



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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## KOS Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at Botanica in the Terrace Room at 2:00 pm, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month **unless noted differently.**

### **Apr 16: Greenhouse tour, Southwestern College**

May 21: Picnic in Stillwater at Doug Needham's greenhouse  
June 18: Auction  
July 16: Highlights of travel experiences in other countries re: orchids  
August 20: (TBA)  
September 17: Show Prep  
October 6, 7th Fall Orchid Show & Sale  
November 19: (TBA)  
December 3: Christmas Bingo

### **NEW MEMBERS**

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

## President's Palaver

Spring has finally arrived and that means it's time for spring cleaning. Is your orchid area on your spring-cleaning list; And all other areas of collection as you do all other areas? Why not set aside some time to clear the area of all debris, any sediment or algae build-up? It's April, if you have plants that aren't growing or are deteriorating maybe it's time to get rid of them and make space for new healthy plants. There are some exciting opportunities in the next few months to add to your orchid collection.

In April our monthly meeting will be held in Winfield at Southwestern College for a tour of the college greenhouse full of mostly orchids. You do not want to miss this opportunity, there are actually two greenhouses, and they are crammed full of beautiful plants. There will be some orchids and bedding plants for sale. Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City is also hosting an auction on April 30.

Our May and June meetings will be just as interesting too. For our May meeting, we are meeting in Stillwater, OK to picnic with the Oklahoma Orchid Society and then tour Doug Needham's extraordinary glasshouse (greenhouse). Since OOS is graciously hosting us at the picnic, we need to provide the number of people that will be attending; we need this number by May 1st. This link provides a brief video of the greenhouse and enter your name and how many will be attending in the comments:

<https://www.youtube.com/post/UgkxQfshKFEIlgCqMxEtTYtkObrvuZmLYCgX6>

The June meeting is our annual auction and this year it should be exceptional. Unfortunately, two of our more active members with a large collection of orchids are downsizing their collection to bare minimum because they are downsizing their home. They were kind enough to decide to donate all of their plants to our auction. As you can see, this presents several opportunities to expand your orchid collection, so I would suggest cleaning up what you have and getting ready for new additions.

Enjoy your Spring!  
Susie Sutton, President

# Kansas Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

### March 19, 2023

The meeting was called to order at Botanica by President Susie Sutton at 2:01 p.m.  
No guests or new members were attending

**Minutes:** Max Thompson moved acceptance of the February, 2022 minutes as published in the last newsletter. Bryon Rinke seconded the Motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Chad Sutton, provided the Treasurer's Report and is available for audit

**Garden Council:** Kathy Ethridge

- Kathy provided an update on the search for a new Executive Director for Botanica.
- Garden Expo will be Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 9am to 5pm. Approximately 25 vendors will be selling products.
- The Master Gardener Tools & Treasures sales event is coming up Thursday, March 30 through Saturday, April 1, 2023. The event includes sales of new and gently used gardening tools, containers/planters, bird feeders/bird houses, and other miscellaneous gardening items.

**Great Plains Judging Center:** Bryon Rinke

Bryon reported that due to a limited number of judges only a limited number of orchids (3) could be judged. A Certificate of Cultural Excellence ("CCE" 91 points) was given to a Masdevallia. Others judged were a Phalaenopsis and a Cymbidium.

**Membership:** Ruth Wilson

Two 2023 memberships had been submitted by mail bringing the total of paid memberships for 2023 to 51 with 15 remaining unpaid to date. In response to a question from the Membership regarding the number of Life Memberships existing, Ruth stated at present and including honorary life memberships, there were 12 Life Memberships in total.

**Old Business:**

The issue of Botanica's closure during January, February and March and the resulting costs to KOS of \$150 per meeting for each of those three months was again discussed. Susie noted that KOS could meet at the Haysville Senior Center each of the above months for \$50 per month. Jill commented that she had spoken with the Administrator of the Park City Senior Center who indicated KOS could meet at that facility for free. Discussion occurred regarding the possibility that a new Executive Director at Botanica may have a different policy, although KOS has been informed the reason for the charge in that insurance requires a Botanica employee to be present, thus requiring the \$150 charge for the employee's time. Bryon commented that KOS has enough time to consider various alternatives and that perhaps meetings could occur at different locations for each of those three months if need be. Whatever decision is reached it was noted that KOS would need to be assured that it had reserved space at whatever location might be selected. KOS members who had checked on various locations were asked to look into the certainty of a reservation at that various locations discussed. The consensus of the membership was to continue to be explore possibilities during the coming months.

**New Business:**

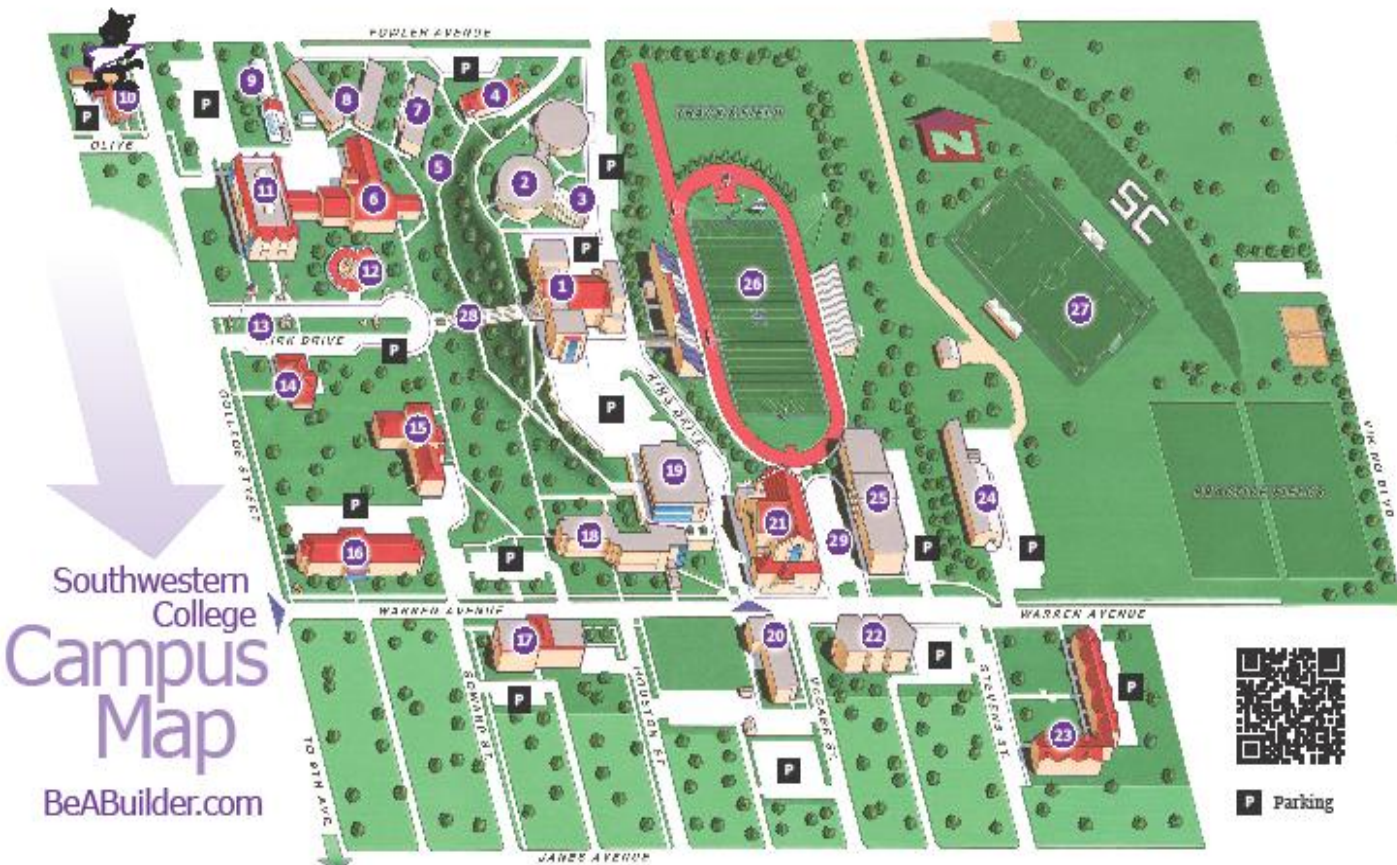
- Susie Sutton reported there was a card on the Membership table for Members to sign for Sue Tompkins. She is in the hospital. Greg Tompkins was unable to attend the meeting as he was feeling unwell. Please sign the card.
- Susie noted that it had been called to her attention that Rudolph Jenny had passed away. Altogether, Jenny wrote more than 600 articles published in many well-known orchid journals, including monographs on the genera Gongora, Paphinia, Sievekingia, and Stanhopea. He also wrote the three-part book series "... of men and orchids ..." about the background of orchid names and the stories behind the discoverers and researchers. Rudolf was also the founder and owner of BibliOrchidea, the world's largest and freely accessible database of orchid literature with over 165,000 entries, covering more than 90% of the existing orchid literature. Jenny's entire library of orchid art and literature is to be donated to Lancaster Gardens in Costa Rica. The cost of shipping the library is \$66,000. A request has been made for KOS to donate toward the shipping costs. There was discussion noting that Lancaster is a premier research facility that supports many graduate students. A motion to donate \$500 toward shipping costs was made by Sarah Pratt and seconded by Max Thompson. The motion passed with unanimous vote.
- Sarah Pratt brought to the membership's attention that SWROGA does not currently have a location for its Fall meeting. She noted that if KOS would host SWROGA's Fall meeting, SWROGA would make a significant donation to KOS to go toward trophies. As "host" for this meeting KOS would need to provide a meeting room for approximately 10 persons and make certain it had Zoom capability to allow others to join on-line. The meeting room would need to be available on a Friday afternoon or evening and KOS would be required to have a meal catered for the SWROGA meeting attendees. A suggestion was made for the meeting to be held in Botanica's Weidenbach room. Max Thompson moved approval of KOS hosting SWROGA's Fall meeting and catering a meal. Bryon Rinke seconded and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Announcements:**

- Susie Sutton announced the next two KOS meetings will not be held at Botanica. The April meeting will be at Southwestern College in Winfield with greenhouse tours.
- The May picnic is currently scheduled to be at Sarah Pratt's home.
- Bryon Rinke announced March 25 and 26 is the Omaha Show. Hours are 10am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday.

The business meeting adjourned and Theresa Harrison proceeded with the Program "How did you get into Orchids," a panel discussion by members Max Thompson, Blake Kruse, Kathy Ethridge and Bryon Rinke, with written comments provided by Richard Vanderlip, who was unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbie Johnson, Secretary



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| 1 Christy Administration Building, Richardson Performing Arts Center | 8 Honor Apartments                        | 15 Deets Library               | 23 Warren Apartments                              |
| 2 Darbeth Fine Arts Center   | 9 Greenhouse                              | 16 Broadhurst Hall             | 24 TOMARI Theatrical Arts and Technologies Center |
| 3 Messenger Recital Hall   | 10 Dole Center, Institutional Advancement | 17 Cole Hall                   | 25 White PE Building                              |
| 4 Wroten Hall  | 11 Beech Science Center                   | 18 Wallingford Hall            | 26 Richard L. Jantz Stadium                       |
| 5 Allen Podium   | 12 The Mound                              | 19 Roy L. Smith Student Center | 27 Soccer Field                                   |
| 6 Mossman Hall   | 13 Heritage Rock                          | 20 Sutton Center, Student Life | 28 77 Steps                                       |
| 7 Shriwise Apartments  | 14 Welcome Center                         | 21 Stewart Field House         | 29 Farney Family Plaza                            |
|  |   | 22 Reid Apartments             |   |

**Remember: Our meeting this month is at Southwestern College in Winfield.** The business meeting is in the Beech Science Center (building #11) and starts at 2:00 pm. The greenhouses (#9) will be open at 1:30 and after the meeting. Max and Bryon will have plants for sale. Great chance to find something to add to your exhibit.

NO RAFFLE PLANTS THIS MONTH



## Masdevallia regina

'Long Live the Queen' CCE/91 points

Exhibitor: Doug Needham

Three striking flowers and three buds on six upright inflorescences, plus one immature inflorescence; plant very well grown with spotless growths in a 10-cm clay pot with a bark and perlite mixture, 40.2-cm diameter x 19.5-cm plant only, 54.5 cm tall including the longest 36.0-cm inflorescence, largest leaf 3.8 cm wide x 23.2 cm long; dorsal sepal pale gold basally, suffused yellow-orange, finely dotted burgundy, caudae bright gold; lateral sepals connate, basal-third formed cup, pale gold centrally, outer edge suffused yellow-orange, finely dotted burgundy, spots larger centrally, caudae bright gold; petals pale gold, finely dotted burgundy; lip bright gold, finely dotted burgundy; column yellow, anther cap burgundy; substance hard; texture matte; species from Peru.

Note: This extraordinary flower has a vertical measurement of 29.2 cm. (11.5 inches). All of the previously awarded clones had only one or two flowers when awarded.

### ORCHIDS IN THE WILD

Kathy Ethridge, Conservation Rep

The Native Orchid Conference is pleased to announce that the Native Orchid Conference annual symposium will convene in one of the most orchid rich areas in the US - MICHIGANS UPPER PENINSULA! You can join them as they present a full slate of outstanding speakers and enjoy three full days of guided field trips which could yield as many as twenty blooming wild orchids. The dates are July 8-13, 2023. Contact the Native Orchid Conference at [www.nativeorchidconference.org/symposium](http://www.nativeorchidconference.org/symposium)

### Newsletter Articles

If you have articles, **please send them on or before the 5th of the month to Sarah Pratt at [svcsjp@gmail.com](mailto:svcsjp@gmail.com)**

<http://www.kansasorchidsociety.org>

Some orchids that grow in Michigan are

- Pink Lady Slipper
- Fringed Orchid
- Calypso bulbosa
- Calopogon pulchellus
- Palatanthera grandiflora
- Cypripedium calceolus
- Cypripedium acule
- Cypripedium aridinum



### **Orchid definitions**

KEIKI –

Keiki is a Hawaiian word for baby and is used as a name for small baby orchids.

## **Upcoming events**

•April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Tulsa Orchid Society Show

Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria, Ave., Tulsa, OK

•May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Oklahoma City Orchid Show

Will Rogers Gardens, 3400 N 36<sup>th</sup> St., Oklahoma City, OK

# **ORCHID AUCTION**

Sunday, April 30, 2023

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Merriam Community Center

6040 Slater St., Merriam, KS 66202

*Free Admission*

A Fundraiser for

The Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City





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## Upcoming Webinars

### ***Heirloom Cattleyas***

David Toyoshima, Wednesday, April 12, 2023

**Availability :** Member-Only

David Toyoshima is a long-time cattleya enthusiast. David will share his fascination about his beloved, heirloom cattleyas and other historically significant orchids.

**Thursday, May 11th, 2023**



### ***Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton***

Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Availability :** Public

Join Dr. Ron McHatton as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Please send your question and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by May 9, 2023.



# Last, but not least





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