



Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

Sarah Pratt, Editor

August 2020

Who cares if it's hot. We can talk about orchids!

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KOS Meeting Schedule

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

August 16: *Viruses and Virus Testing*, Sarah Pratt

Sept. 20: *Orchids we have Known,
Grown or Killed*, Richard and Elizabeth
Vanderlip

Oct 18: TBA

Nov. Fall Show. Oct. 31 – Nov. 1st

Dec - Christmas Dinner and Orchid
Bingo

There will be no green growers meeting
this month

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

Summer is back but it was nice to have cooler
weather for awhile which also enhanced the
weeds in my gardens. My orchids seem to be
in a holding pattern with a few new spikes and
new growth. I hope everyone is well and have
blooming orchids to enjoy. Sarah will bring
virus testing supplies for our orchids this
Sunday. Hopefully we are all virus free.
Looking forward to Sunday.

Donna Nelson, president

Like last month, we are meeting this month at Botanica. Due to
ongoing concerns with the Covid-19 pandemic we will continue
to do things just a tiny bit different.

- No refreshments will be provided or should be brought.
- Please feel free to bring your own drinks in a bottle or thermos,
but please mark your cup/can/bottle and do not share.
 - Continue to observe some social distancing.
 - Face masks are required.
- Have Fun.
- Show and tell is as usual.

Minutes of the Kansas Orchid Society July 19, 2020

The meeting was held at Botanica, & called to order by President Donna Nelson at 2 pm.
New member, Wanda Krugger attended.

Minutes: Bryon Rinke 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 discussed our current financial position and filed the Treasurer's Report for audit.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Membership & GPJC, Ruth Wilson: no report.
- Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge, Botanica cancelled all planned activities until at least mid Aug.
- GPJC/JC meeting, Bryon Rinke: Great Plains judged 22 plants, 9 were awarded.

Old Business

- Elsie Dalziel has located a new printer to make our name tags: Creative Awards and Screen Printing. We need to place an order for 30 pieces for a price of \$8.70 each
- The Fall Orchid show planning is starting. Volunteers for various areas are needed. Please consider participating. The show is over Halloween weekend.

New Business:

- Elsie Dalziel and Wanita Wright will work on creating a membership booklet. Tentatively, it will have each member's name, Spouse's name, address, phone number, e-mail address & a picture.
- Sarah, our newsletter editor, has challenged each of us to contribute clip art for the newsletter. If you have something to contribute, please email her at svcsip@gmail.com.
- We are going to set up a "For Sale" table at each monthly Orchid Meeting. Anyone having plants, or other orchid related items to sell is invited to use this. The Club will get 20% of sales proceeds, consistent with sales at our orchid shows.

Announcements

This upcoming Aug meeting we will have Virus testing. Each member can test a plant free of charge. Additional plants that you wish to test will be at a nominal fee. (\$3.50)

Meeting adjourned 2:15pm.

Program: Nominations for 2019 AOS Special Awards, by Bryon Rinke.
Followed by Show & Tell, and the Plant Raffle.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanita Wright, Secretary

Newsletter Articles

If you have articles, please send them on or before
the 5th of the month to Sarah Pratt at
svcsip@gmail.com

AOS Corner

Upcoming Webinars by the American Orchid Society:

It's easy to find the scheduled webinars and to register on the AOS website. You'll find the link under the All About Orchids tab. If you check there, you will find any webinars that have been scheduled

Tuesday, August 13, 2020 8:30 PM EDT

Greenhouse Chat - Join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Have your questions answered by our resident orchid expert! Please send your queries to greenhousechat@aos.org two days prior to the chat. *Open to all.*

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:30 PM EDT

The Genus Maxillaria - Discover the fascinating genus, Maxillaria, with Eric Sauer. *Member exclusive webinar.*

Important Announcement

The AOS 2020 Fall Members Meeting is Going Virtual!

The health and safety of our Members Meeting attendees is our number one priority. After careful consideration, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic's current trajectory, we've made the decision to transition the 2020 Fall Members Meeting to a fully virtual event to be held on October 24th, 2020.

We recognize many members of our community may be reluctant or unable to travel due to institutional mandates and other external factors and this year's virtual event ensures you won't miss out. In the upcoming weeks, we will be publishing the event agenda, which will include a virtual auction! Plan to attend! Registration will be complimentary.

Results of Great Plains Judging Center, July 2020

Twenty two plants were presented and 9 awards given. Can you see why the judges awarded these plants?

Flower quality awards: As you would guess, these are awards for superior quality of flowers. Consideration is given to form, color, floriferousness, and improvement over the parentage (if a hybrid). There are three levels of award

FCC: First Class Certificate scoring 90 – 100 pts.

AM: Award of Merit, scoring 80-89 points.

HCC: Highly Commended Certificate 75 -79 points



Phalaenopsis Forever Young 'B & M' AM 80 pts.

Exhibitors: Bryon Rinke and Max Thompson

Nineteen flowers and 16 buds on two sequentially blooming, arched inflorescences; dorsal sepal white heavily overlaid fuchsia creating white stripes; lateral sepals white lightly overlaid fuchsia creating white stripes and a white picotee; petals white, heavily overlaid fuchsia, lightly stripped white; lip white, heavily overlaid fuchsia leaving a white strip on midlobe, sidelobes purple; column white overlaid fuchsia, anther cap white; substance heavy; texture matte; cross is (Phal. Purple Gem 'B#1' HCC 76 Pts. x Phal. deliciosa 'Bryon Kelly Rinke' HCC 76 Pts.

AQ (Award of Quality)

Awarded once to a cross exhibited by a single individual (usually the breeder) as a group of not less than 12 plants or inflorescences of different clones of a hybrid or cultivated species. At least one of the inflorescences must receive a flower quality award and the overall quality of the group must be an improvement over the former type.



Phalaenopsis Forever Young

Exhibitors: Bryon Rinke and Max Thompson

A collection of twelve plants recognized for a variety of pleasing patterns and colors and consistency in size of segments; See award #20203585 for AM 80 Pts. awarded to this grex at this judging and award # 20193050 for HCC 77 Pts. dated Nov. 2nd, 2019; actual parentage Phal. Purple Gem 'B#1' x Phal. deliciosa 'Bryon Kelly Rinke'



Phalaenopsis Walnut Valley Pruple Pixie 'M & B'
HCC 79 pts.

Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

Seven very flat flowers and 18 buds on one 52-cm strong, upright, single branched inflorescence; sepals and petals dark purple; midlobe of lip purple, involute and overlaid orange, apex pointed; side lobes very small, white, finely speckled purple, overlaid orange on distal apex; column dark purple, inferior surface red-purple, column foot fused to lateral sepals, white finely speckled purple, anther cap white; substance firm; texture crystalline; actual parentage (Phal Purple Gem 'B#1' HCC 76 Pts x Phal Pixie Star 'SC Purple' HCC 76 Pts.)

Vanda denisoniana 'Timbucktoo' HCC 77 pts.

Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt

Eight flowers and six buds on two inflorescences up to 18cm; sepals and petals yellow-orange, dorsal sepal and petals faintly spotted maroon apices and bases, lateral sepals faintly spotted maroon inferior edge; lip trilobed, pale yellow, midlobe with 3 basal cali, side lobes subsaccate; column and anther cape white; substance extremely heavy; texture waxy



Dracula woolwardiae 'M & B' AM 81 pts.

Exhibitors: Bryon Rinke and Max Thompson

Three peripherally hirsute flowers and two buds on five pendulous, arching inflorescences up to 22cm, two emerging inflorescences; flowers cream, spotted mahogany, heavier on margins; sepals triangular, tapering to slender mahogany caudae; petals minute, cream overlaid mahogany on apex; lip mobile, saccate, ridged centrally, margins dentate, exterior cream, interior pale yellow; substance semi-firm; texture matte; species from Ecuador.



Paphiopedilum Walnut Valley Royal Bel 'Max & Bryon's Best' HCC 78pts.

Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

Two flowers on one 35-cm strong upright inflorescence; dorsal sepal lemon yellow striped maroon; synsepal green overlaid yellow striped maroon; petals yellow striped maroon, margins hirsute, hairs maroon, white pubescence basal one-third; staminode yellow, maroon pubescence, heavier on superior surface; ovary pale green, ribbed longitudinally, pubescent, 0.7cm in diameter by 7.5cm long; substance medium; texture matte; actual parentage is Paph. Bel Royal 'Memoria Thomas Mastin' AM 83 pts x Paph. armeniacum 'Max Thompson' FCC 90 pts.

Cattleya Walnut Valley Circle 'Timbucktoo' AM 81 pts.

Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt

Two flowers nicely displayed on a 10.5-cm inflorescence; sepals and petals pink, dorsal sepal margins slightly revolute, dark pink tip, lateral sepals dark pink tip; petal margins slightly ruffled, darker pink midrib; lip ruffled, yellow overlaid pink, magenta apex, striped magenta internally; column pale pink, anther cap white; substance medium; texture light diamond dust; fragrance noted.



Myrmecophilia brysiana 'Winfield' AM 83 pts.

Exhibitor: Max Thompson

Four hundred seventy-seven cupped flowers and 250 buds on eight arching, multiple branched inflorescences up to 213.5cm; sepals and petals cream colored overlaid red-pink on distal two-thirds, margins heavily undulate; lateral sepals horizontal; lip tubular, cream colored, pale yellow centrally, mid-lobe apex striated purple, undulate, margin erose, side lobes cream-colored with pale yellow venation, distal margins blushed purple, exterior blushed light purple superior surface; column cream-colored blushed chartreuse superior surface, anther cap cream-colored; substance firm; texture matte; species from Mexico; OIC#14596 08/08/2005.

Systemoglossum ecuadorensis 'Bryon Rinke CHM

Eight flat flowers and four buds on 13 branched sequentially blooming inflorescences up to 27.5cm; flowers green overlaid brown; dorsal sepal and petals faint green picotee; lateral sepals fused except for small apical notch; lip flat, acutely reflexed ventrally, bi-lobed; column and column foot green, anther cap chartreuse; substance firm; texture waxy; [commended for large flower size and unique color](#); country of origin Ecuador; identified by SIFT _____

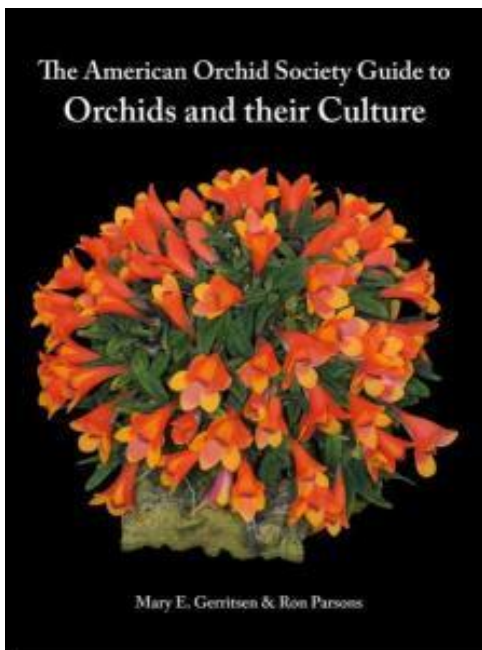
Commentary: The CHM award is not a point scored award: the judges find the plant and flowers notable [for the highlighted reason](#). The award is provisional until the plant is identified by the Species Identification Task Force (SITF). This can take a number of months.



More information about this month's program.

I know everyone is tired of talking about viruses, but orchids can also be affected by infectious processes. There will be a short presentation talking about what viruses are, how they affect our plants and what we can do to prevent infections. Then will we do some hands on work.

The KOS has purchased some virus test kits. Each member will be provided with a test kit with which to test one of your plants. Additional tests for your use at home will be available at a reduced cost (\$3.50 as opposed to \$5.25). Single use razor blades will be provided, but if you have some extra newspapers around, please bring some to help with clean up and appropriately socially distancing your plants.



Available now

We have more books!! The KOS has received a second case of ***Orchids and their Culture***. They have arrived and will be available at the meeting. These have a retail price on the AOS website of \$24.95 but are available to members @\$17.50.

We are trying something new!!

A member's sales table is being initiated. Bring any plants or other materials you would like to sell. Pest free and well labeled. The KOS will retain 20% commission on all sales.

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



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