



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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## KOS Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at Botanica.  
Green Growers topics start at 1:30  
and the business meeting at 2:00  
pm, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each  
month **unless noted differently.**

**July 21: *Terrestrial Orchids of  
Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Richard  
and Elizabeth Vanderlip.**

Aug 18: Ecuador trip - Bryon Rinke

Sept 15: TBA

Oct 20: TBA

Nov 1 – 3: Fall Table Top Show

Dec. 8th Christmas party and Orchid  
Bingo @ Haysville Senior Center

### 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.

## President's Palaver

Can't believe it's time for the July meeting. Greg will  
preside as I will be in cool Colorado. Thank you to  
Bill and Kathy for hosting the picnic last month at  
their lovely home. Everyone had a great time and  
additionally enjoyed the tour of their neighbors  
greenhouse.

It's a struggle to keep my greenhouse cool. One  
would assume winter would be more of a challenge  
to regulate the temperature but summer seems to  
be the winner. Maybe that's why not many orchids  
are in bloom. My vanilla beans are about ready to be  
picked so I can start the long process of ripening  
them.

If you haven't posted an orchid picture recently on  
our facebook page I encourage you to do so.  
I hope everyone is well and sorry I can't be at the  
meeting.

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President, Donna Nelson

**Green Growers Topics: Start @1:30**

**July : How to read a label**

**August: Cold, Intermediate and Warm Growing.  
What does that mean?**

# Kansas Orchid Society

## Minutes

June 2019

The meeting was held at the residence of members Bill and Kathy Ethridge, Wichita & called to order by President Donna Nelson at 2 pm.

Guest Jim McKenney attended.

**Minutes:** Bryon Rinke moved to accept the minutes as published in the May newsletter and Richard Vanderlip seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

A big thank you to Bill (and congratulations on his 62th Birthday!!) and Kathy Ethridge for their kindness in hosting the meeting and Summer Picnic this month.

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

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

- Membership, Max Thompson: A number of members have indicated that they would like to have access to contact information for their fellow members. In these days of electronic hacking, etc., we cannot make this information public or publish it on our website. However, over the next several months, members will have several opportunities to 'opt out' of having this information available to be requested from Max by other members. A new 'Opt Out' box will be added to our membership sign up sheets. If members do not wish their phone, address and e-mail information available to other members, they should contact Max and 'OPT OUT'.
- Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge, reminded us that Botanica is hosting the Lego Exhibit this summer thru September.
- GPJC meeting, Sarah Pratt: Great Plains judging was held at Winfield and six plants were awarded.

### **New Business**

- The possibility of a general KOS trip was brought up, some discussion of a trip to the Redlands Orchid Sales next January was discussed. This is a very long trip to Florida, and could probably not be done as a bus trip. Possibilities remain open.
- The possibility of putting together a members' recipe book was raised. Elsie Dalziel offered to try to coordinate such a collection.

Business Meeting adjourned 2:15 pm.

Pot luck picnic was enjoyed by all, plants brought for show and tell were discussed, raffle plants were dispensed and a tour of guest Jim McKenney's greenhouse (across the street from the Ethridge home) was available for any who wished to visit.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Pratt, acting Secretary

## 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)**



**Phalaenopsis San Shia Appendo 'Bryon'**

AM 80 pts.

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



**Mystacidium Neil McCormick 'Bryon'**

HCC 78 pts.

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



**Paphiopedilum QF Voodoo**

**'Dorothy Mae'** HCC 76 pts.

Exhibitor: Jay Simon



**Phragmipedium Peruflora's Spirit 'Dorothy Mae'** AM 80 pts.

Exhibitor: Jay Simon



**Bulbophyllum Agathe 'Max'** HCC 79 pts.

Exhibitor: Max Thompson



**Vanda Kalapana Delight 'Sunrise'**

HCC 78 pts.

Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt



## The Gower Ramsey Growing Challenge

Remember this? About a year ago members were given a seedling plant of Onc. Gower Ransey to love and cherish. You all had the chance to take one home, work your magic and we will see who can get their plant to bloom first. The winner will get a fabulous prize!! What kind of prize you ask.....well, it's a surprise!! All members may take a plant, but the commercial growers are not eligible for the prize.

How is your plant doing?

While I have not heard of any blooming yet, why don't you bring your plant to the meeting this month and we can compare, exchange growing secrets (or not) and vote as to whose plant is doing best!! A small 'Way to Go' prize will be awarded.

The raffle will have a number of very nice plants available for you. Opportunities can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 11 for \$10.00

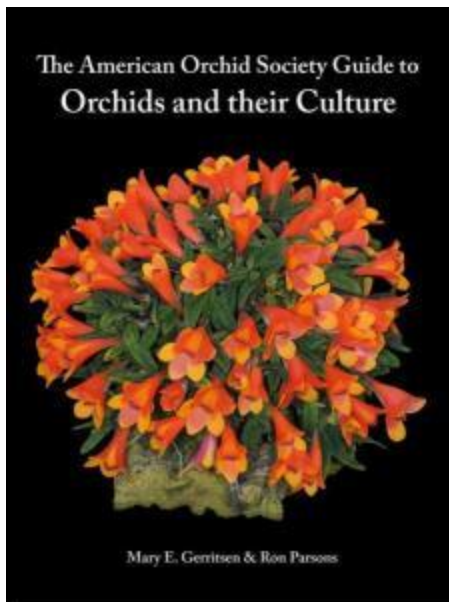
As noted in the minutes there have been a number of members that have requested a list of contact information for the KOS membership. It was decided that such a list could be provided when requested but only after each member has had a chance to **OPT OUT** of letting their information (phone, address and e-mail) made available for release. If you do not **OPT OUT** as of September 1, it will assumed that you are willing to have such information provided in a general membership list. Please contact Sarah Pratt [svcsjp@gmail.com](mailto:svcsjp@gmail.com) or Max Thompson [maxt@cox.net](mailto:maxt@cox.net) if you wish to **OPT OUT**.



## A message from Sussie Sutton, our Facebook Editor

Have you joined our Facebook page? If you're on Facebook and haven't, please join us, Kansas Orchid Society. You can view and even reply to posts without joining, but to post comments or share pictures of your beautiful flowers, you need to join (sorry, just a FB thing about groups); but just click on Join and I'll approve within a day or so and then you're on. For those who have joined, I need your help; we need more activity. A stagnant FB page doesn't evoke excitement and it won't have repeat visitors.

I have a request for the rest of the year - Would those who have already joined pick one week a month and sometime during that week find something to post on the KOS FB page? For those who have not joined, but are on FB, would you please join and do the same? Also, as you see activity increase please invite friends who enjoy orchids and orchid people from other areas. The FB page is one-way people may learn about our group and if they see an active, interesting page it may encourage them to come visit us in person.



With about 28,000 known orchid species and many thousands of hybrids to choose from, selecting the right orchid for your growing conditions can be challenging. This richly illustrated book will assist you in finding the information you need to select orchids that are right for you wherever you grow them.

This book covers the basics of orchid culture including sections on light, water, temperature, humidity, fertilizer, and specific culture information on the popular groups of orchids. You will find information on when and how to repot, orchid mounting, and how to grow orchids semi-hydroponically. There is a section on common orchid pests and diseases, and the Orchid Doctor answers many frequently asked questions. Featuring more than 450 color photographs, The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture covers everything you need to know to grow orchids successfully.

The books are in!! The KOS ordered a case lot of ***Orchids and their Culture***. They have arrived and will be available at the July meeting. These have a retail price on the AOS website of \$24.95 and are currently sold out with a waiting list. Discount pricing will be available to members wishing a copy.



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