



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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## KOS Meeting Schedule

**November 19: In the Bison Room at the Sedgwick County Extension Building**

Two short presentations by Blake Kruse

\*Basic horticultural nomenclature for orchidists.

\*Non-profits and social media.

**December 3: Xmas Party and Orchid Bingo: Haysville Senior Center**

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

Hello fellow KOS members and orchid enthusiasts!

Our November KOS meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> is at a new venue. We will be meeting in the Bison Room at the Sedgwick County Extension Building at 21<sup>st</sup> and Ridge Road. The building opens at 1:30 and the meeting starts as usual at 2:00pm. Show and Tell, Raffle and Refreshments as usual.

KOS Christmas dinner and Annual Orchid Bingo is Dec. 3 at Haysville Senior Center, 160 E Karla Ave, Haysville (corner of Karla and Seneca; just south of the big ditch as you enter Haysville on Seneca). The club provides meat, water, tea, coffee, and we ask you to bring sides and desserts. KOS also has paper goods and plasticware; even without dishes to wash there is still plenty of work with set up and clean up so please come early or stay late so it's a fun event for everyone.

There will be a gift box for anyone that would like to donate to the Senior Center to go to area seniors in need. The center serves the community with meals on wheels and assisting seniors' needs. This is not required, but an opportunity to give during this time we celebrate our blessings with our friends and loved ones.

Enjoy your beautiful plants indoors as mother nature takes us through her next season changing the course outside preparing us for the next wonderful spring.

Happy Holidays!

See you next Sunday  
Susie Sutton, President

# Kansas Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at Botanica by President Susie Sutton at 2:10 p.m.

No guests were in attendance.

Minutes: Richard Vanderlip moved acceptance of the August 20, 2023 minutes as published in the most recent newsletter. Max Thompson seconded the Motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chad Sutton presented the current financial position and filed the Report for audit.

**Garden Council:** In Kathy Ethridge's absence, Elsie Dalziel reported Botanica had announced it had no more need for Volunteers as they have all they need at the present time.

**Great Plains Judging Center:** Bryon Rinke reported the Great Plains Judging Center ("GPJC") had met with 11 plants being submitted for judging. Due to a shortage of on-site judges, one judge had joined by Zoom. Two plants were awarded; one received a First Class Certificate (FCC) award receiving a 90 point score and one received an Award of Merit (AM) award. Both plants were entered by Bryon. One of the two had been an auction plant from the Vanderlip's Orchid Collection Auction.

**Membership:** Ruth reported 3 new members had signed up during the summer months. She also noted that new members signing up during the October Show will be paying dues for 2024. Ruth further commented that the Oklahoma Orchid Society signs-up many new members during its Shows and asked all KOS members to strongly encourage visitors to our October Show to join KOS.

### Old Business:

- Members were reminded to continue to send recipes to Blake Kruse. Members are asked to send recipes in Word format or by email (i.e. in an editable format). Blake needs additional meat, salad and drink recipes.
- Members were reminded that the October 6-7 Show will be the "October" meeting and that a November meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2023.

### New Business:

- Two Board Members are rotating off the Board at the end of 2023. Bryon Rinke and Max Thompson have been nominated to fill these two vacancies. Nominations from the floor were invited. Richard Vanderlip moved to close nominations with a second by Donna Nelson. Motion unanimously approved.
- The Oklahoma Society will be invited to next year's Greenhouse Tour at Southwest College. There will be a picnic at Island Park before the tour. Bryon suggested the Tulsa Club be invited as well. Inquiries will be made as to their interest in joining KOS at the event. Discussion about how to accommodate a larger group for tours occurred. It was suggested that if the picnic started at 12:00 noon, tours could start at 1:30 pm and be staggered. This issue will be further explored at a later meeting.

- Sarah Pratt, Show Chairperson, outlined preparation activities for the October 7, 2023 Show and noted that anyone interested in “learning the ropes” for this position should feel free to “apprentice” with her for the next few years.
- Friday, October 6, will be set-up at Botanica from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Help from as many members as possible is requested for this activity.
- Saturday, October 7, breakfast will be served at 7:00 am. Elsie Dalziel noted that ALL BREAKFAST FOOD ITEMS need to be delivered by 6:30 am. Lunch for Friday will be Deli Trays with rolls for a “do your own” sandwich. Lunch for Saturday will be pulled pork and soup, among other items. A list for food items to be brought for breakfast will be circulated. Please sign-up. Elsie also noted she is looking into renting space from a shed that is on Botanica’s grounds for the purpose of storing items that are needed for food set-up. More to come on this topic as it is further explored. Judging will begin at 8:00 am sharp. Richard Vanderlip briefly explained clerking duties and encouraged all members to participate in this activity. It is a lot of fun as well as educational and members should not be surprised if Judges ask their opinions on plants during judging. Clerks will receive “Orchid Bucks” as a reward for their service.
- Tear down of the event will commence at 4:00 pm on Saturday. KOS must have everything cleared from the room no later than 5:00 pm, so assistance from as many members as possible would be appreciated.
- Sales will occur between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. If you wish to “sell” at this event, you are welcome to do so (non-orchid plants may be sold in addition to orchid plants). It is important, however, that you keep track of sales of your own plants as all sales money goes into one pot. Please present a bill to the Club detailing your sales and the Club will write you a check for 80% of your sales as 20% of your sales will go to the Club. Checks will be issued at a subsequent date and not at the end of the event.
- Wanita Wright will be heading up the Hospitality or Meet and Greet Table. Orchid growing brochures will be available at this table as well as membership forms. A sign-up sheet will be passed around, so please sign-up for a shift or two at this table.
- Trophies will be monetary.
- Sarah discussed completion of plant entry information and the form that must be completed. If you have questions on how to complete the form, see Sarah, Bryon or Max.
- Members are encouraged to bring any orchid plant that is in bloom and are reminded that “Show” plants may be purchased and entered in the Show as well. Plants with no identification (“NOIDs”) also may be entered.
- Sarah also noted that KOS will be hosting SWROGA during the Show. This will not interfere with Show activities, but SWROGA members will be meeting after Judging is completed. All KOS members are welcome to attend the SWROGA meetings.
- Ruth reminded KOS members to wear their badges (and t-shirts) and be hospitable to unfamiliar faces.
- Task lists for various activities, food, etc. are being circulated. Please sign-up.
- Sarah will be sending out more detailed information about the SHOW by email in the next few weeks.

## Announcements:

- The Kansas City Show will be October 27 and 28, a Friday and Saturday (judging occurring on Friday). Set-up for this event will be on Thursday. Friday night there will be a costume party.
- December 3rd is the Christmas Orchid Bingo meeting. It will be at the Haysville Senior Center. Bring a side dish to share. Alcohol is allowed, so you may bring liquor or wine if you desire.
- Bryon noted KOS had received a \$250 check from the Fred Wolfe estate. Fred was a long-time member of KOS and left instructions for KOS to receive an annual amount of money from his estate to be used for a Trophy for the Best Cattleya. Bryon presented the check to Chad Sutton, Treasurer.
- Greg Tompson had back surgery this past week and it went well. He will be rehabbing over the next few weeks/months. Susie is doing well. Rose broke her ankle and is currently in a wheel chair. Ruth will send a card on behalf of KOS members to both Greg and Rose. Richard has a picture of the Vanderlip's new growing area which he will put on the table for viewing.
- The business meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm for a brief refreshment break, show and tell and the raffle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Johnson, Secretary



## Upcoming Webinars



**Brassavola** - AOS Accredited Judge Beth Martin (from Kansas City) presents Brassavola, a beautiful and graceful orchid. *Member exclusive webinar.*



**AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton** - 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 November 13, 2023. *Open to all.*

## Our Fall Show and Sale was a great success!!

- Over a hundred plants entered
- Judges from Kansas City and Dallas attended
- Excellent Sales (Chad will give us a full report at the meeting Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.)
- Good time had by all.

### Best of the Best Awards

**Bill Orth Trophy**(Best Flower in Show): Dendrobium King Dragon (see picture below)

Exhibitor: Doug Needham

**Lee Fent Trophy** (Best Grown Plant in Show): Epidendrum peperomia 'Bryon'

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

**Fred Wolfe Trophy** (Best Cattleya in Show): Rhynchobrassoleya Aka's Art 'Volcano Queen'

Exhibitor: Wanita Wright

## In addition, AOS awards were given to two plants



### Bulbophyllum Walnut Valley Star

'Max & Bryon's Best' AM/AOS 81 pts.

Four stellate flowers and one bud on two inflorescences with another immature inflorescence present; sepals and petals chartreuse heavily overlaid ruby, chartreuse halo surrounding column foot; dorsal sepal lanceolate, apex somewhat recurved, lateral sepals falcate, curved inward; petals lanceolate; lip hinged, tapered to a point, waxy, maroon, dark orange centrally; column chartreuse, heavily stippled ruby, column foot chartreuse, stippled ruby; anther cap gold; ovary light green, 0.6cm wide x 4.6cm long; substance heavy; texture glossy; light peppery fragrance noted; exact parentage Bulb Walnut Valley Jersey 'Max & Bryon's Best' FCC 90 pts x Bulb phalaenopsis 'Max' AM 86 pts.

### Dendrobium King Dragon

'Splash' AM/AOS 83 pts.

Exhibitor: Doug Needham

Seven intensely-colored well-rounded very large peloric flowers nicely shingled on one 34 cm pendent inflorescence; sepals white heavily blushed magenta distal one-third; petals and lip flabellate, margins slightly undulate, white blushed magenta distal one-third, wide lateral margins dark magenta; lip with seven white feathery keels basal two-thirds, mentum 0.8cm wide by 1.3cm long, white faintly overlaid light chartreuse; column white distal margin blushed light magenta, anther cap white; substance heavy; texture crystalline.





Time to Party!!!!

# Kansas Orchid Society Christmas Party And Orchid Bingo

**When: Sunday, December 3<sup>th</sup>.**

We will eat promptly @1:00 pm (doors open at noon)

**Where:** Haysville Senior Center, 160 Karla, Haysville, Kansas. Good maps found @google maps

**What to bring:** Turkey will be provided.....please bring a side dish of some sort; appetizer, salad, dessert, casserole, etc. Alcohol is allowed so BYOB if desired.

**Entertainment:** Orchid Bingo. Be prepared for fun and frolicking!



## **Please welcome these new members!!**

Manuela (Ela) Gentzler  
Paisley Kadison & Richard Hunt  
Elaine Stephen  
Jocelyn Elliah  
Michael & Heidi Veasart  
Ruth Lehman  
Ethan Moulds & Rick Everett  
Jammie Karline

Hope to see you all at the Xmas Party!!



*Yes, yes, I know this is not an orchid*  
(it is actually a euphorbia).

However, it is getting close to Christmas and Max Thompson always brings in a whole bunch of poinsettias for Southwestern College. And once they are sold, the orchids can go back on the benches! (Or at least until it is bedding plant time.) These are available to KOS members at the following prices.

4" - \$5.00

6.5" - \$14.00

8" - \$20.00

10" - \$30.00

Red, White, Red Glitter, Orange, Pink

He will bring any plants you wish to the Xmas party, but you **MUST** e-mail him with your order. [maxt@cox.net](mailto:maxt@cox.net)

# Membership Renewal Time

**Please be sure to confirm and print your e-mail address legibly!!**

**KOS membership is based on the calendar year (January—December). The exception would be for new members who signed up during the last quarter (October, November and December) of 2023. That membership would cover through December 2024.**

**Membership entitles you to the monthly KOS Newsletter which keeps you informed of Society activities and other “orchid related” news. Renew now to ensure that you do not miss anything.**

## **KOS Membership Renewal Form 2024**

Renewal \_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_ Information Update \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail: (must have this to send newsletter!)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make sure the e-mail is legible.** Many of our members have requested that they have access to our membership list. If you DO NOT wish any of your personal information made available to the general KOS membership, please OPT OUT at this time.

No, I do not wish to share the following information \_\_\_\_\_

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:

**Ruth Wilson**

**KOS Membership Chair**

**10003 S. Hertzler Rd., Box 193**

**Sedgwick, Kansas 67135**

*Please feel free to bring your renewal to the Xmas party. Fill out this form and include correct cash or check. There will be a box to put renewals in.*

**Also: please note that all new members are invited to the Xmas Party and Orchid Bingo.....a great way to meet with and get to know your fellow members!**





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Return Address Requested