



Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

Sarah Pratt, Editor

June 2020

Celebrate!!!! We will be meeting this month!!!! Hurrah!!!

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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.**

June 21: Orchid Auction

July 19: Viruses and Virus Testing
August 16: Picnic and greenhouse tour.
Pratt Residence (tentative)
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 and she will try to pick out something special for you.

President's Palaver

Hope all my friends are well and starting to find some normalcy in these crazy times.

And then cool weather, hot weather, cool weather. I sure wish it would make up its mind!

My orchids seem happy so that is a bonus. So far I've pollinated about 120 vanilla orchid flowers with my record being 14 in one day. I made the mistake of joining the vanilla bean coop on facebook. I've answered a lot of questions and it has really been fun. Hope to see everyone the 21st. We will try to make it a safe meeting. Sarah will provide the details.

Donna Nelson, president



There will be no green growers meeting this month

Kansas Orchid Society Minutes

We have not met since the February minutes were published in the March Newsletter.

There was one correction to those minutes (In new business)

• Kathy Ethridge asked that we designate new checking account signers to replace Mark Sanborn and JoAnn Grubb. After discussion nominated individuals were Bryon Rinke for RCB Bank. & Greg Thompkins, & Wanita Wright for **Intrust Bank**. Richard Vanderlip seconded the motion. Membership voted unanimously to make this change in the upcoming months.

Thanks to all for reading and correcting my errors. Editor

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**

Come prepared for some fun!!!

Annual Orchid auction: This is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. Members donate plants that they have divided or need to rehome for any reason. Great bargains available, and many times there are plants that would never be available any other place. All plant donations for the auction gratefully accepted, but please do your best to be sure they are pest free!!

Always a great selection of plants for members (and guests) to bid upon. While we will be able to take your credit card, we prefer cash or checks to avoid the credit card fees.



Gomesa radicans



Bc. Keowee 'Newberry'



Dendrobium Cassowar (Den. eximium x Den. spectabile)

A preview of a few of the plants that will be on the auction block to go home with a lucky bidder.

Great Plains Judging Center March Awards



Polystachya cultriformis 'Vanderlip' CHM 83pts.
Exhibitor: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke



Stenosarcos Hoosier Cardinal
'Bryon' AM 82 pts.
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



Paphiopedilum rothschildianum
'Max & Bryon's Best' FCC 91 pts.



Paph. Conco-Callosum 'Max' AM 81 pts.
Exhibitor: Max Thompson



Paph. Hsinying Lady Duck 'Max' AM 83 pts.
Exhibitor: Max Thompson

Epidendrum Pacific Trek 'Max' AM 82 pts.
Exhibitor: Max Thompson



Cattlianthe Pixie Treat 'M & B' AM 80 pts.
Exhibitors: Max Thompson & Bryon Rinke



Paph. Odette's Beguilement 'Timbucktoo' AM 82 pts.
Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt



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

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, June [16, 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.*



Tuesday, June [23, 2020 8:30 PM EDT](#)

Coelogyne Culture - Learn about the fascinating genus, Coelogyne. Hosted by Charles Wilson. *Temporarily open to all.*

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE? The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

The U.S. Postal Service has orchid stamps! Wild Orchids of the United States

Ask your local postmaster to order some for you or go to www.usps.com/shop.



Orchid definitions:

CUTICLE –

The informal term for the waxy outer layer of the leaf; technically an epidermal layer.



From Richard and Elisabeth Vanderlip:
'Guarianthe aurantiaca we got at the Fall Show. I'm sure it was from Mark and Karlene. Seven spikes with 63 flowers'.



From Sue Tompkins
Cattlianthe Jardin del Azuay

Lockhartia acuta



From Wanita Wright

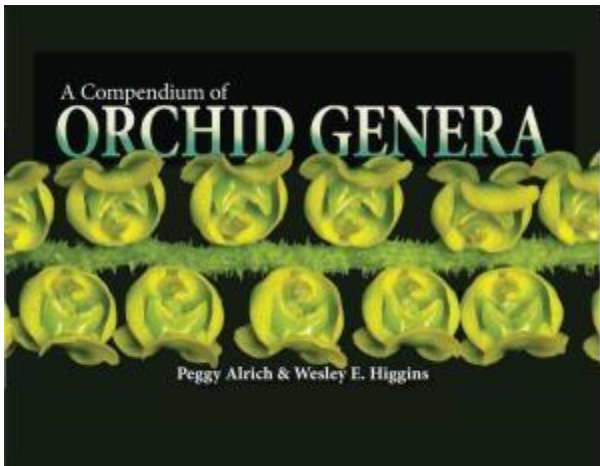
Dendrophylax funalis,
Jamaican leafless
species

Tolumnia velutina "Fox
Den' species from Cuba



Just a few
of the
pictures I
got from
our great
KOS
growers!





A Compendium of Orchid Genera

Original orchid color plates abound in this distinctive Orchid Encyclopedia by Peggy Alrich and Wes Higgins, a marvelous and artistic creation in landscape format of 500 pages.

Original orchid discoverer and date are listed as well as the Etymology and Generitype of more than 2000 orchids along with a easy to read description of growth habits, countries and regions within countries of origin. The plants and flowers are aptly discussed and the authors give colors and varieties found in various areas of note. Sepals and petals along with special features of lips complete the beautifully described notes. Of note in the book are the synonyms the orchids have had over the years, and those that were, and are, invalid even today.

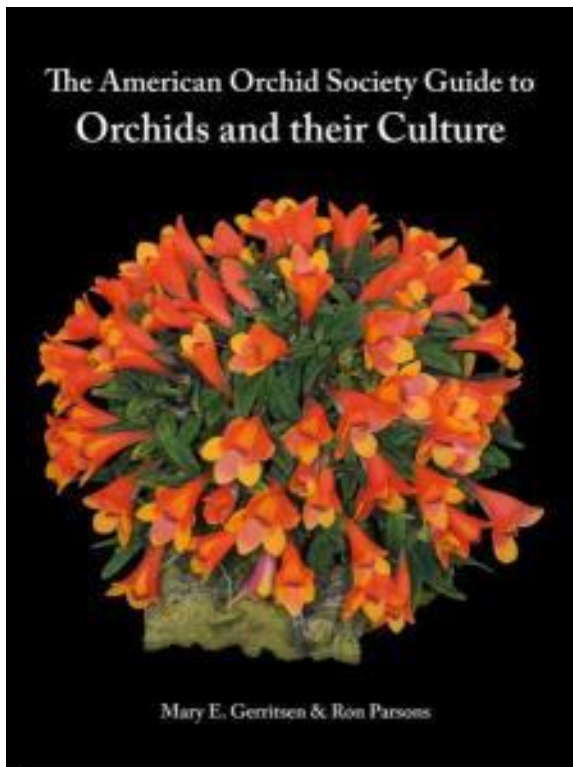
A modern twist to the encyclopedia features a general culture description which helps even a veteran grower understand the some of the nuances of the particular plants being discussed. What is absolutely beautiful is the collection of artwork of each of the plants done in color plates, many by the original artist or from an original collection and dated. Many of the drawings illustrate entire flowers, with all their separated parts. This book would be a welcome and beautiful addition to any orchid grower's collection, a stunning work and artistic treasure.

The retail price for this book is \$99.00, but for a limited time, American Orchid Society members may purchase the book at a 50% discount. **Just make sure you are logged into the website when placing your order.**

You can [order it online now](http://www.aos.org) for \$49.50* !

Just visit www.aos.org, or you can place an order with us over the phone at (305) 740-2010. We are available Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5:30PM EST.

*Plus shipping and insurance. Regular 10% membership discount does not apply on top of the 50% offer.



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.



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