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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.**

March 19: Thomas Mirenda, Orchid Expert, Smithsonian Natural History Museum
April 16: Greenhouse visit in Winfield at Southwestern College
May 14: Program TBA
June 18: Peter Linn from "Diamond Orchids+
July 16: Orchid Auction
August 20: KOS picnic location TBA
Sept 17: Bus trip to Bird's Botanicals in Kansas City
October 15; Program TBA
November 4-5 Fall Orchid Show - Botanica
December 3: Christmas dinner and Orchid Bingo

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

Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society President's Palaver

I want to thank everyone that helped out at the garden show. It was kind of put together at the last minute but it came off okay. I also want to thank those that were there at breakdown and helped up all get out the door in good time. Kathy will give us a report on our profit or loss as the case may be.

I am hoping that as many as possible will attend Thomas Mirenda's talk coming up on Sunday. He is a well-known person in the orchid circles and works for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C. He usually has two articles in every Orchids magazine. Tom will be speaking on orchid diversity. We tried to get Tom as a speaker for our last American Orchid Society meeting but he was busy. Due to the cost of bringing in these speakers, we can only do two or so a year so please make every effort to attend. We do pay all their expenses so it doesn't take long to kill \$1000. We will be going to dinner after the show so anyone that wants to attend the dinner (Dutch treat), please let me know so we can make arrangements. I don't know yet where we will be going but will a great time to get to know Tom. The weather is supposed to be in the 70s so it will be a nice day. I look forward to having you at the meeting.

Max C. Thompson

President

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.

Kansas Orchid Society Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2017

The meeting was held at Botanica, & called to order at 2:01pm by President Max Thompson. Two guests, Nancy Benefiel & Holly Johnson, attended.

Minutes: There were no minutes to be approved as the previous meeting had been cancelled.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was not presented as Kathy Ethridge was absent.

Committee Chair Reports:

Membership & GPJC, Max Thompson: 33 members have renewed for 2017, estimated membership approximately 40.

No Garden Council report as Kathy Ethridge was absent.

Old Business

--Great Plains judged 17 plants.

-- Greg Tompkins made some corrections to the web site.

New Business.

--We will have a sales booth at the Home Show Mar 3-5th. Max Thompson negotiated the space at no cost with the stipulation we would provide several orchids for the speakers' stage. Max & Bryon will create a display table. People were asked to sign up for time slots behind the sales booth.

Announcements:

--Next Month's speaker is Tom Mirenda, who is curator of the Smithsonian Orchid Collection. We will go out to dinner after the meeting is over.

--Wanita Wright will contact the orchid clubs of surrounding cities to invite them to attend.

-- Omaha NE Orchid Show is March 25, 26th @ Lauritzen Gardens.

-- Peter Linn from Calif. Will be the June speaker.

Meeting adjourned 2:25pm. The program was repotting seedlings from community pots. We also held an auction for plants donated to the club from Steve Gray's collection.

Respectfully submitted, Wanita Wright, Secretary

Membership Renewal Time

Last Reminder: If you have forgotten, now is the time.!!

Individual Membership **\$15.00 per calendar year** Family Membership
\$20.00 per calendar year Life Membership **\$200.00**

Make Checks payable to the **Kansas Orchid Society** and send to:

Max Thompson KOS Membership Chair 1729 E. 11th Ave.

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^wUpcoming Spring Shows:

Need a break from Winter? Consider the following.....

•March 25 - 26, 2017

•The Greater Omaha Orchid Society presents its Thirtieth Annual Orchid Show and Sale at the Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center, Omaha, Nebraska

•April 22 & 23rd, 2017

•Tulsa Orchid Society Show, Tulsa Garden Center 2435 S Peoria Ave.

Plant raffle returns this month.

Really nice plants available. Values up to \$30.00 retail

Opportunities are \$1.00 each

\$10.00 gets 11 tickets!!

All proceeds (profits) go to KOS general fund to help pay for trips and speakers.

Great Plains Judging Center February Results

3 plants were awarded

Paphiopedilum Tokyo Black Knight 'Max Thompson' AM 83 pts.

Rodrumnia Cherry Hollow 'Bryon' AM 80 pts.

Pleurothallis (Acronia) cardiostola v. xanthina 'Bryon' HCC 77 pts.



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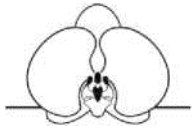


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