



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

Sarah Pratt, Editor

July 2020

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

Minutes from March; pg. 2  
New Procedures for Meeting; pg. 2  
AOS webinars; pg.3  
Newly Awarded Plants; pg 4 - 9  
Odds and Ends; pg 10

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month **unless noted differently.**

## July 19: Nominations for 2019 AOS Special Awards; Bryon Rinke

August 16: Viruses and Virus Testing  
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

## 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

Time to live, breath, and talk all things orchids again. It was good to see everyone last month even though it was a little constrained and I could only see your eyes. Things don't seem to be improving and I hope everyone is coping.

My greenhouse seems to be surviving the hot temperatures with lots of phalaenopsis orchids still in bloom. My Howeara lava burst has just started to open as well as cattleya Bactia 'Grape Wax' and Brsdm. Nittany Gold 'Dr. John'. They all must like hot conditions!

I'm not sure what program Greg has prepared for us but I'm sure it will be informative.

Looking forward to seeing everyone's eyes Sunday and hope Max and Bryon are enjoying their "corpse flower"!!!!

Donna Nelson, president

Live streaming of the corpse flower blooming [www.sckans.edu/youtube](http://www.sckans.edu/youtube)

There will be no green growers meeting this month

# Minutes of the Kansas Orchid Society

## June 21, 2020

The meeting was held at Botanica, & called to order by President Donna Nelson at 2 pm.  
Guest, Wanda & new member Vickie Brown attended.

**Minutes:** Bryon Rinke moved to accept the February minutes as published in the March newsletter and as amended in the June 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, Ruth Wilson: no report.

Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge, no report.

GPJC/JC meeting, Bryon Rinke: Great Plains judged 25 plants, 14 were awarded.

### **Old Business**

•Nan Porter, a longtime member, passed away this Spring. She was a Board Member also. As such we need a replacement on the Board. Jill Stackley volunteered. As the only volunteer, she was unanimously voted in to complete Nan's term thru the end of 2021.

### **New Business**

•The virus testing program has been postponed to a future month.

•We were sorry to hear Sarah Pratt and Ruth Wilson's mother passed away and wish to extend our condolences.

Meeting adjourned 2:10 pm., followed by Show and Tell and then the Orchid Auction.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wanita Wright, Secretary

As previously noted, we are meeting this month at Botanica. Due to ongoing concerns with the Covid-19 pandemic we will be doing 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 strongly encouraged.
- Have Fun.
- Show and tell is as usual.

## 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)

## **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, July 14, 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](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) two days prior to the chat. *Open to all.*

### **Wednesday, July 22, 2020 8:30 PM EDT**

**Digital Culture and Improving Orchid Outcomes** - The internet is an amazing resource full of information about orchids! Bill Bodei's timely talk will provide insights on how to leverage the web as an orchid hobbyist. Whether identifying and solving for a pest or disease issue, sharing culture experiences, or becoming a more discerning buyer, there is something in this talk for everyone from the novice to the advanced. Bill is an AOS Trustee and Chair of the Membership and Marketing Committee. *Member exclusive webinar.*

### **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

# Results of Great Plains Judging Center, June 2019

A prodigious judging was held in June with an astonishing 25 plants presented and 14 awards given.

So this month the awards will be grouped by awards with a bit more explanation 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



**Dendrobium Aussie Hi-Lo 'M & B' HCC 79 pts**

Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

Four tubular flowers and two buds on six inflorescences; sepals and petals red centrally, yellow distally; lip saccate, yellow overlaid red, brown stripes distal one-fifth, yellow picotee apical edge; column cream-colored, anther cap ivory; ovary red-pink, pubescent, 1.5cm long x 0.3cm wide; substance medium; texture crystalline.



**Dendrobium lawesii 'Bryon' HCC 79 pts.**

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

Seventy-six tubular flowers and eight buds on 14 inflorescences; sepals and petal light orange, overlaid red-pink on proximal two-thirds; lip translucent white, concave longitudinally, apex fimbriate; column and anther cap white; ovary 0.2cm wide by 2.0cm long, red-pink, ribbed longitudinally; substance medium; texture crystalline; actual parentage 'Red & Yellow' x 'Devil or Angel'.





### **Catyclia Walnut Valley Purple Star 'M & B' AM/86**

Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

Nine well-arranged flowers, two buds on one strong upright 41cm inflorescence; sepals and petals lavender, tipped white, margins slightly recurved; lip white overlaid dark purple, midlobe veined darker purple, margins dentate, tip recurved, side lobes enclose column and overlap, striped purple interiorly; column white, blushed purple on superior surface, anther cap tan; ovary brown, 0.4cm wide x 5.5cm long; substance heavy, texture crystalline; pleasant fragrance noted.

### **Sarcochilus ceciliae 'Bryon Rinke' AM/81**

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

Twenty-seven slightly cupped, somewhat open flowers and 49 buds on nine sequentially blooming inflorescences up to 14-cm long; sepals and petals pink, blend to light pink basally, lightly veined slightly darker pink; lip pink, midlobe saccate, light pink anterior surface, side lobes finely striped dark pink interior surface; column pink, anther cap bright pink; substance light; texture sepals and petals light diamond dust, lip matte. Species from Australia.

Editors Note: I helped judge this plant.....IT IS PINK. The photo does simply not reflect the true color.



### **Epidendrum arbuscula 'Bryon' AM/81**

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

Thirty-three flowers ten buds on one terminal pendulous, to 20cm long, racemose inflorescence and one developing inflorescence;

sepals and petals chartreuse heavily overlaid red-brown, tips cupped; sepals tipped chartreuse; lip attached at end of the column, chartreuse heavily overlaid red-brown, central portion with star-burst keels cream-colored, lateral and distal margins heavily reflexed; column chartreuse blushed red-brown on distal two-thirds; anther cap light brown; ovary 0.2cm wide x 3.5cm long, chartreuse; sheath at base of ovary 0.3cm wide x 1.1cm long, chartreuse; substance firm; texture sepals and petals glossy, lip matte; plant is very rambling; species from Central America.



### **Epidendrum Pacific Trek 'Max' AM 82**

Exhibitor: Max Thompson

Thirty-two flowers, ten buds on one strong, upright 19-cm inflorescence; sepals and petals red-orange lightly veined red; petals slightly crenulated on dorsal edge; lip bright red-orange, centrally yellow, yellow longitudinal keel, two yellow small horns near column attachment, lip margins incised; column red basal three-fourths, distal apex yellow; anther cap green; substance firm; texture matte; actual parentage is Epidendrum Pacific Padre 'Playful' x Epidendrum Pacific Crest 'Neon'

### **Paphiopedilum Joyce Hasegawa 'Max' AM/80**

Exhibitor: Max Thompson

Three flowers on two 16-cm inflorescences; sepals and petals white, reverse overlaid light pink, sparsely spotted maroon at base, petals hirsute at base; pouch white, blushed pink and faintly tessellated superior surface, interior spotted maroon; staminode yellow overlaid light brown lateral halves, blushed pink on superior margins; substance light; texture matte.



### **Dendrobium Mtn's Butterfly Kisses 'Bryon' AM/80**

Four tubular flowers on four inflorescences; dorsal sepal and petals red basal one-fourth, yellow distally, lateral sepals yellow superior one-half, red inferior one-half; lip saccate, yellow overlaid red, striped brown distal one-fifth, thin yellow picotee apical edge; column cream, anther cap ivory; ovary red-pink, pubescent, 2.0cm long x 0.3cm wide; substance medium; texture crystalline.





**Vanda Sanchai Gold Spot 'Susan'**  
**AM/83**

Exhibitor: Susan Tompkins

Fifteen round flat flowers and no buds pleasingly arranged on two inflorescences; sepals and petals yellow, wide margin overlaid orange, spotted maroon centrally, spots heavier on lateral sepals; lip trilobed, midlobe yellow heavily overlaid maroon, fades to yellow base color basally, three distinct yellow keels, saccate side lobes yellow lightly spotted maroon interiorly; column yellow, anther cap cream-colored, thin maroon picotee; ovary 6cm in length, ribbed, cream distally blends to pale green basally, green sheath at base; substance firm; texture matte.

**Phragmepedium Kai Quintal 'Timbucktoo'**  
**AM/82**

Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt

Four flowers and three buds on one branched sequentially blooming strong upright 99.0cm inflorescence; dorsal sepal and synsepal somewhat twisted, light green, reverse heavily striped maroon, margins white, undulate; petals twisted, light green, reverse overlaid and striped maroon distal three-fourths, margins white, undulate; pouch light green overlaid light mahogany, interior speckled light mahogany; semi-circular staminode lime green, margin fringed dark maroon, stigmatic surface ivory; substance medium; texture waxy.



# Cultural Awards: These awards are to the grower for excellence in cultural.

CCE: Certificate of Cultural Excellence 90-100 pts

CCM: Certificate of Cultural Merit 80 - 89 pts.



## **Bulbophyllum lobbii 'Different' CCM/87**

Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt

Forty-two evenly spaced and nicely presented flowers and seven buds on 49 inflorescences, longest of 30cm; well grown plant with only minor foliage blemishes of 90cm diameter and 55cm in height grown in a 35cm diameter hanging wire basket in a bark and sphagnum mix; dorsal sepal erect, yellow faintly lined pale green, reverse stippled maroon showing faintly through to front; lateral sepals falcate, veined and spotted maroon; petals strongly reflexed, veined maroon; lip articulate, lightly stippled maroon, apex reverse heavily stippled maroon; column yellow, column foot stippled maroon, anther cap bright yellow; substance very firm; texture waxy.



## **Epidendrum oerstedii 'Sarah and Bryon' CCE/90**

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

One hundred sixty-eight open stellate flowers and 84 buds on 28 upright inflorescences pleasantly arranged around periphery of a clean plant 33cm tall by 92cm wide grown in a 20-cm plastic pot; sepals and petals chartreuse, acuminate, margins somewhat reflexed, petals somewhat appressed; lip white, trilobed, side lobes with erose margins, yellow calli, anther cap white, 6.9-cm ovary chartreuse; substance firm; texture matte; commended for high flower count per inflorescence; species from Central America.



## **Sobennikoffia robusta 'Max' CCE 90**

Exhibitor: Max Thompson

One hundred stellate, cupped flowers well presented and spaced on eight semi-pendulous inflorescences up to 40cm long; plant very well grown in a 16-cm teak basket filled with charcoal; plant 64cm wide by 60cm tall, very clean spotless foliage; dorsal sepal white, apex re-curved; petals white, apex re-curved; lateral sepals white, up-swept; lip trilobed white with green throat, spur green 0.4cm wide x 4.5cm long, up-swept; column white, anther cap pale green; substance firm; texture matte; species night fragrant; species from Madagascar.



## Certificate of Horticultural Merit CHM

‘Awarded to a well-grown and well-flowered species or natural hybrid with characteristics that contribute to the horticultural aspects of orchidology, such as aesthetic appeal. This award is granted provisionally and filed with the judging center Chair pending taxonomic verification supplied by the exhibitor.’ *AOS judging handbook*.



**Polystachya cultriformis 'Vanderlip' CHM**

**Exhibitor: Max Thompson**

Ninety-two cupped flowers and 64 buds on nine multiple branching, semi-pendulous inflorescences up to 24cm in length, two developing inflorescences; sepal and petals cream-colored, margins very pale pink picotee, pale pink blush on reverse and midrib; lateral sepals join to form mentum; lip pale yellow, darker yellow distal two-thirds, blushed brown centrally, central brown keel, side lobes cream-colored; column and anther cap cream-colored; ovary 0.1cm wide x 0.7cm long, pale chartreuse, ribbed longitudinally; substance heavy; texture waxy; [commended for different color form than previous award](#); species from Africa; ID by SITF \_\_\_\_\_

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.

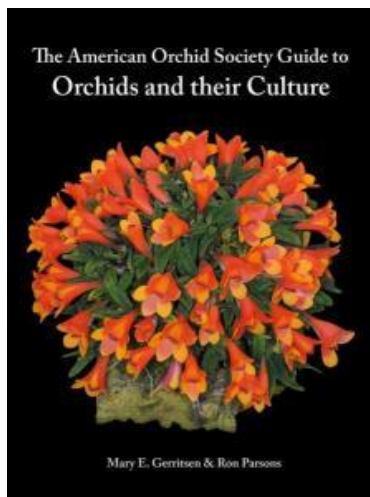
This month: AOS Judge and KOS Past President Bryon Rinke will be presenting the slides for 2019 AOS Special Awards Nominations. Learn how the Great Plains Judging Center evaluates plants for national consideration.

## Orchid definitions

### CORM —

A rounded thick modified underground stem base bearing membranous or scaly leaves and buds and acting as a vegetative reproductive structure

Examples:  
bulb or tuber.



## 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.

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



10003 S. Hertzler Rd.  
Sedgwick, Kansas 67135

Return Address Requested