



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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### KOS Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at Botanica at  
2:00 pm, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each  
month, **unless noted differently.**

**June 19: Guest Speaker: Ron  
Parsons, *Miniature Orchids***

July 17: Max Thompson, *Latest American  
Orchid Society Awards*

August 21: Brian Rinke *Everything you  
Ever Wanted to Know*

September 18: Picnic @ Pratt  
Residence/Greenhouse Tour

Oct 16: Fall Show preparation ???

Oct 29-30: or Nov 5-6 Fall Show ???

Dec 4: Christmas dinner & Orchid Bingo

**FINALLY!!!!  
THE BARK IS IN.  
PLEASE BE PREPARED  
TO PICK UP YOUR  
ORDER AT THIS  
MONTH'S MEETING**

<http://www.kansasorchidsociety.org>

Also visit our Facebook Page

## President's Palaver

Last month was our annual plant auction and a large number of great orchids found new homes at bargain prices but we still raised some money for the society. A big thank you to everyone who donated orchids or bought something new to take home for their collection. The auction is always a meeting I think everyone enjoys.

I'm looking forward to our speaker for this month's meeting. Ron Parsons sounds like someone with great knowledge and orchid experience. His talk on miniature orchids should be simply full of tips on growing these little gems. More information about Ron is on page 3.

Let's have big turnout for our meeting. Hope to see everyone on Sunday.

Greg Tompkins, President

Raffle: There will be raffle plants this month.....most in fat bud and ready to show off for you!

# Kansas Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

### May 15, 2022

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

**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 the Treasurer's Report which was filed for audit. She had preliminary amounts from the show and will have final totals at next meeting.

#### **Committee Chair Reports:**

##### **Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge:**

The Washed Ashore exhibit at Botanica has opened. Tunes on the Terrace will be held once a month. The Pond Society Tour is June 18-19.

##### **Great Plains Judging Center, Bryon Rinke:**

- Great Plains Judging was held at the Tulsa Orchid Show on May 21 with two plants awarded.
- The KOS/SWROGA show had 312 plants entered and 13 plants were pulled for judging and three plants were awarded plus AOS Show Trophy and Silver Certificate.

**Membership, Ruth Wilson:** Members who have paid dues for 2022 will receive a new name badge.

**Old Business: none**

**New Business: none**

#### **Announcements**

Max Thompson announced he had made an executive decision to pay half of the airfare for our June speaker, Ron Parsons, who will arrive the morning of our meeting. The other half will be paid by Minneapolis Orchid Society and our share will be \$700. Richard Vanderlip spoke in favor of that arrangement.

#### **Program**

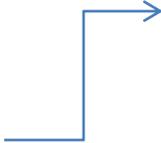
We held our annual orchid auction, show and tell, and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Tompkins, Secretary



Phal. Walnut Valley Hero  
'M & B' HCC 77 pts.

Exhibitors: Max Thompson  
and Bryon Rinke



Den, victoriae-reginae 'Royal Purple' HCC 79 pts  
Exhibitor: J & L Orchids



Den. Roy Tokunaga 'Pink Cherub' AM 80 pts.  
Exhibitor: J & L Orchids



Show trophy and AOS Silver Certificate, KOS Spring Show  
Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

# Oklahoma Orchid Society Show



← *Dendrobium discolor* var. *broomfieldii*  
'Greater Kudu' AM 82 pts.  
Exhibitor: Douglas Needham



*Paphiopedilum Macabre Pleasure*  
'M & B & Sarah' AM 81 pts.  
Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke



*Octomeria praestans* 'Bryon'  
CBR, HCC 77 pts.  
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



*Taeniophyllum biocellatum* var. *hainan*  
'Bryon' CBR  
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



*Leptotes bicolor* h.f. *alba* 'Bryon Rinke' AM 80 pts.  
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



Paph. Graciously Hawaiian  
'Catherine Chance' AM 84 pts.  
Exhibitor: William Parker



Eulophia zollingeri 'Bronze Butterflies' CBR  
Exhibitors; Cathy and Steve Marak



Phal. Walnut Valley Blessed  
'Max & Bryon' AM 80 pts.  
Exhibitors: Max Thompson  
and Bryon Rinke



Bulbophyllum My Pal Lenny  
'Timbucktoo' HCC 76 pts.  
Exhibitor; Sarah Pratt



Show Trophy and Silver Certificate, Tulsa Orchid Show  
Exhibitor: Tulsa Orchid Society

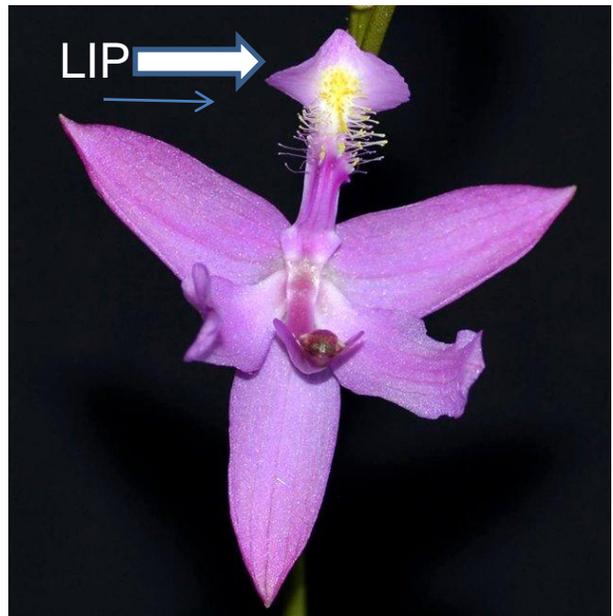
# This month's Speaker: Ron Parson



Ron Parsons has been growing orchids for more than 40 years and has been interested in and has grown species for most of that time. Ron loves to photograph orchids and other flowers whenever he can, whether it is in trips to see them in nature or in collections. Ron has nearly 60,000 digital images, most of which are orchids, and still retains a slide library that exceeds 100,000 botanical images. He has over 3000 published photos that have appeared in magazines, periodicals, journals and books. Ron has co-authored three botanical books, all with Mary Gerritsen. The first two, published by Timber Press, are [Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World](#); [Calochortus, Mariposa Lilies and their Relatives](#). Most recently the third book, a large, luxurious 2-volume set [A Compendium of Miniature Orchid Species](#) was published by RedFern Natural History Productions. The latter has nearly 1200 pages, 1800 photographs and features more than 500 species.

Ron Parsons is considered by many to be one of the finest flower photographers in the United States. His photography and encyclopedic knowledge of orchids is known both nationally and internationally. He has been photographing orchids, wildflowers, and almost every other kind of plant for over 25 years, and he has taken thousands of photos of orchids, wildflowers and other rare plants. Visit Ron's [Picasa photography site](#) for a more complete collection.

***Orchids in the Wild***  
Kathy Ethridge  
Conservation Representative



**Calopogon tuberosus**, commonly known as the Tuberous Grass Pink has the broadest range of any species in its genus; it is found across most of Canada, the United States and the northern Caribbean. It produces a grass like leaf and up to 25 magenta, pink, or white flowers with a golden crest on the lip which is positioned at the top of the flower (non-resupinate). It uses deception to attract pollinators. A tuft of orange yellow hairs resemble pollen which attracts native bees. It blooms in late May through July. It is a brilliant showy plant that prefers open wet sandy sphagnum bogs and seeps. Plants flower over a long period of time and it is not unusual to find stands of several hundred plants. *Calopogon oklahomensis*, commonly known as the Oklahoma grass pink or prairie grass pink is closely related.



**Webinar: *Missouri's Prairie Orchids* with Steve Buback**

If you want to spend an interesting hour watch this You Tube webinar. Just go to You Tube and search for *Missouri's Prairie Orchids*. This presentation is an excellent discussion of grassland orchids and also discusses the grass pinks in some depth.





# Mounting Orchids with Ron McHatton

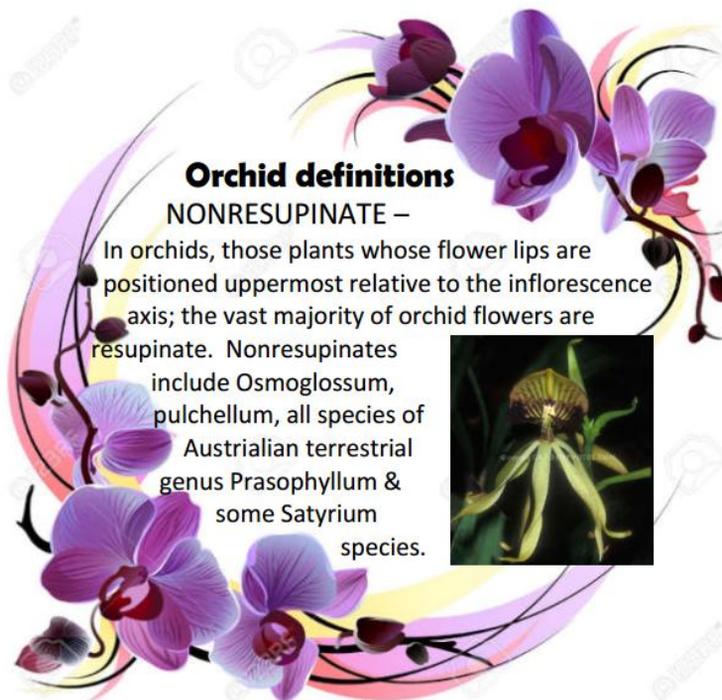
Greenhouse Chat June 2022, ***Mounting orchids***

Ron McHatton, Tuesday, June 28, 2022

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM CDT

**Availability** : Public, you do not need to be an AOS member to participate

Mounting orchids made easy!





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