



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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## **2021 Meeting Dates & Programs**

All meetings are at 2:00 pm at Botanica  
**unless otherwise noted.**

### **May 16: KOS meeting at the SEDWICK COUNTY ZOO**

**June 20:** Annual Auction

**July 18 :** Orchid shows (ribbon and AOS  
judging, participating and helping)

**August 15:** Guest speaker, TBA

**September 19:** Guest Speaker - Doug  
Martin *Kansas Native Orchids*

**October 17:** resources for information and  
prepare for show

**November 6 - 7:** KOS Fall Show & Sale

**November:** no meeting

**December 12:** Xmas party and Orchid  
Bingo (this is a member's only event)

### **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

Well here's prez message number 2. The first one I wrote, I saved it as the April message instead of May and it overwrote it and saved it as April again. It must be lost out there in cyberspace somewhere, I can't find it on my computer anywhere. I really don't remember what I wrote but it had something to do with greenhouse maintenance and our not so successful installation of a mini split for heat this last winter. I've taken it out and am replacing it with a propane heater for next winter. (Anyone that is in the market for a really nice minisplit for your home or shop or garage just let me know.) We've also replaced the Reverse Osmosis water system. It wore out after about 7 years. I wonder if growing inside under lights isn't the way to go. This greenhouse thing is getting kind of expensive. This month we're meeting at the Sedgwick County Zoo. Susie has made arrangements for us to tour the tropical building and see their orchid collection. Check out the newsletter for instructions on where to meet and at what time on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Back in the 80's, the KOS met at the zoo for our meetings each month. I haven't been to the zoo since then. You think it's changed much?

That's all for this last second rewrite, see you at the zoo.

Greg Tompkins, President

# Kansas Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2021

The meeting was held at Botanica, and called to order by President Greg Tompkins at 2 pm. No guests or new members attended.

**Minutes:** Max Thompson moved to accept the minutes as published in the last newsletter. Bryon Rinke seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

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

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge: Botanica has a Go Fund Me to raise money for the greenhouse to replace the plants lost in the cold weather.

Great Plains Judging Center, Bryon Rinke: Great Plains judged 21 plants and 6 were awarded. May judging will be held on May 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Membership, Ruth Wilson: If you have not paid dues for 2021 please do so as soon as possible.

**Old Business: none**

**New Business: none**

### **Announcements**

KOS received a thank you letter from The Huntington Gardens for our donation to them for their orchid collection.

The program was Orchid Trivia and a great time was had by all!

Followed by Show and Tell and the plant raffle

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Tompkins, Secretary



## **May 15<sup>th</sup> KOS meeting at the Sedgwick County Zoo**

Guided Tour of the Tropics Building –  
Learning about their orchid collection

begins at **2:00 pm**

KOS will pay entry for members and  
touring guests

**\*\*Please note-the picnic has been cancelled** (to continue with the policy of no food at meetings as a safety protocol while Covid-19 is still a threat) Bring your mask, masking policies are changing daily.

We will meet out in front of the temporary entry (the main entrance is under construction) where there is a meeting area with benches and trees behind the benches by **1:45 pm**. (If you are late you will pay your own entry and will need to come find us in the Tropics building). The tour will go on rain or shine since it is inside the building and this building is very close to the entrance.

**Please email Greg Tompkins** if you are planning to attend so we have an approximate headcount and know to look for you (not required but appreciated), email is [wdspr46@outlook.com](mailto:wdspr46@outlook.com).

I hope to see everyone there.

Susie Sutton, Vice President

**Great Plains Judging Center Results, April 17<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
21 plants were evaluated and 6 awards given



**Eulophia guineensis 'Bryon' CCE 94 pts.**  
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

*Phalaenopsis mannii* 'Max Thompson' AM 80 pts.  
Exhibitor: Max Thompson



*Phalaenopsis* Walnut Valley Yellow Sun  
'Bryon & Max' HCC 77 pts.  
Exhibitors: Bryon Rinke and Max Thompson



*Acianthera sicaria* 'Bryon Kelly Rinke' AM 80 pts.  
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



*Paphiopedilum* Conco-Callosum  
'Alejandro Ramos' AM/AOS 80 pts.  
Exhibitor: Max Thompson



*Phragmipedium* Suzanne Decker  
'Timbucktoo' AM 80 pts.  
Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt



# Conservation of Orchids in the Wild

Kathy Ethridge, Conservation Representative

Native Orchids are at risk! While orchids are members of the most diverse family of flowering plants, many of the more than 200 species native to the U.S. and Canada are threatened. Part of the reason for their decline is that orchids are intimately tied to their habitat relying on local fungi and pollinators to complete their life cycles.

If you want to discover more about these orchids the Go Orchids website is a great resource for learning about native orchids in our and other areas.

<https://goorchids.northamericanorchidcenter.org>

Remember to garden responsibly and NEVER dig up orchids in the wild. Purchase only nursery grown orchids from reputable growers.

## Corallorhiza trifida

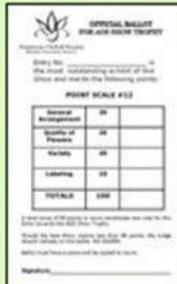
commonly called Early Coral Root, is broadly distributed across northern and western North America, from Newfoundland to California. In spring or early summer it produces up to 20 pale, yellowish-green to purple-brown flowers, with a white **labellum** often spotted with purple.

The **lateral** petals and **dorsal** sepal curve **hood-like** over the **column**. The stems are **smooth**, and vary from 2" to 10" tall. It is found in moist coniferous, **deciduous**, or mixed **forests**, and in **swamps** or **bogs**.



# American Orchid Society Corner

## Webinars-Coming Attractions!



<b>When</b>	<b>May 04, 2021</b> 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	<b>May 31, 2021</b> 8:30pm EDT Monday	<b>June 08, 2021</b> 8:30pm EDT Tuesday	<b>June 17, 2021</b> 8:30pm EDT Thursday
<b>Topic</b>	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>	<i>Prosthechea karwinskii</i> in Mexico, reintroducing a threatened species	Show Trophy Subjective or Objective	Greenhouse Chat (Orchid Q&A) <i>Send in your Questions!</i>
<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer	<b>Julia Douglas</b> AOS Conservation Grant Recipient	<b>Marc Burchette</b> Head of Biltmore Estate Orchid Collection	<b>Ron McHatton</b> Chief Education and Science Officer

### WHAT ARE AOS WEBINARS?

It's easy to find the **scheduled webinars** and to **register** on the **AOS website**. You will find the link here: <http://www.aos.org/orchids/webinars.asp>

**Send your Greenhouse Chat questions and photos to [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org)**

# American Orchid Society 2021 Fall Members Meeting & Centennial Celebration

## October 27th - 30th, 2021 in Coral Gables, Florida

Registration includes:

- Goodie bag
- Meet & Greet social
- Complimentary transportation to and from East Everglades OS show (including box lunch) on Thursday
- Preferred seating at the auction
- Access to all lectures

### Members Meeting Registration

\$100.00 each

See [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) for full information

KOS has access to 2 tickets (Each worth \$250.00) to the banquet portion of the Centennial Celebration of the American Orchid Society. The event will be held on October 27 thru 30, 2021 in Miami, Florida.

We will have a drawing for interested parties. Please let Greg Tompkins or Kathy Ethridge know if you would be interested in attending this gala before July 18, 2021. The drawing will be held on August 15, 2021.

### Orchid definitions

#### EFFLORESCENCE –

Water, with salts held in solution, migrates to available surfaces, where the water evaporates, leaving salt buildup. Video below explains the process, effect on orchids, and correction .



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJPmW5J2nYw>



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