



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.

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

August 15: Guest speaker - Dotty
Woodson from Dallas, TX *"Don't throw
away that Orchid"*

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

Summer is here and it's supposed to be hot, dry and miserable. Not so much this year. We've had enough rain to keep things green and healthy. The Temperature has been reasonable. I don't know about where you live but the only really downside to this summer has been the mosquitoes. Don't go out in the evening, they'll attack.

This month's program is about what goes on at an orchid show. When I was a brand new KOS member, I thought I didn't know enough to help out at a show let alone bring any plants to the orchid show. I've since found out it's all really harmless and a lot of fun to participate. There are orchid bucks, plants to buy (just what we all need more of), food in the kitchen and a good time with fellow KOS members. You might even receive a certificate or a trophy for one of your orchids and maybe even have one pulled for AOS judging. We will have more on how all of this works at our July meeting on the 18th.

A quick greenhouse update. The term for a lot of birds is a flock; a group of lions is a pride. I don't know what it is for dendrobiums but we have a herd of them blooming right now. They come in pink, purple, white and everything in between and make for a colorful display.

I don't know the total amount raised from last month's auction but we had a large selection of plants to choose from and Richard did a great job of getting everyone to let loose of their money. Thanks to all for again making our annual auction a success.

Greg Tompkins, President

*Still no refreshments, but there will be Show
and Tell, raffle and sale plants.*

Kansas Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Tompkins at 2:00 pm.
Dr. Mike Friday was a guest.

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.

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

Committee Chair Reports:

- Garden Council, K. Ethridge: The Garden Council will meet in person at Botanica on July 7
- Great Plains Judging Center, Bryon Rinke: Great Plains had 20 plants presented for judging and awarded 3 of them.
- Membership, Ruth Wilson: If you have not paid dues for 2021 please do so as soon as possible.

Old Business

- It was proposed that the KOS Fall Show will be Saturday, November 6 only, due to the fact Botanica is closed on Sundays after October. Set-up for the show will be Friday, November 5. A motion to approve the change in dates was made by Bryon Rinke and seconded by Walt McCall. Unanimously approved.
- Sarah Pratt showed two drawings of examples for new name tags

New Business: none

Show and Tell: As usual there were some wonderful plants in bloom.

Program: The Annual Plant Auction there was spirited bidding on many of the plants and many of us went home with new specimens to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Tompkins, Secretary

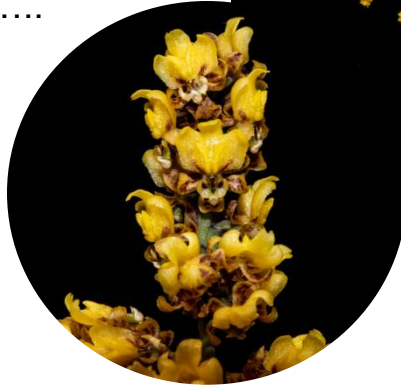
Great Plains Judging Center Results, June 19th, 2021

20 plants were evaluated and 3 awards given

***Trichocentrum pumilum* 'Bryon', CCM 85 pts.**

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

"Approximately nine thousand, one hundred and eighty cupped flowers clustered on 17 fully bloomed branched inflorescences....."



***Pleurothallus strupifolia* 'Bryon' CCE 92 pts.**

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

"One thousand six hundred twenty eight flowers and 53 buds on 210 inflorescences originating from leaf axils on 69 growths....."

Pha. Walnut Valley Purple Pixie Award of Quality

Exhibitors: Bryon Rinke and Max Thompson

Editor's Note: The CCM and CCE are cultural awards given to the grower and the AQ is given to the originator of the new hybrid cross.

Congratulations to Bryon and Max!!!



Spiranthes

By Kathy Ethridge, Conservation Rep

Spiranthes is a genus of about fifty species. These are two species that grow wild in our area. Their common name is Lady's tresses, nodding ladies'-tresses, or twisted ladies'-tresses. The inflorescences have the appearance of braided hair, which is the source of its common name. The flowers are fragrant, with a lilac or vanilla-like odor. The *Spiranthes vernalis* blooms in the summer and *Spiranthes cernua* blooms in the fall. They are found in Eastern Kansas in prairies, meadows, ditches and woods. They like moist, sandy or loamy, acidic soil. These species are recognized by their spiral of white flowers, broad crisped lip, and absence of leaves at flowering time. KOS members, Mark and Karleen Sanborn, have found them growing outside their home in Butler County. The *Spiranthes vernalis* has been discovered growing in Claude Lambe Park in East Wichita.



Spiranthes vernalis.

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Spiranthes cernua

American Orchid Society Corner

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>

JUDGES FORUM

FROM CBM TO

CBR & CHM

Jean Allen-Ikeson & Peter Poot



K. Clark

Bulbophyllum comosum
"Whisper Morning Has Broken"
CBR/AOS



R. Noel

Dendrobium normanbyense
'Purple Passion' CHM/AOS

Judges Forum Open to All Members! Monday, July 12th, 2021 8:30 PM EDT

The Certificate of Botanical Recognition and the Certificate for Horticultural Merit are species awards that are often misunderstood and misapplied. We will bring the mysteries to light and discuss when and where to issue these awards, questions about identification and writing descriptions.

This Forum is as much for long-term accredited judges as it is for students as the awards have evolved over the years. Orchid growers in general will learn the implications of these awards and what it means when their plant receives one.



Thursday, July 15th, 2021 8:30 PM EDT

Cyrtorchilum, a Little Gem - Join Leslie Ee as he discusses the wonderful little gem *Cyrtorchilum*. Leslie is an associate judge from the Toronto Center and has toured the world for orchids! *Member Exclusive Webinar.*

The AOS is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of The Orchid Marketplace™. This curated collection of the world's top orchid vendors will provide discounts for all active AOS members!

Designed to be mobile friendly, the Orchid Marketplace™ is fully searchable by keyword/genus, location or featured products.

OrchidMarketplace.com goes live on August 1st!



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

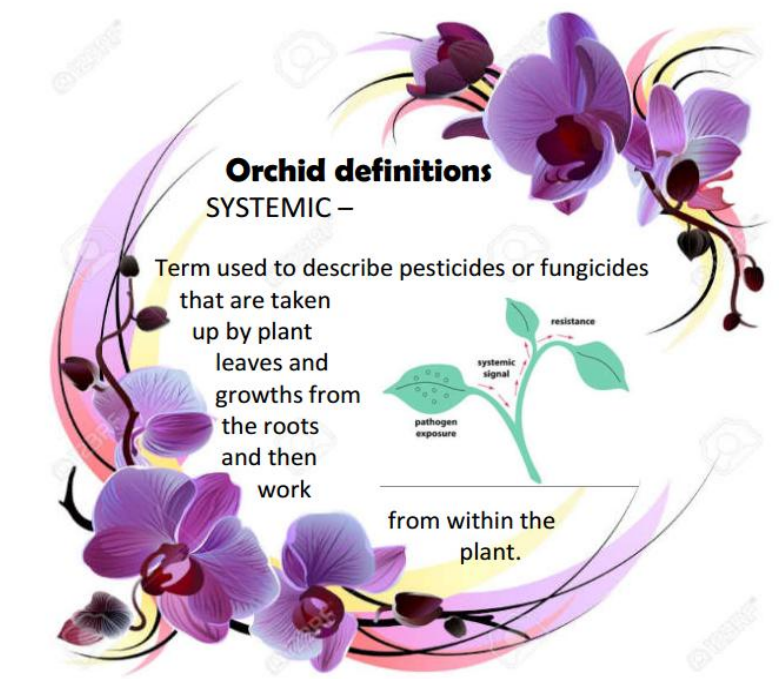
Members Meeting Registration

\$100.00 each

See www.aos.org 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.



The KOS Auction was a success. Thank you to all of those that donated items and to all of those that took home new treasures. Your contributions were appreciated.

Kathy Ethridge, Treasurer



**Orchid
Digest**

Speakers Day

Saturday, July 31st

12:30 pm until 5:00 pm EDT

Registration: \$30 per person

Scheduled Speakers:

Betty Kelepecz

***The Western Highlands of Papua New Guinea: Orchids,
Culture, and Birds of Paradise***

Ron Kaufmann

***Cattleya eldorado: Searching for Gold in the Brazilian
Amazon***

Brenda Oviatt

Angraecoids: Conservation and Culture

Ron Parsons

The Genus Dendrobium

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