



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.

March 21: Video tour of Huntington Gardens: Brandon Tam, Orchid Collection Specialist

April 18: Orchid Trivia Game

May 16: KOS annual picnic at the Zoo

June 20: Annual Auction

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

August 15: Guest speaker, TBA

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)

President's Palaver

We made it! The cold temps are behind us now and even though it's not really spring yet things are getting better. We also made it through our first zoom experience at the last meeting. Thanks to Wanita for helping us to get that done. We had a few members attend through zoom that haven't been able to be at a meeting for some time because of covid 19. We will do the zoom thing again this month and try to improve on sound quality for participants.

I'm looking forward to this month's program. Susie has arranged for us to take a virtual tour of the Orchid collection at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California.

Let's have another large display for show and tell. Last month was we had lots of plants and beautiful blooms, also bring **all** your money for the raffle plants. Don't forget the members sale area with great plants and great prices.

I'd like to have a board meeting before the regular get together. Let's have the board meeting at 1:30.

Greg Tompkins, President

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.

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 appropriate social distancing.
 - Face masks are required.
 - Have Fun.
- Show and tell is as usual.

Kansas Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2021

The meeting was held at Botanica and called to order by President Greg Tompkins at 2 p.m. Patty Mendoza was a guest

Minutes: The January minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Ethridge presented our current financial information and her report was filed for audit

Committee Chair Reports

- Membership, Ruth Wilson: 2021 dues should be paid as soon as possible
- Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge: Farmer's Market at the Extension Building will begin in April. Master Gardeners are presenting gardening workshops in March.
- Great Plains Judging Center, Bryon Rinke: No report (there was no judging)

•Old Business:

- The SWROGA Show we had planned to host in May 2021 has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled, possibly for 2022.

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New Business:

- The KOS Fall Show scheduled for October 30-31 will be moved one week later so it doesn't fall on the same week end as the AOS Centennial Celebration.

•Motion for KOS to pay admission to the Zoo when we have our picnic and tour of the Jungle Building was made by Max Thompson and seconded by Elsie Dalziel; unanimously approved.

The web site has been updated with the addition of the AOS Special Awards that have been won by our KOS members. Two more will be added in April.

Long-time member Ron Haselhuhn has moved and would welcome cards or letters

Program: Sarah Pratt presented a program on Miltoniopsis, followed by Show and Tell and plant raffle.

Respectably submitted

Susan Tompkins, Secretary

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

A Little More about this month's program

Our Vice President, Susie Sutton has arranged a virtual zoom tour of the Huntington Garden's Orchid collection with Brandon Tam.



THE HUNTINGTON

Orchid Collection

With over 10,000 orchid plants, The Huntington has one of the largest orchid collections in the United States. The collection contains over 3,600 unique varieties, representing 280 genera, including, but not limited to, Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium, Cymbidium, Cattleya, Stanhopea, and Lycaste. Check out their website at www.huntington.org.

Brandon Tam is passionate about his career as the Orchid Collection Specialist at The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California.

Brandon's grandmother first introduced him to orchids when he was seven by giving him a white cymbidium. He volunteered at the Huntington during high school, and when he graduated at age 16, Dr. James Folsom, Director of the Botanical Gardens, offered Brandon a full-time position as the Orchid Collection Specialist. Brandon has managed the collection for over ten years. While working with Dr. Folsom to reinvigorate the Huntington's orchid collection, Brandon attended California State University Polytechnic, Pomona, and earned his Bachelor of Science in Plant Science degree in 2015.

Brandon now oversees one of the largest orchid collections in the United States, which has grown from 2000 to over 10,000 plants in the past ten years. The Huntington has quickly built one of the five most diverse orchid species collections in the world. The collection is housed in over 26,000 square feet of growing area, which includes the Rose Hills Foundation Conservatory and three collection greenhouses, dedicated specifically for tropical plants. Brandon was elected as Trustee of the American Orchid Society, for a three-year term, which started March 2018.

Zooming

Full instruction on how we are going to conduct the Zooming of the meeting and the tour of the Huntington Gardens will follow in a day or so. Links will be attached at that time. Watch for further e-mails. General instructions for 'zooming' below. Please feel free to contact Wanita (info below)

Courtesies of attending zoom meetings:

1) please mute yourself when not speaking, and DEFINITELY when the President is conducting our meeting. If you hear noises in the background, everyone at the meeting will hear them also. TV's, dogs barking, family conversations, you speaking to someone in your home, all can be heard by everyone else on ZOOM and at Botanica.

2) If you wish to speak during the meeting there is a "hold up your hand" flag that you can use - it is at the bottom of the chat area to the right of the pictures of Zoom attendees. You can open the chat area by clicking on "chat" that shows at the bottom of the screen (on laptops) when you hover your pointer over the bottom area.

3) you can mute yourself by hovering your pointer over the bottom of the Zoom screen, (extreme left side for computers). These are located at the top of the screen for tablets. Just click on mute and a line will cross thru the icon, signifying that you are muted. Your picture may also have an indicator that shows you are muted.

4) Also in the chat area you can send general comments that everyone on zoom can read or comments that go to only one zoom attendee. Those "buttons" are at the bottom of the chat column which is to the right of the pictures of the attendees. Any comments typed there will only go to Zoom participants and not to participants physically present at Botanica.

If you have never participated in a zoom meeting, you can use zoom on your computer, your laptop, your tablet or your phone. The best results are the computer or laptop. you simply Google "Zoom Download" & you should see something like this.

zoom.us

[Go to download](#)

[Just click on the "Go to download" button and then, when prompted, authorize your computer to accept a new change. and it will download, This will only take 2-3 minutes in its entirety. If asked, save it, rather than just opening it. If you do not save, you will need to repeat this step each time you want to use zoom to join a meeting. If your computer already has zoom downloaded \(that will normally be the case, if you have used zoom already\), then all you have to do is click on the link above to join us.](#)

[If all this seems overwhelming, please email Wanita at \[wrightd9@aol.com\]\(mailto:wrightd9@aol.com\) or 316-260-1232 so we can get you going. Do this days before the meeting, as she will not be available on Sunday to help individuals get set up and trained on Zoom.](#)

KOS received word about long time member, Ron Haselhuhn. His daughter wrote to share that Ron's health is failing him and he can no longer attend our monthly meetings.

He no longer uses email, but if anyone would like to contact him, his new address is

Ron Haselhuhn
Emporia Place
1200 W 12th Ave, Apt 108
Emporia, KS 66801

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

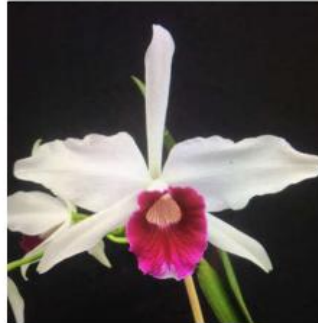
See www.aos.org for full information

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.

Orchid definitions

SEMIALBA –
Term used
to describe a
flower with a
colored lip.



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2021 KOS Officers

Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons & Representatives for

KOS Officers, 2021

President, Greg Tompkins 316-283-1265
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KOS Board of Directors

Richard Vanderlip (end of term 2023)
Elisabeth Vanderlip (end of term 2023)
Pam Kontowicz (end of term 2021)
Jill Stackley (end of term 2021)
Elsie Dalziel (end of term 2022)
Chad Sutton (end of term 2022)

Committee Chairpersons & Representatives

Finance, Kathy Ethridge
Program, Susie Sutton
Nominations, Sarah Pratt, Bryon Rinke
Hospitality, Rose Meals and Elsie Dalziel
Publicity, Kathy Ethridge, Susie Sutton
Membership, Ruth Wilson
Native Orchids & Conservation, Ron Haselhuhn
KOS Garden Council Rep, Kathy Ethridge
SWROGA Representatives, Max Thompson, Sarah Pratt

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Membership Renewal Time

(at this time about 70% of our members have renewed for 2021 and this form will not be published again this year in the newsletter)

Our membership chairman, Ruth Wilson requests that ALL members completely fill out a form to accompany their 2021 dues and take special care that the e-mail is readable and accurate.

KOS membership is based on the calendar year (January—December). The exception would be for new members who signed up during the last quarter (October, November and December) of 2020. That membership would cover through December 2021.

Membership entitles you to the monthly KOS Newsletter which keeps you informed of Society activities and other “orchid related” news. Renew now to ensure that you do not miss anything.

KOS Membership Renewal Form 2021

Individual Membership **\$15.00 per calendar year** Family Membership **\$20.00 per calendar year**
Life Membership **\$200.00**

Renewal ___ New Membership ___ Information Update ___

Name _____

Spouse/Significant Other Name _____

Address _____

State/Zip code _____

Phone Number (____) _____

E-mail: (must have this to send newsletter and please make sure this is readable!)

Many of our members have requested that they have access to our membership list. If you **DO NOT** wish any of your personal information made available to the general KOS membership, please **OPT OUT** at this time.

No, I do not wish to share the following information _____

I am a member of the American Orchid Society ___ Yes ___ No

I heard about the KOS from _____



Make Checks payable to the **Kansas Orchid Society** and send to:

Ruth Wilson, Membership Chair

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Sedgwick, Kansas 67135



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Return Address Requested