



# 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.**

### July 17: Max Thompson, Latest American Orchid Society Awards

August 21: Brian Rinke *Everything you Ever Wanted to Know*

September 18: Picnic @ Pratt Residence/Greenhouse Tour

Oct 16: Fall Show preparation ???

Oct 29-30: or Nov 5-6 Fall Show ???

Dec 4: Christmas dinner & Orchid Bingo

Big Welcome to New Members:

David and Arienne Huffman

Glad you joined us!

Remember: New members receive a free plant at their second meeting!

<http://www.kansasorchidsociety.org>

Also visit our Facebook Page

## President's Palaver

Anyone else think it's been a hot summer so far? If you grow in a greenhouse or just have some of your plants outside, you know what I'm talking about. Shade cloth really helps. I recommend aluminet brand. Its silver reflective surface comes in many different densities to give you the shade you need. It reduces the temperature in our greenhouse by 10 to 15 degrees. Even on the hottest days the greenhouse doesn't get over 90 degrees. If you have a heat problem, you might give it a try.

Many of you leave your flowering orchids sitting home, all alone while you're off having fun at our monthly meetings. Please don't let your babies feel left out! Bring them in for the show table! Let them bask in their beauty and be enjoyed by everyone! What I'm trying to say is, let's not be shy about it –beginners or advanced growers... we all want to see more flowers!

Greg Tompkins, President

Raffle: There will be raffle plants this month.....\$1.00 per opportunity an eleven for \$10.00

# Kansas Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

### June 19, 2022

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

We welcomed new member Dave Huffman to his first meeting.

**Minutes:** Richard Vanderlip 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 presented the Treasurer's Report which was filed for audit. Our plant auction at the May meeting raised \$628. The SWROGA Show income was \$8388.81 and expenses were \$9837.70.

#### **Committee Chair Reports:**

**Garden Council,** Kathy Ethridge: There was no Garden Council meeting this month.

**Great Plains Judging Center,** Bryon Rinke: June judging had 10 plants presented for judging and 2 awards were given

**Membership,** Ruth Wilson: Members who have paid dues for 2022 will receive a new name badge.

**Old Business:** None

#### **New Business**

- After a discussion regarding dates, it was decided that Sarah Pratt will check with Botanica regarding a table top Fall Show date for October 29. The show will be on Saturday only

#### **Announcements**

- Members will be able to bring wine to our Christmas Dinner at the Haysville Senior Center

**Upcoming Show Dates:** none at this time

**Program:** Our program was "*The Lure of Miniature Orchid Species*" presented by Ron Parsons. A very informative talk with wonderful photos that we all enjoyed.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Tompkins, Secretary

# Great Plains Judging Center

Each month on the third Saturday there is official American Orchid Society Judging held at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas at 10:30 am.

Any person may present a plant for consideration and evaluation and all are welcome to come and observe.

For more information contact Max Thompson, Bryon Rinke or Sarah Pratt. In June, 10 plants were entered for consideration and two awards given.

Editor's note: The encyclia below was collected legally from the wild by Richard Vanderlip. He has grown this plant very successfully and many KOS members have a division. Once this plant is officially identified by the Species Identity Task Force (SITF) and the award finalized, all divisions will have the clonal name of 'Selma'; and as such be awarded plants.

*Encyclia chloroleuca* 'Selma' HCC 79 pts.  
Exhibitors: Max Thompson & Bryon Rinke



One hundred fifty-three stellate flowers on four strong upright, chartreuse, smooth heavily branched inflorescences up to 127cm; sepals lanceolate and petals spathulate, light yellow-green, light magenta stripes on distal one-half, more pronounced on petals, sepals reverse blushed magenta; lip tri-lobed, cream-colored, midlobe light yellow-green picotee, magenta stripes centrally, callus centrally with three magenta stripes, lateral margins recurved ruffled, side lobes cstriped magenta basal one-third; column 0.5cm wide x 1.1cm long, light green basal one-half, cream-colored distal one-half, anther cap tan; ovary 0.2cm wide x 2.7cm long, green, ribbed longitudinally; substance heavy; texture matte; species collected in Belize in 1969; ID by SITF \_\_\_\_\_.

*Rhyncholaeliocattleya Blast Furnace*  
'Mark & Karlene Sanborn' AM 80 pts.  
Exhibitors: Max Thompson & Bryon Rinke



Five very round flat flowers on two inflorescences; sepals and petals orange-red, overlaid, veined and flared red; lip ruffled, yellow overlaid dark red distal one-half, striped red interiorly; column and anther cap white; substance firm; texture matte.

# UPCOMING AOS WEBINARS

## CONSERVATION OF ORCHIDS IN RWANDA

with Michael Tibbs



### *Conservation of Orchids in Rwanda*

Michael Tibbs, Sunday, July 17, 2022

what conservation efforts are being made to save the native orchids of Rwanda.

**Availability** : Member Only

Register at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)



### **Greenhouse Chat**

Ron McHatton, Tuesday, July 19, 2022

**Availability** : Public

Register at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)

Grow your knowledge and join AOS Education and Science Officer, Ron McHatton, for a fun filled hour of orchid questions and answers. Send questions to [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by July 14.

# The American Orchid Society FALL MEMBERS MEETING

Hosted by the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center

"Panning for Orchids" Show and Sale

## October 26th - 30th, 2022

at the Embassy Suites Sacramento Riverfront  
in Sacramento, CA

- Orchid Displays and Plant Sales
- Preview Event
- AOS Judging
- Live & Silent Auction
- Beautiful Setting in Old Town Sacramento - Close to it All!

SAVE THE DATE!

Details Coming Soon

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# Our Speaker This Month is our own Max Thompson

Professor and Research Associate in Biology, retired

B.A., Southwestern College;  
M.A., University of Kansas;  
graduate studies, Ohio State University.

Max has been growing orchids for almost 50 years and has received well over 289 AOS awards, including 4 FCCs. He entered the orchid judging program in 1986 and became an accredited judge in 1992. The Great Plains Judging Center was the local center and Max served as the Chair of that center for ten years total.

He was appointed a Trustee of the American Orchid Society to fill out someone else's term and served seven years in that capacity. He has also served on the nominating committee, governance committee, finance committee for the AOS.

A long term member of the KOS, he has rotated through every almost office of this organization and been a constant source of knowledge, encouragement and friendship to all of us.





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