



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

Sarah Pratt, Editor

September 2020

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## KOS Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at Botanica in either the Lotus Room or Terrace 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**.

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

Oct 18: How to enter your paphs using the new SWROGA show schedule  
Fall Show. October 31  
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](mailto:svcsjp@gmail.com) and she will try to pick out something special for you.

## President's Palaver

Greetings to my fellow orchidists. I hope everyone is well. We've had the weather for entertainment, hot, cold, then hot again. I have a few more orchids spiking but not a lot of color at the moment. My vanilla beans are looking good and I've joined a vanilla bean Facebook group which I have enjoyed. We have several big decisions to make about our orchid show and Christmas Bingo party. I know we'll all be glad when we can meet without health concerns. I miss seeing so many of you. Happy growing!

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

## August 16, 2020

The meeting was held at Botanica, & called to order by President Donna Nelson at 2 pm. New member, Wanda Kruger, attended her 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting this month and received an orchid plant to take home.

**Minutes:** Richard Vanderlip moved to accept the minutes as published in the last newsletter. Max Thompson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented, with the clarification that, under New Business, Sarah requested clip art for the new name tags, rather than for the newsletter.

**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, Meetings are being held via ZOOM.
- GPJC/JC meeting, Bryon Rinke: Great Plains judged 15 plants, 3 were awarded. Two guests attended.

### **Old Business**

- Sarah has requested clip art for the orchid picture and KOS logo for our new name tags. If you have something to contribute, please contact her at 316-655-0572 or email her at [svcsjp@gmail.com](mailto:svcsjp@gmail.com).
- Sarah Pratt suggested the KOS fall orchid show be one day this year, rather than the usual Saturday and Sunday. After discussion, Sarah made a motion that the show be held Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> only. The motion carried unanimously.
- Wanita Wright relayed the options for the membership picture directory that Elsie and her had discussed. Several members suggested an electronic version be made available rather than or as well as, a paper version. This will be considered. It will require some technical testing/design to see how to maintain the directory and make it available to members at any point in time.

**New Business:** None

### **Announcements**

Susie & Chad Sutton's anniversary is today, the 16<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate they brought an orchid to give away to the person that guessed closest to the number of years they have been married. You will have to ask them – as I am not sharing with the world!

Meeting adjourned 2:24pm.

Program: Sarah Pratt, **Virus Testing** Presentation and Demonstration on members plants, followed by Show & Tell, and the Plant Raffle.

Respectfully submitted,              Wanita Wright, Secretary

## Newsletter Articles

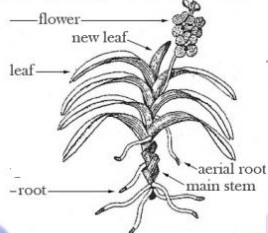
If you have articles, **please send them on or before  
the 5th of the month to Sarah Pratt at**

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## Orchid definitions

### MONOPODIAL –

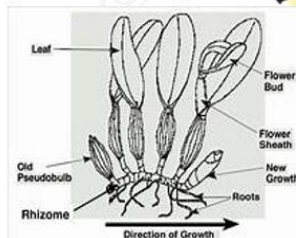
One of the two forms of orchid vegetative growth, (the other is sympodial), wherein a single vegetative shoot grows continually upward, such as in the central rosette of *Phalaenopsis* and the more vine-like *Vanda*.



## Orchid definitions

### SYMPODIAL –

One of the two forms of orchid vegetative growth, (the other is monopodial), wherein each new growth arises from the rhizome of a previous growth, & each new growth is completely capable of bearing an inflorescence.



## 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, August 2020

Fifteen plants were presented and 3 awards given. Can you see why the judges awarded these plants?



**Rhyncattleanthus Love Triangle 'Doris' AM 83 pts**  
Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

Five flowers and eight buds on three inflorescences; sepals and petals burgundy-red, sepals lanceolate, petals ovate margins undulate; lip yellow heavily overlaid red-purple, leaving yellow eyes lateral to column internally, margin ruffled; column white, anther cap white, central magenta spot; substance heavy; texture petals and sepals waxy, lip velvet; fragrance noted; flowers considerably larger and significantly higher flower count per inflorescence than previous award of this clone.

**Maxthompsonara Bryon Rinke  
'Walnut Valley AM 83 pts.**

Exhibitors Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

Seven flat, stellate flowers and one bud on two semi-arched inflorescences; sepals and petals chartreuse, striped and blotched mahogany; lip white, midlobe reflexed, striped purple around a large purple spot centrally, side lobes erect, purple spots coalescing into narrow stripes; column white, inferior surface stippled purple, superior surface striped purple proximal two-thirds, anther cap white; substance heavy; texture waxy; cross is Galabstia Green Tyger 'H & R' AM 80 x Batemannia colleyi 'Sunset Valley Orchids' HCC 78 (syn peruviana).



**Habenaria Raingreen's Ice Bird 'Susan' HCC 79 pts.**

Exhibitor: Susan Tompkins

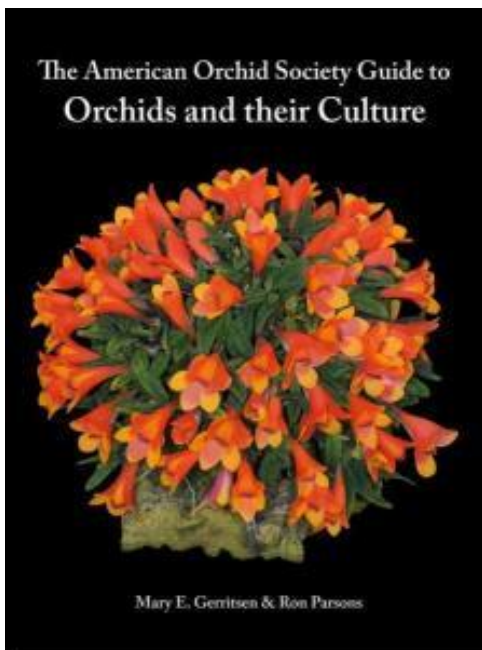
Seventeen flowers and 25 buds well spaced and arranged on three strong upright inflorescences, longest inflorescence of 40cm; dorsal sepal cupped, petals enclosed within dorsal sepal, dorsal sepal and petals light chartreuse; lateral sepals cream overlaid light chartreuse on superior half, reflexed; lip pale pink, trilobed, large lateral lobes fimbriate, central lobe ensiform, spur 0.2cm diameter x 5.2cm long, cream overlaid chartreuse distal half; complex reproductive parts cream; ovary 0.3cm diameter x 3.8cm long, chartreuse, ridged longitudinally; ovarian sheath 0.5cm wide x 2.5cm long, light chartreuse; substance firm; texture matte.





## More information about this month's program.

Richard and Elizabeth Vanderlip are long time members of the Kansas Orchid Society and have been growing orchids for over (I can't tell you how many) years. They have been all over the world and always find time on their various trips to explore the local orchid fauna. Richard is a retired K-state professor, and has applied his scientific method and record keeping to his hobby. He will entertain us (and Elizabeth will keep him honest) with tales of **Orchids we have Known, Grown or Killed.**



### 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.

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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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