



Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

Sarah Pratt, Editor

November/December 2020

President's Palaver

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November 15, 2020

Final Meeting: Lots of orchids from the cancelled show to be distributed in a variety of manners. Raffle, silent auction, etc.

Please Note: There is no parking available in Botanica's main parking lot due to 'Illuminations'. Park behind the building or on the street.

NEW MEMBERS

New KOS members receive a free orchid plant when they attend their second meeting. Contact Sarah Pratt at svcsjp@gmail.com and she will try to pick out something special for you.

We are a determined group of which I am glad to be a member. Despite the fact that we had to cancel our Fall Show I want to thank everyone for deciding to make a final meeting of 2020 happen. In lieu of a Christmas Party, we will get together one more time and I'm looking forward to the fun. I'm sorry many will not be able to attend, you will be with us in our thoughts. I'm looking forward to normalcy as we all are.

My orchids have been keeping me busy inventorying and tweeting getting them ready for the long winter. I hope everyone is well and entertained. The weather is cooperating so hope to see many of you Sunday

Donna Nelson, President

Like last month, 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 some social distancing.
 - Face masks are required.
 - Have Fun.
 - Show and tell is as usual.

Kansas Orchid Society Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2020

The meeting was held at Botanica, & called to order by President Donna Nelson at 2 pm. No guests or new members attended.

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

Committee Chair Reports:

- Membership & GPJC, Ruth Wilson: 49 active members.
- Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge -- Most of the 18 garden clubs have downsized activities. Botanica is promoting the Grand Lawn; 'Illuminations' will proceed with an additional drive-thru feature this year. All entry must be by appointment only.
- GPJC/JC meeting, Bryon Rinke: Great Plains judged was cancelled, to be incorporated with the KOS orchid show 10/31.

Old Business

There was extensive discussion/planning for the orchid show October 31st. I am not reiterating those details here however, as the show was subsequently cancelled.

New Business

Bryon detailed a new Pleurothallids book for sale that includes photographs of five of his orchids.

Announcements: Congratulations are in order

- The American Orchid Society's Carlyle A. Luer Pleurothallid Award for 2020 was awarded to Sarah Pratt for the grower of the most outstanding member of the Pleurothallidinae awarded during the previous year.
- The American Orchid Society's Mario & Conni Ferrusi Award for 2020 was awarded to our long-time member Bryon Rinke as the grower of the most outstanding example of a Masdevallia orchid during the preceding calendar year.

Our editor, Sarah Pratt was awarded the Orchid Digest Diamond Award. Congratulations, Sarah! You deserve it!

Meeting adjourned 2:22pm.

Program Paphiopedilums Explained (Maybe) by Sarah Pratt;

followed by Show & Tell, and the Plant Raffle.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanita Wright, Secretary

Orchid definitions

EPIPHYTIC, EPIPHYTE –

Term used to describe any plant that grows above the ground & attaches to something else for support. Nutrients are not taken from the supporting host but, rather, are derived from rain, air, and available debris.



2021 KOS Officers

Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons & Representatives for

KOS Officers, 2021

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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
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Question: What are we doing at this month's meeting?

Answer: Taking home orchid plants!!!!

As you are aware, the Society had purchased a number of plants for a sales table. I have manage to move some of them but there are still a goodly number that need to live somewhere other than my greenhouse. Donna has some plans for us to have fun getting these to out to our members, some will be simply distributed, some sold, etc. So come prepared to pick out some good ones for either your collection or for holiday gifts.

To be included

- Cattleyas from Fred Clarke (Sunset Valley Orchids) and Newman's Nursery,
- Dendrobiums and Oncidium intergenerics from Kalapana Tropicals
- Paphiopedilums from Lehua Orchids,
- Premium Phalaenopsis from California Luxe
- Oncidiums and Miltonias from Hlo Orchids
- Latouria dendrobiums from H&R Nursery
- Many still in bud or full bloom
- Some pictures on the next page (the pictures are from my cell phone, so the quality is a bit lacking. Sorry)



KOS Plants that will need homes



Editors note:
A couple of my plants that would have been in the show

← Coelogyne pandurata

Coelogyne rochussenii 'David's Goliath'

Footnote: This is a division of a plant awarded at the KOS show November 1994 by David Gayle, Douglass, Kansas and was awarded both an HCC and a CCM. Records indicate that it was exhibited with 997 flowers and 21 buds on 23 inflorescences. (I think my division still has a way to go!)



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