



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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## 2023 Meeting Dates & Programs

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

### Feb19: Training to be a show judge

Mar 19: How did you get into orchids?-  
panel interview

Apr 16: SW Greenhouse tour

May 14: Picnic

June 18: Auction

July16: Highlights of travel experiences  
in other countries re: orchids

Aug or Sept: Stillwater

Oct 15: Show prep

Nov : Show

Dec 3: Christmas party

## President's Palaver

I hope everyone enjoyed last month's meeting and learned something as well. I was sorry to miss that one because I am always nervous about repotting my plants; I think I'll ask for some private coaching. I hope you find the next few presentations interesting as well; I think they will be. Hopefully by learning more about the process to become a judge we will be able to interest a few more people. If you have any specific topics you would like covered or that you would like to present, please let Theresa Harrington or me know and we will see what we can do.

A few words on the subject of orchid shows; there are plenty in this area to keep you busy. Ft Worth Orchid Society has partnered with Ft. Worth Botanical Gardens and are having a six week Orchid Celebration, Feb 25 – Apr 9 (open 7 days a week). You can find AOS shows every weekend in March in the area and then a few in April, and May, full information on the AOS website.

March 4 & 5 – Houston

March 11 & 12 – Denver and Great North Texas Region-Dallas

March 18 & 19 – Springfield, MO

March 25 & 26 – Omaha, NE

April 15 & 16 – Tulsa, OK

May 6 & 7 – Oklahoma City, OK

I would recommend trying to go to another region's show. It lets you see how other organizations set them up, you can meet other people and learn from them, and it gives you another opportunity to buy more orchids.

At the February meeting Sarah will have orchids for sale before the meeting, so show up early to check out what she has. You are welcome to bring anything orchid related to sell as well, we just ask that you donate 20 % of your sales to KOS. See you all on Sunday.

Susie Sutton, President

### **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.

# Kansas Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

### January 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at Botanica by former President Greg Tompkins at 2:00 p.m.

Two guests were in attendance, Sue and Bob Boewe. There was also a new member attending her second meeting. She was asked to select a new plant for her collection.

**Minutes:** Donna Nelson moved acceptance of the December, 2022 minutes as published in the last newsletter. Theresa Harrison seconded the Motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Former Treasurer, Kathy Ethridge, provided the year-end Report for January 1 through December 31, 2022: There was discussion regarding the current financial position and the Treasurer's Report was filed and is available. There was further discussion regarding Bank's need for confirming information of the transfer of the Treasurer position from Kathy Ethridge, who has served for the last 17 years, to Chad Sutton, who was elected at the December, 2022 meeting to the Treasurer position.

**Garden Council:** Kathy Ethridge reported as follows:

- Spring Garden Expo would be March 25, 2023 and that there would be approximately 25 vendors. KOS was being invited to sell at the event at no charge if it chose to do so. There was discussion about whether or not KOS desired to sell at this event and other small events of a similar nature. Sarah, Bryon and Max will all be unavailable. At this time, it was determined KOS would not sell at this event or other similar events.
- Garden Sale at the Extension Center on May 6, 2023.
- Garden Club at Botanica on August 26, 2023. Further discussion occurred about KOS selling at the event, but it was determined not to participate.
- Botanica is bringing in a Dinosaur Exhibit this Summer to the gardens.

**Membership:** Greg Tompkins announced it was time to pay membership dues for 2023.

#### **Old Business:**

Greg Tompkins inquired about the Home Show at Century II scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March. Sarah stated she had been in touch, but there had not been much discussion. She noted the SWROGA show is the same weekend in March. Bryon commented that it was mostly a construction/building materials show with a few booths for plants and that it was not really worth our time. There was discussion by the membership which agreed with Bryon's observations.

#### **New Business:**

There was discussion about current Board Membership. It was moved by Bryon and seconded by Max that Kathy Ethridge take the place of Steve DeLong in the event he is unable to serve and that Susan Tompkins take the place of Theresa Harrison who was elected Vice President. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Max brought up that Botanica was "closed" on Sundays for January, February and March of this year and that when he brought up that KOS had not received the mandated 5 days' notice that a meeting room would not be available, we were offered the opportunity to pay \$150.00 rental for the room for the January, 2023, meeting. The same sum would be required for each of the February and March meetings. There was discussion about the possibility of having the February and March meetings at another location at no cost or at a lesser cost. Others in the group who are members of other Clubs indicated they had looked at meeting locations, some with success and others not. After further discussion, a motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Elsie to "bite the bullet" and pay Botanica the requested \$150.00 for each of the February and March meetings.

#### Announcements:

- Max Thompson announced he had been contacted by AOS about promoting membership for a \$300 fee. Max declined.
- Wanita Wright announced that Donation Receipt Forms demonstrating the 501(c)(3) tax exempt status of KOS had been sent to donors of the auction items sold at the SWROGA Show dinner event that occurred in April, 2022.
- Bryon announced there were “free” plants available to those who wanted them and directed the membership’s attention to the side table next to the raffle table. He asked that members take one or the other, but not both.
- Sarah announced she had received a letter from the K-State Research & Extension Butler County Master Gardeners announcing a “Grow and Bloom in Butler” event scheduled for April 22-23, 2023. The Butler County Master Gardeners, in an effort to promote horticultural activities and to provide educational opportunities, are hosting their first Lawn and Garden Show in Butler County. This event will feature businesses from around the area along with expert speakers both from the area and across the state.
- Bryon announced the bank account for the Fred W. Wolfe Trophy given for Best Cattleya in Show has a current balance of \$2,121.62.
- Bryon announced the American Orchid Society will be giving a virtual presentation entitled “Winter Blues” on breeding blue flowers on February 12<sup>th</sup> and the Orchid Digest Site will be giving a hybrid in-person and virtual presentation at the Huntington Botanical Gardens on the Paphiopedilum Guild on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

The business meeting adjourned and Sarah Pratt proceeded with the Program on “Orchid Repotting,” discussing various plant media and proceeding with instruction, assistance and hands-on demonstrations to members on repotting Phalaenopsis Orchids. Members who had brought plants from home were assisted in splitting and repotting their respective plants.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Johnson, Secretary

There will be raffle plants, some in bloom!  
Opportunities are \$1.00 each, \$10.00 gets  
you 11 tickets

Timbucktoo Orchids will have plants for sale at this  
month’s meeting.

I am vending at a number of the shows this spring and think  
that our KOS members should have a chance to see what is  
available. Lots of things in bud and bloom. Twenty percent  
of all sales go to KOS.

Sarah

# Great Plains Judging Center: January Awards

1 Cultural Awards: Given to grower for excellence in culture

3 Quality Awards: Given to the flower for excellent in form

All plants exhibited by Doug Needham,  
Stillwater, Oklahoma



Cymbidium Kumamoto  
'Golden Yellow'  
AM 80 pts.  
CCM 83 pts.



Cymbidium Via Del Playa 'Yvonne'  
AM 83 pts.



Rhyncholaeliocattleya Hawaiian Agenda  
'Florida Winter' AM 82

# 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 2022. That membership would cover through December 2023.

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 2023

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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**

I am a member of the American Orchid Society \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I heard about the KOS from \_\_\_\_\_

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. Correct cash or check.*

**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!**

## AOS Corner



### AOS Member Referral Program

Growing orchids is better with friends!



**Refer your friends for a chance to WIN \$100**

every month between January and June 2023!

Here's how it works...

1. Refer a new member [using your unique referral link or your referral code](#) (it's the same as the lookup code on your membership card.)
2. When the member signs up, we give them a \$40 gift (a free printed copy of Hybridizers, our most recent annual supplement priced at \$40 for non-members.)
3. You get entered into the monthly drawing for \$100 (members will be announced in the OrchidGram each month)

The more new members you refer, the greater your chance to win!

**The 2023 Spring Members Meeting will be held April 19th - 22nd and held in conjunction with the San Diego County Orchid Society show in San Diego, CA. Full details available soon at [aos.org](http://aos.org)**

## Orchid definitions

### TETRAPLOID –

Genetic aberration wherein the plant has twice as many chromosome sets as normal, often resulting in very vigorous, large plants and flowers.

Example to left

Cymbidium  
Fanfare



“St. Francis”

Note: Tetraploid plants will often be labeled as ‘4N’  
Example: *B. nodosa* 4N x *C. Summer Spot* 4N is offered by H & R Nurseries and this label is indicating that both parents of these seedlings are tetraploids



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