



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

Sarah Pratt, editor

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## Message from Editor

This is your official notice that the current Covid-19 situation will prevent us from meeting this month.

However, there will be a much more formal newsletter to come out in about a week, with most of the usual features and a few new ones, I hope.

What we will miss most this month is not only the visit to Winfield, but the glorious 'Show and Tell' that accompanies our spring bloomers. Please e-mail me your best pictures and I will publish them for all to enjoy.

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## President's Palaver

How is everyone coping with the pandemic? Personally I need to stop cooking and baking and warmer weather should help. My orchids have never been so beautiful. I have a phalaenopsis with 48 individual flowers and more to come. It's going to need a long rest. What do people do without the beauty and excitement of orchids to get them through a crisis?

I was sorry to hear the passing of Nan Porter. I enjoyed visiting with her about all of her involvements and adventures. She will be missed.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, whenever that might be. We'll have to plan our meetings month by month and try to catch up the best we can. Hunker down, stay safe, and healthy.

Donna Nelson, president



**Porter, Margo Nan Morgan** died March 21, 2020 at Wesley Hospital in Wichita, Kansas due to complications from lymphoma. A Celebration of Life service will be held sometime this summer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to Planned Parenthood or The Kansas Orchid Society. Nan was born September 17, 1936 in Wichita and graduated from East High School before attending The University of Kansas where she belonged to the Delta Gamma sorority, and eventually graduating from Wichita State University with a Masters degree in counseling. Nan worked at WSU for 30 years as a therapist as well as time in a private practice. Nan married Garry Linden Porter and they lived in Chicago, Topeka and San Diego before returning to her hometown of Wichita. In addition to raising her four children and managing her career, Nan touched many lives through her endless energy for causes she felt strongly about: Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters, Kansas Public Libraries, Sedgwick County Commission Planning Board, Prairie View, Kansas Paraguay Partners, Wichita Art Association and the Kansas Orchid Society to name a few. In 2010 Nan was appointed to the Crime Victims Compensation Board for the State of Kansas by the Governor. Up until her death, Nan was committed to fulfilling her duties in this capacity. Along with her commitment to give back to her community in many ways, Nan was also an accomplished artist, an avid and vicious Scrabble and Bridge player, and a frequent patron of the arts, both local and abroad. She worked magic with her beloved orchids, filling many homes with the blooms she cherished. Nan had an extraordinary love of travel and adventure. She thrived on visiting other countries, exploring their arts and cultures. She especially loved scuba diving in various waters around the globe. Nan touched many lives through College Hill Methodist Church and her involvement in her Hillcrest Apartment community. She is survived by her children, Taylor Porter and daughter-in-law, Katrina Porter, Rebecca Porter and son-in-law, Scott Soderquist, Melissa Porter and Jon Cruz, and Amy Porter-Walker; her grandchildren, Jelani Porter, Chloe Porter, Jaryd Porter, Benjamin Porter and Stevie Walker; her great-niece and nephew, Madeline and Finn Serene; her siblings, Patricia Holleman, Kay Lytton-[Smith](#), Sue Morgan, Mike Morgan, Harry Morgan and sister-in-law, Zoe Morgan; as well as her many cherished cousins known as The Clearlake Kids! Nan treasured people. From her beloved family to her extraordinary network of dear, dear friends. Our lives have all been changed.

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I was privileged to share my visit to Costa Rica with Nan as her traveling companion and roommate. A gracious lady under all circumstances. I will miss her.

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