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Meeting Schedule

- Feb 17. Botanica. 2:00 p.m. **"WOC Travel Log"**-- Max, Bryon, Mark, Karlene, Richard, Elisabeth & Sarah
- Mar 16 Botanica. 2:00 p.m. "White Vandas & Ascocendas" GPJC Lecture. Karlene Sanborn
- Apr 20 Southwestern College, Winfield, Ks. 1:00 p.m. Greenhouse Tour; 2:00 p.m. Meeting. "Intermediate to Warm Growing Pleurothallids. Bryon K. Rinke
- May 18. Botanica. 2:00 p.m. Orchid Auction
- Jun 15. Botanica. 2:00 p.m. Tom Nasser, Carolina Orchids - "Bulbophyllums" (Will also sell Orchids)
- Jul 20. Prairie Orchids, El Dorado, KS 1:00 pm, Greenhouse Tour; 2:00 pm Meeting.
- Aug 17 KOS Picnic at the Ethridge's Lease or Home (Details later)
- Sept 21. TBA
- Oct 31-Nov 2 . KOS Show
- Nov 16 TBA
- Dec 7. Botanica. 1:00 pm. Christmas Party & Orchid Bingo

Kansas Orchid Society
Karlene Sanborn, Newsletter Editor

President's Palaver

The sun is shining (for the moment) and thoughts of spring, the up-coming Garden Show, and our plans for the KOS plant sale should be on our minds. Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke have placed orders for an excellent variety of plants to entice the public. We will need volunteers to help set up the sales tables and to staff the sales area during the Garden Show. Sign-up sheets will be available at the February 17 meeting. Remember, KOS volunteers can buy plants before our sales ta-

bles open to the public.

Seven KOS members attended the World Orchid Conference (WOC) in Miami, FL. The show was well organized, there were gorgeous displays, and a host of informative lectures. Bryon Rinke has a collection of photos from the show and will present them at February program. I am sure that Max, Richard, Elisabeth, Karlene, and Sarah will be more than willing to share their experiences too.

Reminders:

Membership dues for 2008 are due. The renewal/application form is on page 2 and on the KOS website.

Newsletter articles, pictures of your orchid successes, items of interest to KOS members will be greatly welcomed. Please send them to Karlene Sanborn (e-mail or US Mail).

Members should let Bryon Rinke know what they would like for Greengrower sessions.

Mark Sanborn, President

Orchid Habitat Loss, Preservation, and Restoration I

As orchid growers we mimic the natural habitat of orchids in our greenhouses and windowsills. As we know, the closer to ideal cultural conditions the better our orchids will grow. So it is the same with orchids in their natural habitats. We also know for the most part that orchids are niche growers. They need specific cultural requirements or natural elements to survive. The natural habitat for many orchids has been degrading in the last century and a half at an ever-rapid pace. There are many pressures that have been growing that are taking

their toll on the environment.

Changes in temperature, humidity, rainfall and weather pattern, all falling under the heading climate change or global warming, slowly degrade habitat but are fast enough so that orchids cannot evolve to the conditions or spread to more favorable areas. Development like road building, agriculture and housing directly destroy orchid habitat. We need to be smarter with the resources that we have.

The Orchid Conservation Coalition has started a new initiative to document and

bring stories of orchid habitat loss, preservation and restoration to the orchid growing community and the public. The first seven orchid conservation stories can be seen at: <http://www.orchidconservationcoalition.org/hl/index.html>

If anyone knows or wants to add habitat loss, preservation or restoration stories to this initiative, please contact the Orchid Conservation Coalition at: information@orchidconservationcoalition.org

Susan Taylor,
Orchids Editor

Great Bargain on AOS Memberships

“new members can join for \$49.95/yr or \$99.95 for two years”

“two year extensions or sign ups still receive the \$30 coupon”

From now through March 31st, new members can join for \$49.95/yr or \$99.95 for two years. Current members may extend their membership at the \$99.95/2 year rate. While the \$5 rebate to the sponsoring society has been suspended during this promotion, two year extensions or sign ups still receive the \$30 coupon. The website has been updated to reflect these prices so people can sign up through the secure

website, call membership at AOS (561-404-2060) or one of the current membership brochures can be used. Just cross out the \$60 and enter the new price. In addition to the obvious benefits of membership like Orchids Magazine, membership in AOS gives our members privileges at over 200 American Horticultural Society member Gardens and Arboreta. This turns out to be, unfortunately, a rather well-kept

secret. For a **complete list go to: http://www.ahs.org/pdfs/07/0708_RAP_Broc_hure.pdf**

Ron McHatton, Director of Education and Regional Operations

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KOS 2008 Membership Dues

Dues for the Kansas Orchid Society are **due in January**. They are \$10.00 for single and \$15.00 for family, or \$200 for a Life-Time Membership. Your dues cover costs of printing and 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.

Kathy Ethridge, Membership Chair



Detach and return with dues

2008 KOS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Individual, \$10 per calendar year / Family, \$15 per calendar year / Life Membership, \$200

Mark one: Renewal New Member(s) Life Membership

I prefer to receive the KOS Newsletter by (mark one): e-Mail US Mail

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ e-Mail _____

Send dues (check payable to KOS) and application form to: **Kathy Ethridge**, Membership Chair
5709 Sullivan Rd.
Wichita, KS 67204-1941

Vanderlips' Orchids Survive Ice Storm



add wood to the fireplace.

We managed to do our cooking in the fireplace – heating soup, making coffee, heating water for tea and hot chocolate, and cooking hot dogs and hamburgers.

With one of the space heaters we could keep the temperature in the low 60's.



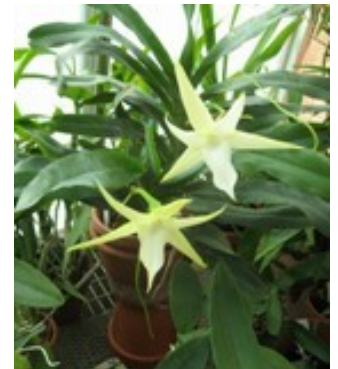
“They seem to have survived okay – several were in bud and have since bloomed. “

On December 10th we had the worst ice storm we have ever been through. Our power was off from 9:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 through 6:30 Sat. evening Dec. 15. We brought our 250 orchid plants into the house through the laundry room window – so we didn't have to take them outside.



Thursday afternoon we were able to get a generator. Unfortunately, our 'new' furnace wouldn't run with the generator because of all the computer safety steps which had to be passed before the furnace would light. However, we were able to run the refrigerator, 2 small space heaters, and a light. Friday morning the temperature in the living room (where the orchids were) was 44F so we moved all the orchids to the study in the basement which was the warmest room in the house.

We moved them back into the greenhouse Sunday and Monday (16th & 17th) again through the laundry window. They seem to have survived okay – several were in bud and have since bloomed. There have been more than the usual number of yellow leaves that have been lost and 3 plants which didn't look good before the freeze have not survived.



We had some tree limbs down from the ice but not as bad as many of our neighbors. There are some pretty big piles of branches along our street.

Richard & Elisabeth Vanderlip



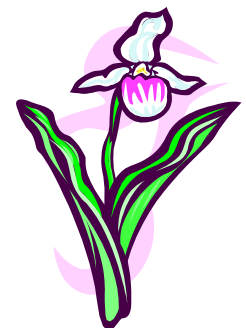
We burned wood in the fireplace continuously from Monday night until Thursday evening trying to keep the house warm enough for the orchids. This meant Richard getting up every 2 hours to

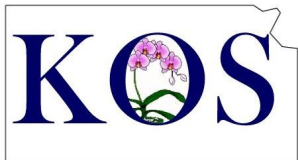
New Member

Dana K. Shannon, welcome to KOS. Don't forget, upon attending your second KOS meeting, you get a free orchid plant. Call Bryon Rinke to let him know when you attend the second meeting and he will bring your plant.

Upcoming Shows

- Greater Omaha Orchid Society Show. Omaha NE, Bellevue NE Mar 29-30
- Arkansas Orchid Society Show. Little Rock, AR Apr 4-6
- Tulsa Orchid Society Show. Tulsa, OK Apr 5-6
- Orchid Society of the Ozarks Spring SWROGA Meeting and Show. Rogers, AR May 2-4





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KOS Officers, 2008

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KOS Board of Directors, 2008

Jill Stackley	2008 (end of term)
(Interim)	2008 (end of term)
Richard Vanderlip	2009 (end of term)
Karlene Sanborn	2009 (end of term)
Sarah Pratt	2010 (end of term)
Ron Haselhuhn	2010 (end of term)

Garden Council Rep

Kathy Ethridge

Committee Chairpersons

Finance	Bryon Rinke
Program	Bryon Rinke
Nominations	Max Thompson
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