



Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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KOS Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at Botanica at
2:00 pm, on the 3rd Sunday of each
month, **unless noted differently.**

2020 Meetings

March 15: Viruses and virus testing

April 19: Greenhouse Tour Southwestern
College, Winfield

May 17: Orchid Auction

June 21: KOS Picnic

July 21: Program by Doug Martin.

Kansas City Orchid Society, topic TBD

August 18: TBA

Sept. 20: *Orchids we have Known,
Grown or Killed*, Richard and Elizabeth
Vanderlip

Oct 18: TBA

Nov. TBA

Dec - Christmas Dinner and Orchid Bingo

President's Palaver

I along with several of my favorite people spent the weekend at the Wichita Garden show surrounded by orchids. What more could one want? Our sales were brisk and the questions were plentiful. Hopefully we convinced a few orchid enthusiasts to join our society. I encourage everyone to sign up to work a shift next year, it really is a lot of fun.

I ran into an acquaintance away from the show, she said the orchid booth was the highlight of the entire show. Way to go everyone.

Enjoy the weather as it warms!
See you Sunday.

Donna Nelson, President

<http://www.kansasorchidsociety.org>

Also visit our Facebook Page

Kansas Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2020

The meeting was held at Botanica, & called to order by Vice President Greg Tompkins at 2:00 pm. Guest, Becky Porter, joined us.

Minutes: Walt McCall moved to accept the minutes as published in the last newsletter. Richard Vanderlip seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Ethridge discussed our current financial position and filed the Treasurer's Report for audit.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Membership & GPJC, Ruth Wilson: currently membership is at 37 families, including 5 new members.
- Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge, Garden Show March 6 thru 8th; see upcoming events below in **Announcements**.
- GPJC/JC meeting, Bryon Rinke: Great Plains judged 19 plants, 7 were awarded.

Old Business

- Garden Show set up scheduled for Thurs, 3/4, 2-4pm. We will set up display tables to show diversity of the orchid world to the public, Bryon Rinke is artistic designer.
- 2021 Spring SWROGA show: Sarah is looking for Theme ideas; passed around possible for publicity flyer designs for members' votes.

New Business

- Bryon Rinke suggested we make Mark & Karlene Sanborn honorary members; Walt McCall made a motion the club do so, Susan Tompkins 2nd the motion; it passed unanimously.
- There was discussion about making memorial donations to certain organizations when a member passed away; nothing was decided.
- Sarah suggested we buy another case of the Orchid Books, IF the price still stands, to have for our Garden Show booth, the Nov show and the SWROGA event next spring. Mary Lee Ramsay made a motion to do so, Elsie Dalziel 2nd the motion, membership passed the motion unanimously.
- Kathy Ethridge asked that we designate new checking account signers to replace Mark Sanborn and JoAnn Grubb. After discussion nominated individuals were Bryon Rinke for RCB Bank. & Greg Thompkins, & Wanita Wright for Fidelity Bank. Richard Vanderlip seconded the motion. Membership voted unanimously to make this change in the upcoming months.

Announcements

- Tree Fest @ Extension building Apr 4th, 8 am – 12 pm
- Spring Gardening Classes at the Wichita Public Library, Rockwell 316.688.9361 & Evergreen 316.303.8181 – one every week, Tues or Thurs, in evenings. Please call them for dates and times.
- Herb Day@ Extension building May 2nd, 8 am – 12 pm
- HostaPalooza @ Extension building May 23rd, 8 am – 12 pm
- Garden Tour June 5,6,7th
- Kansas Water Garden Tour June 20th & 21st

Meeting adjourned 2:23pm.

Program: Sarah Pratt – “Fun with Taxonomy”, followed by refreshments, Show & Tell, and the Plant Raffle.
Respectfully submitted, Wanita Wright, Secretary

Newsletter Articles

If you have articles, **please send them on or before the 5th of the month to Sarah Pratt at svcsjp@gmail.com**

About this week's program 'Viruses and Virus Testing'

NO, WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT THE CORONA VIRUS!!

But, orchids, just like people, are susceptible to a number of viral pathogens. There will be a short presentation about the issue in general and then we will do some 'hands on' testing. The society was able to purchase test kits at a discount.....and each member will be able to get one free test. You can either bring in the plant you want tested or a freshly cut piece of a leaf (cut off the plant with a new single edge razor blade or a sterilized knife) about the size of two quarters. Additional tests will be available to either use on site or take home for \$3.50 each (a 50% discount).

Spring Show Schedule -----Mark Your Calendars!!!

Great Omaha Orchid Society 33rd Annual Show and Sale

March 28 & 29, 2020

Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha Nebraska

Fort Worth Orchid Society (and SWROGA spring meeting)

April 10 & 11, 2020

Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, Fort Worth, Texas

Tulsa Orchid Society Show and Sale

April 18 & 19, 2020

Tulsa Garden Center, Tulsa Oklahoma

Oklahoma Orchid Society Show and Sale

May 2 & 3, 2020

Wil Rogers Garden Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

AOS Corner: Visit www.aos.org for more information about Webinars

How does the Plant Raffle work??

- At many meetings a wide selection of eight to ten beautiful orchid plants will be available: hybrids, species, some seedlings and some blooming size or in bud or bloom.
- Raffle opportunities are \$1.00 each
- Buy 10 and get an extra free opportunity ticket
- Bring a blooming plant to show and tell and get a free opportunity. The first ticket drawn will belong to this group.
- If your ticket number is called you get your choice of the plants available.
- Tickets are drawn until all plants are awarded.
- A great way to add to your collection and try something new!!!!
- Please note that the KOS does buy these plants (albeit @ wholesale) and needs to at least break even. Buy tickets accordingly.

The U.S. Postal Service is introducing ten new orchid stamps! Wild Orchids of the United States

The official first day of issue was Feb. 21st. Ask your local postmaster to order some for you or go to www.usps.com/shop.





Dendrobium Aussie Firefly 'Bryon'

HCC 77 pts.

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



Dendrobium Bruce Gordon 'Bryon' AM 82 pts.

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



Caulaelia Snowflake 'Bryon' CCM 87 pts.

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

Bulbophyllum taiwanense 'Bryon' CCM 88 pts.

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



Cattleya Cosmic Delite 'Edmond Glenn' HCC 78 pts.

Exhibitor: Jay Simon



Phalaenopsis Yaphon Oh Mygod

'Susan's Valentine' AM 81 pts.

Exhibitor: Sue Tompkins

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 2020 dues and take special care that the e-mail is readable and accurate. At this time she has received updates and dues from about 2/3 of our members. **If you have not done so, please renew and update today.**

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 2019.

KOS Membership Renewal Form 2020

Renewal ___ New Membership ____

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 65

Sedgwick, Kansas 67135

Also: please note that all new members receive a free plant when they attend their second meeting. If you contact Sarah Pratt svcsjp@gmail.com, she will try to pick out something you might like.



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