



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

Sarah Pratt, Editor

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## 2021 Meeting Dates & Programs

Please be patient, because of the Covid situation, much of this is still quite tentative.

**January 17: *Miltoniopsis***

February 21: TBA

March 21; TBA

April 18: Final preparation for show

**Spring Show: May 8 & 9**

May 16:

June 20:

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

December 5: Christmas Party

(date to be confirmed)

### NEW MEMBERS

New KOS members receive a free orchid plant when they attend their second meeting.

Contact Sarah Pratt at [svcsjp@gmail.com](mailto:svcsjp@gmail.com) and she will try to pick out something special for you.

## President's Palaver

It's a new year and a new president. Covid 19 is going to make part of this year unpredictable at best and add a new president on top of that and this could be a different kind of year for the Society. I've decided to go ahead with an in-person meeting for January. We'll meet at Botanica as usual and spread out the tables and hope for the best. There has been a discussion about holding our meetings virtually on Zoom. Let's discuss that at the January meeting and see how many people are comfortable with that format and would participate in a Zoom meeting.

One of the activities we usually participate in - The Outdoor Living and Landscape Show - has been cancelled for this year. Last year we had to cancel the greenhouse trip to Southwestern. I really hope that the Covid 19 concerns will be less of a factor by this spring. If the SWROGA show this spring is still on and we can have our show in the fall, things will seem a little more normal.

Speaking of normal, I hope everyone has a greenhouse or plant room full of blooming orchids. Please bring some of them to the Jan. meeting. I think we could all use some winter orchids in bloom this time of year. See you all on the 17th.

Greg Tompkins, President

We are meeting this month at Botanica. Due to ongoing concerns with the Covid-19 pandemic we will continue to do things just a tiny bit different.

- No refreshments will be provided or should be brought.
- Please feel free to bring your own drinks in a bottle or thermos, but please mark your cup/can/bottle and do not share.
  - Continue to observe appropriate social distancing.
  - Face masks are required.
  - Have Fun.
  - Show and tell is as usual.

At the last minute, we had to cancel our Fall Show and Sale.

Great Plains Judging Center has had to cancel judging.

We did not have our traditional Xmas Party and Orchid Bingo, but we still managed to get together and distribute some plants!!

KOS ROCKS!!



Parting shots:

**Angraecum sesquipedale**

Grown by Richard and Elizabeth Vanderlip

Also known as Darwin's Orchid. Nice article in Wikipedia about the long spur and the moth that evolved to fertilize the flower.

The raffle will have a number of very nice plants available for you. Opportunities can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 11 for \$10.00

## Orchid definitions

### LITHOPHYTE –

Term used to describe any plant that grows attached to a rock; being a subset of epiphytic life.



## 2021 KOS Officers

### Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons & Representatives for

#### KOS Officers, 2021

**President**, Greg Tompkins 316-283-1265  
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#### KOS Board of Directors

Richard Vanderlip (end of term 2023)  
Elisabeth Vanderlip (end of term 2023)  
Pam Kontowicz (end of term 2021)  
Jill Stackley (end of term 2021)  
Elsie Dalziel (end of term 2022)  
Chad Sutton (end of term 2022)

#### Committee Chairpersons & Representatives

**Finance**, Kathy Ethridge  
**Program**, Susie Sutton  
**Nominations**, Sarah Pratt, Bryon Rinke  
**Hospitality**, Rose Meals and Elsie Dalziel  
**Publicity**, Kathy Ethridge, Susie Sutton  
**Membership**, Ruth Wilson  
**Native Orchids & Conservation**, Ron Haselhuhn  
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# Membership Renewal Time

Please note that we have a new membership chairman. Ruth Wilson has graciously volunteered to take over from Max. She requests that ALL members completely fill out a form to accompany their 2021 dues and take special care that the e-mail is readable and accurate.

KOS membership is based on the calendar year (January—December). The exception would be for new members who signed up during the last quarter (October, November and December) of 2020. That membership would cover through December 2019.

Membership entitles you to the monthly KOS Newsletter which keeps you informed of Society activities and other “orchid related” news. Renew now to ensure that you do not miss anything.

## KOS Membership Renewal Form 2021

Renewal \_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_ Information Update \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail: (must have this to send newsletter!)** \_\_\_\_\_

Many of our members have requested that they have access to our membership list. If you DO NOT wish any of your personal information made available to the general KOS membership, please OPT OUT at this time.

No, I do not wish to share the following information \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Membership **\$15.00 per calendar year**      Family Membership **\$20.00 per calendar year**

Life Membership **\$200.00**

I am a member of the American Orchid Society \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I heard about the KOS from \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to the **Kansas Orchid Society** and send to:

**Ruth Wilson**

**KOS Membership Chair**

**10003 S. Hertzler Rd., Box 193**

**Sedgwick, Kansas 67135**

**Also: please note that all new members receive a free plant when they attend their second meeting.**

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