



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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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**.

## **Oct 18: How to enter your paphs using the new SWROGA show schedule**

Fall Show and Sale. October 31; details on page 5

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**

The beautiful fall colors of October have arrived and cooler weather is in the forecast. Now if we can just get past all the political ads we'll all be happy.

If you are like me I'm searching through my orchids trying to guess what will be in bloom for the show this month. Will they be bloomed and gone or not quite open?

Just a reminder there will be no meetings November or December but we our one day show is on Halloween.

It has been a pleasure being your president the last two years.

Hope to you Sunday.  
Donna Nelson

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.

## Kansas Orchid Society Meeting Minutes

### Sept 20, 2020

The meeting was held at Botanica, & called to order by President Donna Nelson at 2 pm. Guests, Sara & Dillon attended & new member Diane attended.

**Minutes:** Bryon Rinke moved to accept the minutes as published in the last newsletter. Richard Vanderlip seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Ethridge was not present to report on our current financial positions. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

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

Membership & GPJC, Ruth Wilson: no report.

Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge, no report.

GPJC/JC meeting, Bryon Rinke: Great Plains judged 11 plants, 4 were awarded.

#### **Old Business**

October 31<sup>st</sup> KOS Orchid Show - Sarah will be buying cattis, Dens & paphs for the show in the \$10- \$12 cost range. Probably will spend about \$600-700 for sales stock. Clerks that wish to participate should arrive prior to 8 am. Breakfast will be served before and we will probably have boxed lunches. Elsie will be in charge of the food. Greg will take care of the trophies and ribbons; Wanita will do the lanyards for "ASK THE EXPERT - ME!" feature we are starting this year.

#### **New Business**

- RE: Christmas Party at the Haysville Senior Center -- A motion was made to postpone Christmas meal & Bingo until 2021. After discussion, the motion was voted on and carried.
- Bryon reported that he received the annual \$250 Fred Wolfe endowment check for funding of his namesake's trophy for this year's show.
- Bryon & Sarah asked for volunteers to sit in for them at the SWROGA board meeting Sat the 17<sup>th</sup>. Two members agreed to represent our club.

Meeting adjourned 2:28pm.

Program: Richard & Elizabeth Vanderlip on "Orchids We Have Known, Grown & Killed", 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**  
[svcsjp@gmail.com](mailto:svcsjp@gmail.com)

## Orchid definitions

### TERRESTRIAL –

In orchids, growing in the ground or in loose substrate atop the ground. Not common. Examples: Arundina species of Tropical Asia, Ludisia discolor (jewel orchids), and Spathoglottis spp of Southwest Asia.



## 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, September 2020

Twelve plants were presented and 4 awards given. Can you see why the judges awarded these plants?



## **Gomesa colorata 'JoJo's Firecracker' CCM 83 pts.**

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

Sixty-two flowers and 23 buds on 14 evenly distributed and nicely displayed inflorescences up to 11cm long; very clean, evenly grown, symmetrical plant 23cm diameter by 17cm vertical grown on a piece of cholla 2.5cm diameter by 20cm long; sepals light yellow; lateral sepals blotched red-brown centrally; petals light yellow, overlaid dark brick red on distal three-quarters; lip light yellow, side lobes overlaid red-brown, midlobe dark red-brown centrally, distal one-third bright yellow; column and anther cap white; substance firm; texture crystalline; species native to Brazil.



## **Phalaenopsis Walnut Valley Purple Pixie 'B & M' AM 83 pts.**

Exhibitors; Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

Sixteen very flat flowers and 16 buds on one 52-cm strong, upright, single branched inflorescence; sepals and petals rich saturated purple; lip midlobe dark purple, side lobes very small and held vertically, white, finely speckled purple; column dark purple, anther cap white; substance firm; texture light diamond dust; actual parentage (Phal Purple Gem 'B#1' HCC 76 Pts x Phal Pixie Star 'SC Purple' HCC 76 Pts.



## **Pleurothallis perryi 'Bryon Rinke' JC/AOS**

Exhibitor; Bryon Rinke

Five non-resupinate flowers and ten buds on 15 sequentially blooming 0.5-cm long inflorescences originating at axils of fertile leaves; sepals and petals chartreuse veined red-purple, dorsal sepal deltoid, margins hirsute distal one-half, petals obovate, margins hirsute distal one-third, synsepal oblong, margins reflexed proximal one-half, hirsute distal one-half, all hairs white; lip red-purple, chartreuse picotee distal margin; column, anther cap and bilobed stigma red-purple; substance firm; texture glossy; commended for previously undescribed variation, species from Ecuador; ID by SITF

## **Waironara Tango Fire 'Nothing Ventured AM 85 pts.**

Exhibitor: Susan Tompkins

Sixty-three flowers and 7 buds well presented on one branched inflorescence; sepals and petals burnt orange; lip midlobe lavender, sidelobes burnt orange, 1.0-cm spur cream-color, overlaid light lavender distal one-fourth; column light yellow, anther cap cream, striped lavender centrally; substance hard, texture sparkling.





# Do Orchids SCARE You??

## Conquer your fears at Kansas Orchid Society Fall Show & Sale

October 31, 2020 10am—5pm  
@Botanica, The Wichita Gardens



Free admission for all ages

For more information go to [www.kansasorchidsociety.com](http://www.kansasorchidsociety.com) or visit our Facebook page

## Show Schedule

Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

Set up at Botanica: 10:00am – 6:00 pm or when plant registration is finished. All plants must be entered by 5:00 pm. Late entries made only with approval of show chair (Sarah 316-655-0572 or [svcsjp@gmail.com](mailto:svcsjp@gmail.com)). Early entry encouraged. Send entries to [brinke@cox.net](mailto:brinke@cox.net)

Saturday:

7:00 am; breakfast

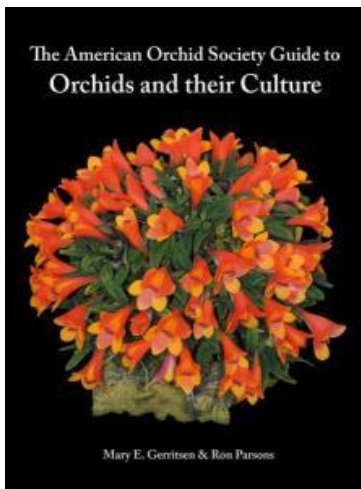
8:00 am; Ribbon judging (AOS judging to follow)

10:00 am – 5:00 pm: Open to public.

5:00 pm Tear down

# Get ready for the show!!!!

- Plan to enter anything you have that is blooming.....this not only gives the public a better idea of what the orchid world has to offer, but you may also win a prize/trophy!
- Plan to work. We will need members to work on one or more of these jobs
  - Set up on Friday (this will include helping transport sales plants)
  - Clerking on Saturday
  - Work the sales table
  - Work the 'Meet and Greet' table
  - Help Elsie with refreshments
  - Tear down and clean up on Saturday
  - Sign up sheets for all positions will be circulated at the meeting.
- Publicity
  - Tell all your friends
  - Post on your social media and other event boards
  - Put up fliers (these will be available at the meeting Sunday)



## 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.

No sales table this month.  
Save your money for the show!!

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The raffle will 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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