

# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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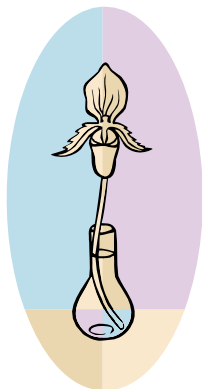
**Apr 15, Tour: Southwestern College Greenhouse, 1:00 p.m. Driving Directions on page 2. Program: 2:00 p.m. Max Thompson's tour to Uganda.**

**May 20, Bus Tour to Bird's Botanicals in Kansas City. See pg. 5 for information.**

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

## KOS Newsletter Articles

Submit your articles for the KOS Newsletter before May 10. to [ksanborn@prairieorchids.com](mailto:ksanborn@prairieorchids.com)



## President's Palaver

Didn't I just say in the last newsletter that I think Spring has sprung? Boy was I wrong. We didn't get much snow accumulation here in Winfield, but other parts of the state were not so lucky. I hope the really cold next couple of nights doesn't do too much damage to all the tender plants starting to leaf out.

Max and I attended the memorial services for Jim Mathes on Thursday, April 5, 2007. Jim was a Life Member of the KOS, and was very active until the last 3-4 years due to health problems. The services were held at Prairie Oak Farms in rural Edwards County, in the beautiful home of Fred Burgess and Jim. There were about 80 people in attendance from all over the state, a sign that Jim was loved by a lot of people. It was a short, but very nice service. Max and I didn't run into any snow until we pulled into their driveway for the services. Jim will be missed.

I hope you are all planning to come to Southwestern College for the meeting. We have a lot of stuff in bloom. We will have Orchids and bedding plants for sale, so don't forget your checkbooks, or cash (sorry no credit cards). Max is busy working on his presentation for the meeting. It is on his trip to Uganda, he took in January. He has some really great pictures. We will be providing desserts for after the meeting. Usually, Max & I make homemade items, but our kitchen has been gutted and is being remodeled, and I don't think it will be done so that we can make homemade items. Sorry, but we will still come up with some good stuff to eat.

If you are a new member to KOS and this is your second meeting, and are coming to Southwestern, please let me know so that I can get you your free plant.

Hope to see you all,

**Bryon K. Rinke**, President Kansas Orchid Society

## Orchid Books have Arrived!

The book "**Wild Orchids of the Prairies and Great Plains Region of North America**" have arrived. The society got a very good price on them. They were originally \$29.95, but we can sell them to the members for \$20.00 even, and that includes the sales tax. I will have them at the meeting on Sunday. PS - Vanderlips - I will hold a copy for you since you will not be at the meeting. They are in Costa Rica.

**Bryon K. Rinke**

## **New Members, Welcome!**

KOS has **SIX** new members. Please welcome,

**Kathryn Bertelmann**

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Wichita, KS  
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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.



## **Minutes, March 18**

The KOS meeting at Botanica was called to order by our President, Byron Rinke. He welcomed visitors and new members.

Richard Vanderlip made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Ron Haselhuhn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Our Treasurer, Kathy Ethridge, presented her report, including a recap of the Wichita Garden Show activities. Max Thompson made a motion to accept the report. Marlen McIntosh seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Congratulations to Kathy for winning a best horticulture and People's Choice awards at the Wichita Garden Show.

There was discussion about the Wichita Garden Show and the changes that may be taking place. More help is needed at the KOS booth, and how to achieve that. What activities to continue or change. Ideas and input is appreciated and needed.

Sad news was also reported. Jim Mathes, KOS Life Member, is ill and cards can be sent to him at the Pratt hospital. He and Fred Burgess hosted a wonderful get together in Lewis, KS and they were both active in KOS for a long time. Larry McGrath has passed away. He was quite active in the orchid world; his "weakness" was native orchids. He was a KOS member for some time and gave several presentations to KOS on his favorite subject. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

Max Thompson reported that 32 plants were submitted to Great Plains Judging Center, nine of which were awarded.

Bryon Rinke is ordering six copies of the book "Wild Orchids of the Great Plains", as requested by members.

Bryon Rinke gave a program of his trip to Columbia, South America the first part of September 2006. Max Thompson ably assisted, added comments, and ran the slide program. It is a treat when members share their experiences. Thanks, Bryon.

Members discussed and admired Show and Tell plants. Refreshments were enjoyed while a plant raffle was conducted.

Before the meeting ended, Max Thompson made a motion to send \$1,000.00 to Botanica to help with the plants and trees there. Sarah Pratt seconded the motion and it carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
**JoAnne Grubb**, Rec. Sec.

### **Directions to the Southwestern College Greenhouse:**

The greenhouse is located on N. College St. in NE Winfield. If coming down K15 from Wichita, come in to Winfield from the North and just before crossing the RR tracks, turn left on 5th St. Go east until you come to the stop sign, which is College St. Turn left on College and continue North to the campus. The greenhouses will be on your right on the north end of the campus. Park in the lots next to the science building or in the lot just south of the greenhouses.

If you are coming in on US 160, go through town until you come to Colleege St. turn left and continue as above.

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

Award Given	Plant Name	Exhibitor
1) CBR (P) 20078912	Epidendrum thompsonii 'Bryon' (species) (Provisional until species identified)	B. Rinke
2) CBR (P) 20078913	Notyliopsis beatricis 'Bryon' (species) (Provisional until species identified)	B. Rinke
3) N/A	Masdevallia rechingeriana (syn. Alaticaulia) (species)	B. Rinke
4) CBR 20078914	Masdevallia manchinazae 'Bryon' (syn. Luzama) (species) (Species identified)	B. Rinke
5) N/A	Sarcochilus Bernice Klein (Sarco. Heartlight x Sarco. fitzgeraldii)	B. Rinke
6) N/A	Sarcochilus Cherie (Sarco. Fitzhart x Sarco. fitzgeraldii)	B. Rinke
7) N/A	Sarcochilus Fitzhart (Sarco. hartmannii x Sarco. fitzgeraldii)	B. Rinke
8) N/A	Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii (species)	B. Rinke
9) N/A	Phragmipedium Majestic Tresses (Phrag. caudatum x Phrag. warscewiczianum)	B. Rinke
10) N/A	Phragmipedium Majestic Tresses (Phrag. caudatum x Phrag. warscewiczianum)	M. Thompson
11) N/A	Doritaenopsis Taisuco Pixie (Dtps. Sun-Chen Beauty x Phal. Carmela's Pixie)	B. Rinke
12) N/A	Doritaenopsis I-Hsin Golden Prince (Phal. Golden Sun x Dtps. Leopard Prince)	B. Rinke
13) HCC-76 20078915	Phalaenopsis Sogo Lit-Angel 'Bryon' (Phal. Cassandra x Phal. Su's Red Lip)	B. Rinke
14) N/A	Stenosarcos Hoosier Cardinal (Sarco. homalogastra x Strs. albidomaculatum)	M. Thompson
15) N/A	Wilsonara Walnut Valley Diablo (Onc. Maculatum x Odontioda Diablo) (Cross not listed in Orchid Wiz)	M. Thompson
16) HCC-79 20078908	Doritaenopsis Walnut Valley Pixie 'M&B' (Phal. Zuma's Pixie x Dtps. Brother Wedding Waltz)	B. Rinke & M. Thompson
17) N/A	Doritaenopsis Walnut Valley Pixie (Phal. Zuma's Pixie x Dtps. Brother Wedding Waltz)	B. Rinke & M. Thompson
18) HCC-77 20078911	Laeliocattleya Walnut Valley Beauty 'Max & Bryon' (L. dawsonii x C. Orglade's Classic)	B. Rinke & M. Thompson
19) N/A	Phragmipedium besseae (species)	M. Thompson
20) N/A	Paphiopedilum Delrosi (P. delenatii x rothschildianum)	M. Thompson
21) N/A	(Phalaenopsis Culican x Phalaenopsis Hawaiian Gem)	B. Rinke
22) N/A	(Paphiopedilum Robert de Veer x Paphiopedilum masterianum)	D. Lyon
23) N/A	Vascostylis Wine Festival (Vasco. Crownfox Red Gem x V. Kasem's Delight)	Linda Frederick
24) N/A	Paphiopedilum Transvaal (Paph. chamberlainianum x Paph. rothschildianum)	B & J Kramer
25) N/A	Paphiopedilum delenatii (species)	B & J Kramer
26) N/A	Paphiopedilum William Ambler (Paph. rothschildianum x Paph. wilhelminiae)	B & J Kramer
27) N/A	Renanthera Tom Thumb (Ren. monachica x Ren. imschootiana)	B & J Kramer
28) HCC-77 20078907	Sopholaeliocattleya Precious Mandarin 'Orange Beauty' (Lc. Trick or Treat x Slc. Precious Gold)	Tom & Barbara Larkin
29) N/A	Masdevallia princeps (species)	K. Sanborn
30) CBR 20078910	Epi. macrum 'Dr. Mark' (species) (Species identified)	K. Sanborn
31) N/A	Phalaenopsis hainanensis (species)	K. Sanborn
32) HCC-75 (P) 20078909	'Sanborn' (V. bensonii x Rhy. coelestis) (Provisional until cross registered with RHS)	K. Sanborn

**Judges Present:**

Bryon Rinke  
Carolyn McCabe  
Ray Gabaldon  
Lowel McCabe  
Billie Beck Kramer  
John Kramer

Mark Strobe  
Brian Truong Maurine  
Gebetsberger  
Tom Larkin  
Karl Siegler

\*Pam Norberg (P)  
\*Gary Blankenbiller (P)  
\*Danny Lyon (S)  
\*Darrin Mullins (S)  
\*Karlene Sanborn (S)

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

## **In Memory of James Lee Mathes, Feb. 7, 1934—March 27, 2007**

On March 27, 2007, Jim Mathes lost a brief but heroic battle with pancreatic cancer at the South Wind Hospice Home in Pratt, Kansas. Jim was born on the family farm in rural Trousdale on February 7, 1934. He was the only son of Rose (Zimmerman) Mathes and Walter Mathes. After graduation from Trousdale High School, he attended the University of Kansas, Arizona State University, and the Claremont School of Theology in California. Both his parents, and a sister who died in infancy in 1932, preceded him in death.

Jim had a successful career in educational/public broadcasting first at the University of Southern California and later at the Los Angeles PBS Station, KCET. At KCET, he worked on such projects as the award winning series 'Cosmos' with Carl Sagan and the first live international satellite simulcast which included eight countries. While in California, Jim was active in civic affairs with the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and served as President of the Whitley Heights Civic Association. In 1984, Jim retired from broadcasting and returned to rural Edwards County. There Jim established Prairie Oak Farms on the original family farmstead.

Prairie Oak Farms was noted for the greenhouses, orchids, the European inspired addition to the original farmhouse and the aviary of tropical birds. Prairie Oak Farms turned into a unique tourist destination when meal service was added. For almost 15 years Prairie Oak Farms was a special destination for birthdays, anniversaries, holiday parties and busloads of tourists who delighted in Jim's tales of life in Hollywood and the history of the farm. Jim embraced tourism in Kansas and served the state and his county in many capacities. He had been a board member of the Edwards County Historical Society, the southwest regional tourism group Wild West Country, the South Central Kansas Tourism Region, the Santa Fe Trail Heritage Organization and was a former member of the executive board of the Travel Industry Association of Kansas (TIAK). He was a life member of the Kansas Orchid Society, an active member of the Kansas Historic Theatres Association, and Kansas Explorer #717.

Jim is survived by his partner of almost 30 years, Fred R. Burgess, and by his extended family Debbie, Mike and Amanda Call and too many friends and travelers to mention, but not forget. A memorial celebration was held on Thursday, April 5 at Prairie Oak Farms.

Memorials on Jim's behalf can be made to the Kansas Sampler Foundation in Inman, Kansas, South Wind Hospice in Pratt Kansas, or the National Foundation for Carnival Heritage in Kinsley, Kansas in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt, KS 67124.

## **May 20 Bus Tour to Bird's Botanicals in Kansas City**

It is that time of year! KOS has reserved a bus and is ready to hit the road to Kansas City. Robert Bird graciously invited the Society to visit his cave (orchid growing environment) again this year. The trip is planned for May 20 in lieu of our regular meeting. Robert and his crew will be ready to give us a tour of his caves and has promised to show us to the best barbeque restaurant in Kansas City.

At the meeting next Sunday we will discuss more of the specifics and a trip plan will be published in the May Newsletter. What we do know at this point is that the trip will take all day, there will be lots of great orchid conversations, and a fun, fun, fun. so sign up on Sunday to reserve your seat on the bus.

Those who cannot attend the meeting Sunday can reserve their bus seat by e-mailing Mark and Karlene Sanborn at: [ksanborn@prairieorchids.com](mailto:ksanborn@prairieorchids.com) or call 316-321-0822.

**Mark Sanborn, V.Pres.**

## Featured Orchid: Masdevallia Walnut Valley



*Masdevallia murex* 'Bryon'

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*Masdevallia triangularis* 'Sanborn'



*Masdevallia Walnut Valley* (bred, grown and photographed by Bryon Rinke)

**Masdevallia** – (mas-de-VAL-ee-ah); named for Dr. José Masdevall, 18<sup>th</sup> century Spanish apothecary and botanist. As a genus, *Masdevallia* are widely distributed throughout the tropical Americas from Mexico to southern Brazil; however, the majority of the species range within the moist cloud forests at elevations between 600 and 3000 meters (2,000 – 10,000 feet).

*Masdevallia murex* is native to Ecuador and Peru where it grows as an epiphyte at 1800 meters (6,000 ft.) elevation. Found in the wet cloud forests *Masdevallia murex* are considered cool growers.

*Masdevallia triangularis* is native to the coastal mountains of Venezuela and Colombia, and on the eastern side of the Andes of Southeastern Ecuador where it grows as an epiphyte at 500 – 2300 meters (1,640 – 7,550 ft.) elevation.

*Masdevallia triangularis* are considered cool to intermediate growers.

*Masdevallia Walnut Valley* is a primary hybrid of *Masdevallia murex* crossed by *Masdevallia triangularis*. *Masd. triangularis* is a popular plant for hybridizing because it tends to impart intermediate growing characteristics, erect stems, and flower form to its offspring. The flower shown is a first bloom seedling that was bred by Bryon Rinke.

Cultivation of *Masdevallia* requires cool to intermediate conditions with ample humidity throughout the year. *Masdevallia*, especially hybrids, grow well under fluorescent lights or in a window sill.

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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**

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