



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each  
month, **unless noted differently**.

### August 21: Bryon Rinke

#### *Cattleya cernua* – The Species and the Hybrids.

September 18: Picnic @ Pratt  
Residence/Greenhouse Tour  
Oct 16: Fall Show preparation  
Oct 29: Fall Show and Sale  
Dec 4: Christmas dinner & Orchid Bingo

Remember that refreshments are  
provided by our members. If you  
want to munch, bring something to  
share

<http://www.kansasorchidsociety.org>

Also visit our Facebook Page

## President's Palaver

Well this is turning into a long hot summer. I hope those of you with greenhouses are able to keep the temperature at a reasonable place for your orchids. We keep the cool growers at the north end by the evaporative cooler but it still gets a little warmer than they like it. Most of the orchids seem to be getting along OK with this heat. A welcome little surprise for us has been the *Bulbophyllum vaginatum* that is blooming for the first time. Sometimes you have a plant that just sits there and grows year after year, but no blooms and then all of a sudden.....

Our program for this month will be presented by Bryon Rinke. The topic is "*Cattleya cernua* – The Species and the Hybrids". All I know is that this is a tiny little red hot cattleya. There is a lot I don't know about orchids so the meeting should be very informative.

Greg Tompkins, President

Raffle: There will be raffle plants this month.....\$1.00 per opportunity and eleven for \$10.00. Just as a note: plants that KOS purchase for the raffle are increasing in price.....please support the raffle!!

# Kansas Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

### July 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order at Botanica by President Greg Tompkins at 2:00 pm.

A guest at the meeting was Mary Denny.

**Minutes:** Bryon Rinke moved to accept the minutes as published in the last newsletter. Max Thompson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** no report, treasurer not in attendance

#### **Committee Chair Reports**

Great Plains Judging Center, Bryon Rinke: July judging had 15 plants presented for judging and 7 awards were given

#### **Old Business**

- We don't have a definite date set for our fall show

#### **New Business**

- Garden Clubs and The Wichita Area Garden Council will sell plants and hand out information about their groups on August 27 from 9-5 in the Terrace Room at Botanica. KOS will participate and sell plants and have membership information available.
- KOS will probably participate in the Home and Garden Show to be held March 2-5, 2023

#### **Announcements**

- Many members have plants of *Encyclia chloroleuca* obtained from Richard and Elizabeth Vanderlip. Members who have this plant have should label them *Encyclia chloroleuca* "Lee" which has never been judged so it is not awarded. There were two separate plants collected by Lee Fent in 1969 in Belize. *Encyclia chloroleuca* 'Selma' which is the second of these two plants still belongs to Richard Vanderlip and has been awarded.

#### **Program**

Max Thompson presented our program "Latest American Orchid Society Awards" which featured Great Plains Judging Center awarded plants from 2021.

It was followed by refreshments, show and tell and the plant raffle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Tompkins, Secretary

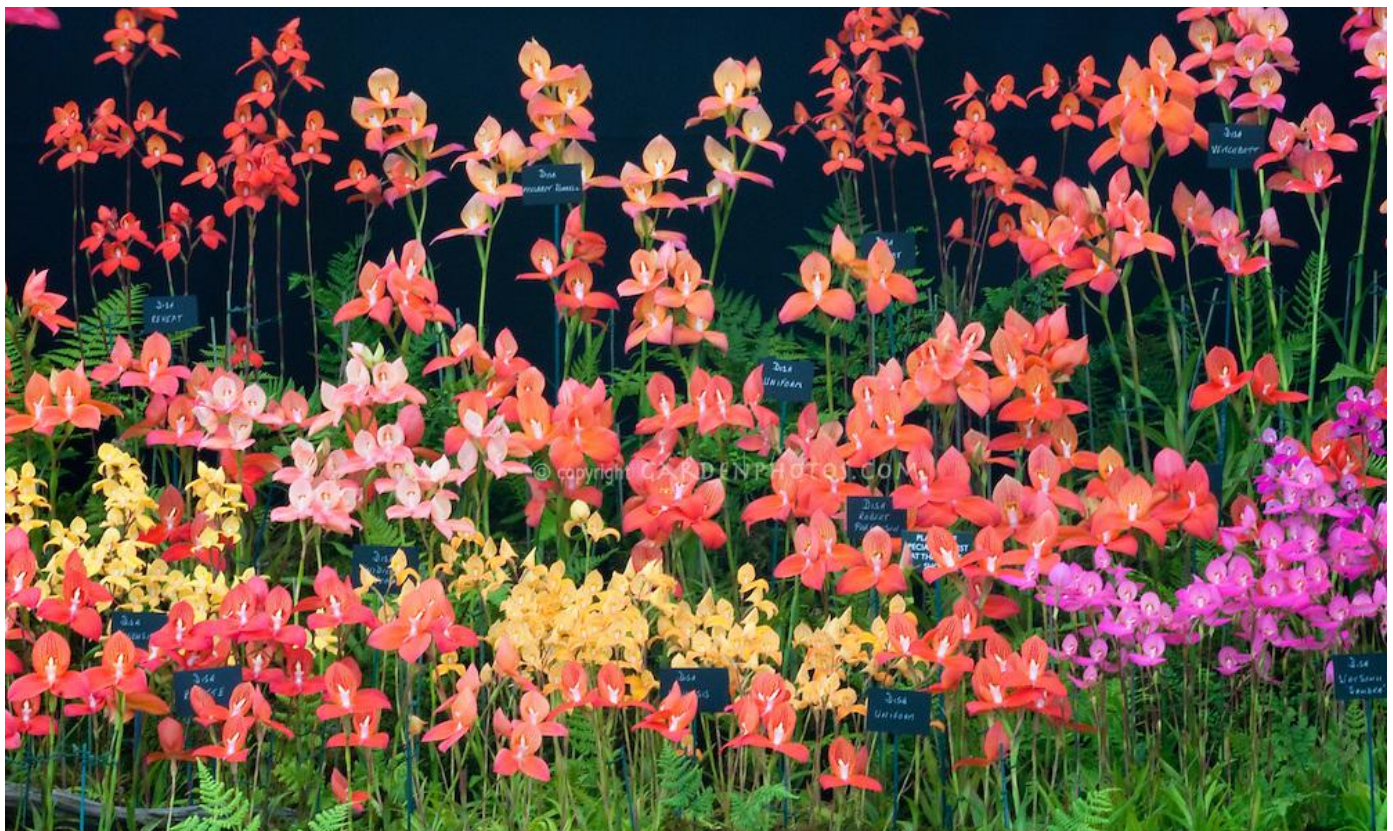
# ORCHIDS IN THE WILD

Kathy Ethridge, Conservation Rep



*Disa uniflora*, the Red Disa, Pride of Table Mountain, is a terrestrial species found in South Africa. This orchid grows near waterfalls, stream beds, and seeps high in the mountains.

Disas have grass like leaves with flowers that grow approximately 4 inches or even larger in length. Colors range from red, white, yellow, orange, pink, to lavender and rare blue. The sepals are the largest and showiest part of the flower, and the dorsal sepal is often marked with some sort of pattern consisting of spotting or striping. In nature, the Disa is dependent on the Mountain Pride Butterfly for pollination. This orchid has become domesticated and has even been found growing in gardens and used like we would use begonias. These orchids are considered tropical, so must be protected from our winters. *Disa uniflora* sounds like an orchid that I would like to try.







*Bulbophyllum* Boon Bryson  
'Max & Bryon' HCC 77  
Exhibitors: M. Thompson & B. Rinke



*Pleurothallis* *ensata*  
'Bryon' CBR  
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



*Epidendrum* Little Miss Sunshine  
'Leona's Light' AM 80  
Exhibitors: M. Thompson & B. Rinke



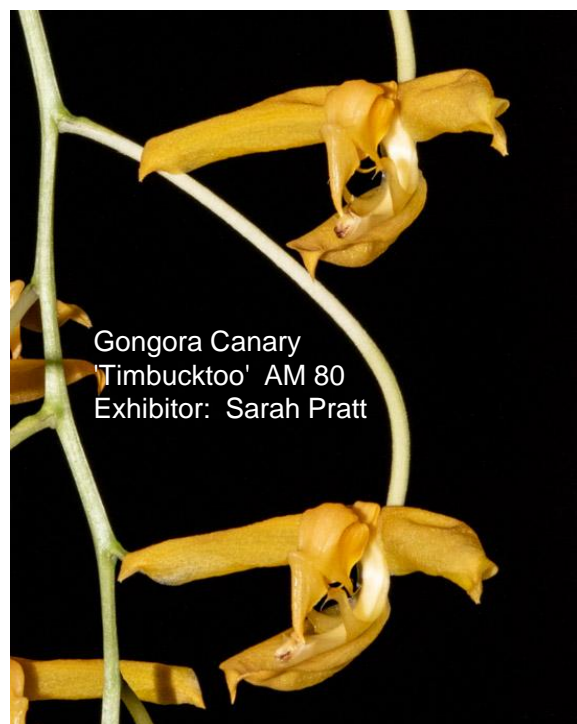
*Phalaenopsis* Connie Moody  
'Bryon' AM 80  
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



*Phalaenopsis* Walnut Valley Purple Pixie  
'Max & Bryon' HCC 78  
Exhibitors: M. Thompson & B. Rinke



*Epidendrum* *vesicatum*  
'Bryon Rinke' HCC 78  
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



*Gongora* Canary  
'Timbucktoo' AM 80  
Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt



## AOS Corner:

Webinars are taking a summer vacation; but there are lots available to review on the website.

Other things to check out at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org).

## \*Seasonal Orchid Care Checklists



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[How to Buy an Orchid](#)  
[Reading Orchid Names](#)  
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[Potting Media](#)  
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[Talking to Your Orchids](#)

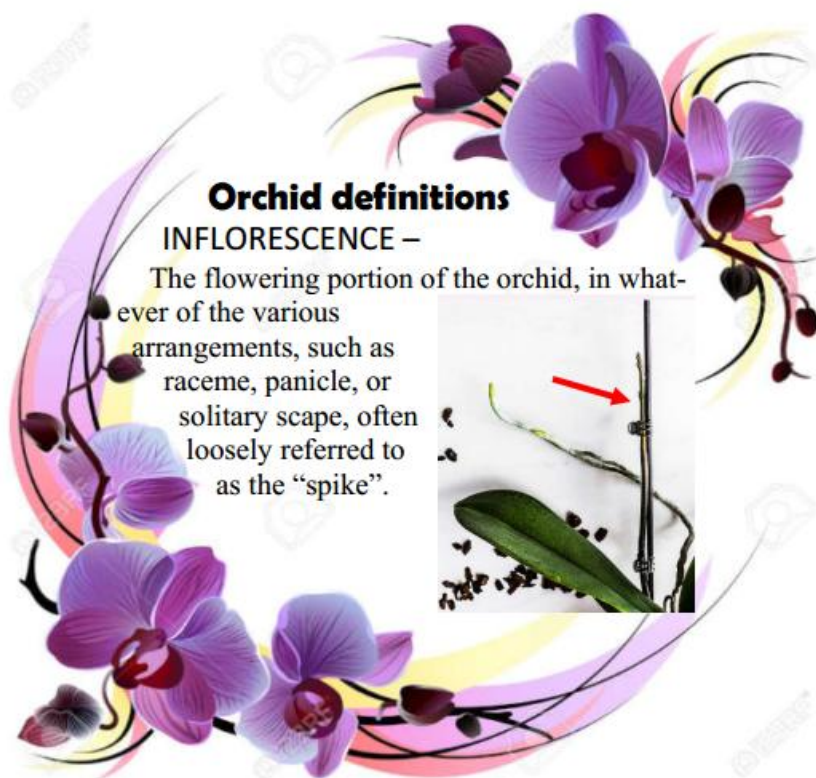
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[How and When to Water Orchids](#)  
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[Scale](#)

# Our Speaker This Month is our own Bryon Rinke

Bryon K. Rinke will be speaking on "*Cattleya cernua* – The Species and the Hybrids".

Bryon lives in Winfield, KS. He has a medical background in Radiologic Technology, specializing in CT (Computed Tomography) and MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging).

He has been growing orchids since 1980. A long time member of the KOS, Bryon has held almost every office in our organization and is an accredited AOS judge as well as the recipient of many flower quality, cultural, exhibit and national AOS awards. Bryon started growing everything orchid wise under fluorescent lights and in a window, soon realizing that Vanda's don't work well under lights. This is when he came to the conclusion that miniature species did well under lights, and you could purchase so many more to fit the same area. He now grows in a greenhouse with Max Thompson at Southwestern College in Winfield, KS. Poinsettia's, bedding plants, and orchids are their main crops to pay the bills at the greenhouse. Please visit their website [www.sckans.edu/other/greenhouse](http://www.sckans.edu/other/greenhouse).





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