



# 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.**

#### **Feb 20: Blake Kruse - Fertilization**

March 20: Spring Show Planning &  
Orchid Trivia  
April 17: Southwest College Greenhouse  
Tour & Spring show (tie up loose ends)  
Apr 29 - May 1: Spring Show  
May 15: Auction  
June 19: 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?  
Oct 16: Fall Show preparation  
Oct 29-30: or Nov 5-6 Fall Show  
Dec 4: Christmas dinner & Orchid Bingo

<http://www.kansasorchidsociety.org>

Also visit our Facebook Page

## President's Palaver

By Susie Sutton, Vice President

We are meeting at Botanica for the February meeting and I'm excited to see everyone again; let's just hope the weather holds out. Many of you may be wondering why I'm filling in for Greg; he had surgery at the end of January and while his recovery is slow, he is doing well. As Vice President filling in, I get to write, or ramble on for the President's Palaver and lead the meeting. Fortunately, with the meeting I at least have a template to follow.

Thank goodness for the orchids and other plants I keep indoors; I don't know about you but they helped keep me sane during that last freezing spell and snow storm. We only had three plants in bloom but to see all of the greenery was just an instant mood changer after coming from outside where everything is dead and 5 degrees (not including the wind chill). I'm sure those with greenhouses are taking advantage of their warm temperatures for as long as possible.

Have you ever wondered what palaver (from the article title) meant? Every month I read this and wonder what it means and say I'll look it up later; and we all know later never comes. I decided I would do it today. I learned the word can be a noun or verb and found a few of the definitions are: a conference or discussion; profuse and idle talk, chatter; persuasive talk and to talk profusely and idly (taken from Dictionary.com). I think this describes my article this month and probably many of those I will write in the future as President. Let's all hope Greg recovers quickly so he can take back over the typewriter.

# Kansas Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

### December 12, 2021

(this is a repeat from last month, since we did not have a January meeting, these minutes will still need to be approved.)

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Tompkins at 1:00 pm at the Haysville Senior Center.

**Minutes:** Max Thompson moved to accept the minutes as published in the last newsletter. Wanita Wright seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** none

**Committee Chair Reports:** none

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Sarah Pratt presented a list of officers and directors for 2022 as follows:

Greg Tompkins, President  
Susie Sutton, Vice President  
Kathy Ethridge, Treasurer  
Susan Tompkins, Secretary

Directors:  
Richard Vanderlip (end of term 2023)  
Elisabeth Vanderlip (end of term 2023)  
Elsie Dalziel (end of term 2022)  
Chad Sutton (end of term 2022)  
Theresa Harrison (end of term 2024)  
Wanita Wright (end of term 2024)

There were no further nominations and there was a unanimous voice vote to approve

#### **Announcements**

There will be a Board Meeting on January 16 starting at 1:30

Meeting adjourned to enjoy our delicious Christmas dinner then on to the rowdy game of Orchid Bingo. Great fun was had by all and we now have new plants to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Tompkins, 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)**

# Orchids in the Wild

Kathy Ethridge, Conservation Rep.

In the August 2021 the KOS Newsletter reprinted an article on the invasive orchid species *Epipactis helleborine* was had been shared by Richard and Elizabeth Vanderlip.

A native species in this same genus that is **not** invasive is *Epipactis gigantea* sometimes called the stream orchid. It is found near lakeshores, stream sides and seeps in the Midwest, requires constant moisture, and can grow up to three feet tall. It blooms from late June through August and is one of the most colorful members of the genus. The slender stems hold green, yellow, purple and orange flowers throughout the summer. In the Black Hills and Wyoming they can be found around hot springs. This orchid has been propagated commercially.

*Epipactis* is the ancient name for hellebore. A common name for *Epipactis gigantea* is the Western False Hellebore.



*Epipactis gigantea*  
Western False Hellebore  
Native to the United States



*Epipactis helleborine*  
Native to Europe and Asia  
Considered an alien invasive species  
in the Western Hemisphere



## Spring Orchid Show Schedule

- March 26 & 27: **Omaha Orchid Society**  
Lauritzen Gardens – Omaha Botanical Center
- April 30 & May 1: **KOS/SWROGA**  
Botanica, the Wichita Gardens
- May 7<sup>th</sup>, **Oklahoma Orchid Society**  
Wil Rogers Gardens, Oklahoma City
- May 21 & 22: **Tulsa Orchid Society**  
Tulsa Garden Center, Woodward Park

## And Last, but not Least The 2022 American Orchid Society Centennial Celebration and Spring Members Meeting

April 6 – 9, 2022

[www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org) for more information

### Your chance to win the #1/100 Signed Centennial Poster!

In celebration of the AOS's 100th Anniversary, the AOS Centennial Committee will raffle a Limited Edition and signed (numbered 1/100) Centennial poster by Angela Mirro. Second prize is a select orchid collection from R.F. Orchids, Inc, valued at \$1,000. Third prize is a beautifully etched Heisey orchid candy dish, donated by Bob Fuchs.

Tickets will be available online starting March 1st, 2022 and on-site at the Spring Members Meeting/ Centennial Celebration event.

Further details will be shared soon - be on the lookout for updates!



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Per AOS notes: There are three types of vandas: strap-leaved, semi-terete and terete. The first type has broader, flat leaves, while terete types have round, pencil-shaped leaves. The semi-teretes are hybrids between the two, with an intermediate leaf shape. Terete types need full sun, and are best grown in high-light climates. In a greenhouse, give the plants about 25 to 35 percent shade, less in winter if overcast. Leaves should be a medium green, not dark green. In warm, bright climates, you can grow any type of Vanda outside (if warm) with partial shade for strap-leaved types and semi-teretes (especially in midday in summer) or inside (when cold) in a bright, south window. In climates where winters are overcast, try ascocendas. Grow them outside in summer and in full sun inside during the winter. Be careful to acclimatize plants to avoid burn.



Wednesday, February [23, 2022 8:30 PM EST](#)

**G**reenhouse Chat - Join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science

Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Have your questions answered by our resident orchid expert! Please send your queries to [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) two days prior to the chat. *Open to all.*

# *Kansas Orchid Society*

## *2022 Spring Show and Sale*



### *‘Simply Irresistible’*

Plans for our Spring Show are progressing nicely.

#### **Committed Vendors**

Sunset Valley Orchids (Fred Clark)  
Orchid Art by Charles Hess  
Friday's Embroidery

J & L Orchids  
Ecuagenera  
High Desert Orchids

Our hotel is the Drury Hotel (remodeled Broadview Hotel, on Douglas across from Century II). They will host our out of town visitors and will provide the venue for our live auction, banquet and entertainment on Saturday night.

Useful links that are attached to this email for you to download and print include:

link to Hotel Reservations

Full Class Schedule

Schedule of Events (initial)

Plant Pre-registration Form (pre-registration of plants will be **required** unless specific approved exemption made)

Exhibit Registration Form: required to reserve your exhibit space

The Wichita Garden Club will be joining us with a Floral Design Show

# Membership Renewal Time

Please be sure to confirm and print your e-mail address legibly!!

There is a special benefits this year that comes with membership!

All paid members will be receiving a new name badge. Family memberships will get two badges.

But your membership must be paid up by March 15<sup>th</sup> at the very latest!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Name (for family memberships) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: (must have this to send newsletter!) \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please fill out form completely so we can verify all addresses and phone numbers! Bring completed form and payment to our meeting Sunday or:

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

**Ruth Wilson**

**KOS Membership Chair**

**10003 S. Hertzler Rd., Box 193 (please be sure to add the PO Box)**

**Sedgwick, Kansas 67135**



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