C. Thompson presiding over judging****

KOS October 16 Meeting, 1:00 p.m. & Directions to Sarah's Home

Sarah Pratt has graciously invited KOS to meet at her home, 10003 S. Hertzler Road. See directions to her home below.

During the meeting, the upcoming KOS Tabletop Show plans will be finalized. Afterward, a greenhouse visit, In addition, Sarah confided that she has a **really special door prize** for a lucky meeting attendee.

10003 S. Hertzler Road (Timbucktoo Machine & Repair), Sedgwick, KS

From Interstate I-135

- Exit 13, 125th Street, Sedgwick: go West.....the road is only paved to the west
 - About five miles west will bring you into the town of Sedgwick
 - Go through town to the stop sign where 125th effectively ends.....this is Ridge Rd. (or Madison in town).....turn right or North
 - Go four blocks north to the 4-way stop sign @4th Street
 - Turn West or left and follow 4th street out of town past the school and over the river
 - Follow the paved road as it takes a 90 degree turn north and then back to the west
 - About three and a half miles west there is a stop sign @ Hertzler Rd.
 - Turn South, or left and go about ¼ mile
- The house is on the West side of the road at the end of a long drive.

From K-96

- Go North on W. 151st N. the turn is marked to go to Halstead and Bentley
- Go through Bentley to N. 117th W.
- Turn East, or right and go one mile
- Turn North, or left and go about one and 3/4th mile to our driveway on the West. This is the 2nd driveway on the west after you pass 125th Street or the County Line.

From anywhere on the West Side of Wichita

- Go North on Ridge Road to N. 109th W.
- Turn West (left) and go four miles to W. 135th N. Go North (right) 2 ¾ miles to our drive on the west as described above.

Phone numbers are 316-772-0321 or 316-655-0572 if you get lost please call!!!!

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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
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