



# 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.**

**August 19: Greenhouse Basics,**  
**Sarah Pratt**

**September 16;** Gary Meyers: Guest  
Speaker on Draculas

**October 21:** Repotting and show  
discussion

**November 1 & 2** (tentative) Fall  
Show

**December 2** (tentative) Christmas  
party & 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](mailto:svcsjp@gmail.com) and she will try to pick out something special for you.

## President's Palaver

Hi everyone. Sorry to have missed you at the last meeting. Unfortunately, I had other things to take care of. I am recovering nicely and am doing cardio-rehab so hope to be back to my former self very soon.

One of the things we have found out is the greenhouses seem to do a good job of taking care of themselves. We have a lot of flowers in bloom at present so it is nice to walk through and admire the "orchids". We keep changing things around to see if we can find a microclimate that plants like. We moved a bunch of our parvi paphs to the north greenhouse, right in front of the pads. We did that late last winter. Our Paphiopedilum armeniacum is in bloom for the first time in years. They have certainly reacted to the change. We increased the shade cloth density this summer and that has made a big difference. Although it isn't an orchid, our Amorphophallus titanum has come out of dormancy. It is sending up a new leaf at the rate of about 4" per day. I have never seen a plant that grows as fast as it does. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Max C. Thompson  
President

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# Kansas Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2018

The meeting was held at Botanica and was called to order by Vice President Donna Nelson at 2:00 pm. Visitors Bill and Susan Stratton were welcomed.

**Minutes:** Richard Vanderlip moved to accept the minutes as published in the last newsletter and the motion was seconded by Susan Thompkins. The minutes were unanimously approved as published.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

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

**Old Business:** Seedling plants of Oncidium Gower Ramey are still available for those members wishing to participate in the Gower Ramsey challenge.

### **Announcements**

- The members wish to tender their sincere condolences to Ron Haselhuhn on the loss of his beloved wife Janice.
- President Max Thompson was not present due to hospitalization for heart surgery. All of our best wishes for his rapid recovery.
- Bryon Rinke reported that he is having some good results using 70% Neem Oil for pest control in his greenhouse.

Meeting adjourned 2:20 pm

**Program: "Ask the Experts":** Bryon Rinke, Elizabeth Vanderlip and Donna Nelson were our expert panel. Members presented plants with which they were experiencing problems and suggestions were made for resolution of those particular issues.

Refreshments, 'Show and Tell', and raffle followed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Pratt, acting Secretary

Get it on your calendar early: October 26-28  
Mid-America Orchid Congress Meeting and Show  
Location: [Hilton Garden Inn, Independence, MO](#)

### **Newsletter Articles**

If you have articles, **please send them on or before the 5th of the month to Sarah Pratt at [svcsjp@gmail.com](mailto:svcsjp@gmail.com)**



## **The Gower Ramsey Growing Challenge**

Every member of the KOS is welcome to take home a 2" pot of a seedling Onc. Gower Ramsey. This is the classic 'dancing lady' orchid and is very easy to grow. These 2" pots contain a seedling that came out of the plug tray this spring and are at least one and probably two years from blooming.

Take one home, work your magic and we will see who can get their plant to bloom first. The winner will get a fabulous prize!! What kind of prize you ask.....well, it's a surprise!! All members may take a plant, but the commercial growers are not eligible for the prize.

If there is anyone who still wishes to participate: there are still seedlings available and will be available at Sunday's meeting.

How is your plant doing?

The raffle will return this month: a number of very nice plants will be available for you. Opportunities can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 11 for \$10.00

On a personal note: If you would like to recycle your wine corks or packing peanuts, just bring them to any KOS meeting. Sarah Pratt



**Habenaria carnea f alba 'Bryon Rinke'** (provisional)

Four cupped, pristine white flowers and six buds on one 25.0-cm upright inflorescence; dorsal sepal cupped with the petals partially enveloped by the dorsal sepal; spur clavate, white basal one-third, chartreuse distal two-thirds, 0.3cm wide by 5.0cm long; complex reproductive parts white, inferior two horns light chartreuse; substance light; texture matte; rosette of leaves green, lighter green centrally, spotted lighter green, crystalline; commended for unusual color form of the flowers and the plant; species from Thailand.

**Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke**

**Bulbophyllum Walnut Valley Jersey 'M & B' AM 83 pts.**

Six stellate flowers and 16 buds on eight inflorescences, 20 immature inflorescences; sepals chartreuse overlaid with petals heavier overlaid with maroon lines and spots; lip hinged, maroon, yellow-orange spot centrally, orange on distal one-half; column yellow, anther cap bright yellow; substance heavy; texture waxy; slight odor noted.

**Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke**



**Bulbophyllum Herkules 'M & B' HCC 79 pts.**

Eleven flowers on one crowded, pendant inflorescence; sepals and petals chartreuse, exterior densely maculated dark maroon, interiors solid dark maroon; lateral sepals fused, distinct ridge where joined, folded longitudinally; lip hinged, dark maroon; column foot chartreuse spotted dark maroon; column and anther cap dark maroon; substance hard; texture waxy; unpleasant fragrance noted.

**Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke**



**Paphiopedilum Memoria Robert Wimmer 'Maxine' AM 80 pts**

One round symmetrical chartreuse flower on one 7.5-cm inflorescence; dorsal sepal white picotee, veined darker green; petals veined darker green; staminode light green, dark green spot centrally; substance firm; texture waxy.

**Exhibitor: Max Thompson**



**Dracula Swamp Fox 'Timbucktoo' AM 81 pts.**

Eight cream-color flat, triangular flowers and five buds on 13 pendant inflorescences with three additional immature inflorescences; sepals pubescent, partially fused, interior spotted maroon, reverse striped maroon, margins and caudae overlaid maroon; petals finely dotted maroon centrally; lip hinged, glabrous, white; column and anther cap white; substance firm; texture matte.

**Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt**



**Brassocattleya Seagulls Yellowbug 'Byron' AM 80 pts.**

Three flat, stellate flowers and eight buds on three upright inflorescences; sepals, petals and lip lemon yellow; lip spotted magenta on interior and exterior, ruffled; column and anther cap lime green; substance heavy; texture matte; slight fragrance noted.

**Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke**

# AOS Corner

## Dillon-Peterson Essay Contest Deadline is November 30, 2018!

Time to sharpen up those pencils and put on your thinking caps! The deadline is fast approaching for the annual Gordon W. Dillon - Richard C. Peterson Memorial Essay Contest. Don't wait until the last minute. The contest is open to all persons except employees of the American Orchid Society and their immediate families. **You do not need to be an AOS member.**

The winner receives a cash prize and a certificate suitable for framing. The contest was established in 1985 by the AOS Northeast Judging Center to honor the memory of two former editors of the AOS Bulletin (now *Orchids*). Gordon Dillon served as editor from 1943 through 1968 and again from 1970 through 1973. Richard Peterson's name first appeared on the masthead of the AOS Bulletin in April 1971 as associate editor. In 1973, he was named editor and, upon Dillon's retirement in 1977, he became the executive director, retaining his position of editor through 1984.

The theme for 2018 is: **Bells and Whistles: Ingenuity and the Orchid Grower.**

Orchid growers are famous for devising ways to accommodate their charges on the windowsill, under lights and in the greenhouse. Maintaining tropical plants in a desert climate, cool-growing plants in a tropical climate or warm-growing plants in subarctic conditions all demand ingenuity that you can share with readers of the *ORCHIDS* magazine .

The winning entry (if any) will be published in the June 2019 issue of *ORCHIDS* at the discretion of the editor. The winner of the prize will receive a cash award supported by the dividends and interest on an endowment from the Northeast Judging Region.

### **CONTEST RULES**

- The essay must be an original, unpublished article.
- The contest is open to all persons except employees of the American Orchid Society and their immediate families.
- Submissions must be no more than 5,000 words.
- Manuscripts must be submitted in English and should be submitted electronically as MS Word or compatible word processor file.
- Submissions will be judged without knowledge of the identity of the author. The decision of the judges is final. If no entries meet the expected criteria of excellence, the award will be withheld.
- Artwork is not necessary for entering this competition.

Nonwinning entries will be returned to the contestant if requested. Such entries are eligible for resubmission in subsequent contests. These nonwinning entries will also be considered for publication by the editor of *ORCHIDS* and may be used in *ORCHIDS* or other AOS publications with the written permission of the author. Published entries will not be eligible for consideration in subsequent contests.

### **Submit all entries to the Dillon/Peterson Memorial Essay Prize:**

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