



Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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KOS Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at Botanica in the Terrace Room at 2:00 pm, on the 3rd Sunday of each month **unless noted differently.**

May 21: Picnic in Stillwater. OK at Doug Needham's greenhouse

June 18: Auction
July 16: Highlights of travel experiences in other countries re: orchids
August 20: (TBA)
September 17: Show Prep
October 6, 7th Fall Orchid Show & Sale
November 19: (TBA)
December 3: Christmas Bingo

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.

President's Palaver

Why do they say April showers bring May flowers? As orchid growers we must provide the water ourselves, but then (hopefully) have flowers all year around. Oh, but if we're referring to the many types of beautiful spring flowers outdoors, we either have to water them or we're lucky because there usually aren't many April showers here in Kansas. I know I've been enjoying a lot of wonderful flowers throughout April and now into May (I think it's the warmth more than any rain anyway).

Other great things happening in May are the Oklahoma Orchid Society Show on May 6-7 and one that several of us are looking forward to on May 21 is Needham Glasshouse (greenhouse) tour. The Needham Glasshouse tour is also a picnic with the Oklahoma Orchid Society members in Stillwater and I know I'm looking forward to meeting members of another group. Remember this event is our May meeting. This link provides a brief video of the greenhouse <https://www.youtube.com/post/UgkxQfshKFEIgcqMxETiYtKObrvuZmLYCgX6>

Another event to look forward to is the June KOS auction, I have a feeling this is going to be a good one, so start saving now.

Lastly, did you send in your favorite recipes to Blake for the recipe book he is doing? Send recipes to Blake at blakekruse335@gmail.com.

See you all soon!

Susie Sutton, President

Kansas Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at the Beech Science Center building, Suite 103, on the Southwestern College Campus in Winfield, Kansas, by President Susie Sutton at 2:09 p.m. Two guests attended the meeting, Greg Kite and Samantha Kiper. Ms. Kiper will be joining KOS as a member and this meeting was counted as her first meeting.

Minutes: Bryon Rinke moved acceptance of the March 19, 2022 minutes as published in the last newsletter. Richard Vanderlip seconded the Motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Chad Sutton, provided the Treasurer's Report:

Income over the past month	<u>\$138.70</u>
Expenses over the past month	<u>\$170.72</u>

Chad further noted that Quarterly taxes had been submitted. In addition, it was reported that three months' rent for KOS Sunday meetings had been paid to Botanica for the winter months when Botanica is not open to the general public. One additional expense is the KOS donation towards moving costs of the Rudolph Jenny Library from Switzerland to Costa Rica, approved by the Membership at its March, 2023 meeting. This \$500 donation had been sent to AOS in Florida as AOS had announced it would be "matching" all donated funds.

Garden Council: Susie Sutton gave the report in Kathy Ethridge's absence stating as follows:

A new Executive Director for Botanica has been hired. The selected candidate is from Texas and had been the Director of the Bush Rose Gardens. As an aside, Susie stated that the Interim Director of Botanica had been unaware KOS was being charged for its Sunday meetings during the winter months when Botanica is not open to the general public. There is a potential KOS could receive a refund of the room rental charges.

Great Plains Judging Center:

- Bryon Rinke reported the Great Plains Judging Center ("GPJC") was held in conjunction with the Tulsa Orchid Show. GPJC had 7 plants entered and 2 awards were given. The Tulsa Orchid Show had 159 plants entered and 4 awards were given.

Membership: No report.

Old Business:

- Susie stated the KOS picnic, held in May this year, would be hosted by the Oklahoma Orchid Society ("OOS") in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Doug Needham will be hosting the picnic at his location and will be conducting tours of his greenhouses following the potluck lunch which will commence at 12:00 noon. Let Susie know by May 1 if you will be attending. Those who wish to carpool are to meet at the Haysville Senior Center at 9:45 a.m. as the drive time to Stillwater is about two (2) hours. Susie will be sending out information on coordinating carpooling through Face Book or email. Bring chairs for seating, but no need to bring food, unless you wish to transport cookies or a dessert item. Bryon noted that Doug Needham's greenhouses are "state of the art" as Doug chills his greenhouses. A discussion of reserving a Party Bus as a means of transport was declined for safety and cost reasons.

New Business:

- The Oklahoma City Show is next month on Mother's Day weekend.
- June is the KOS auction and some special plants are being donated from Richard and Elizabeth Vanderlip.

Announcements:

- Max Thompson announced the Greenhouses would be open for touring and sales after the meeting.
- Bryon Rinke announced he would mount Tillandsia plants for those who purchased them today from the greenhouse.

The business meeting adjourned and Susie Sutton proceeded with the Program "World of Orchids" which was a depiction of video clips and still photos of the Ft. Worth Orchid Show at the Ft. Worth Botanical Gardens. The show had been so well received that its spectacular display had been extended to April 16, 2023, a few weeks past its original ending date. Susie encouraged members to look around for orchid shows when traveling. Max added that Botanica reciprocates membership with many other gardens. The same is true if you are an AOS member.

The group proceeded to Show and Tell and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Johnson, Secretary

Road Trip

We will be joining the members of the Oklahoma Orchid Society this month for a picnic and greenhouse tour.

As a reminder, in addition to the tour, the Oklahoma Orchid Society will join us for lunch in which they are providing everything. If you have a folding chair, I would advise bringing it just in case they do not have enough seating. We've planned to arrive around noon to allow for an earlier return home.

If you would like to carpool, several people will be meeting in Haysville at the Haysville Senior Center (where we have the Christmas party). You need to be there by 9:45 am because everyone needs to leave at 10 am. It is approximately a two hour drive, and we will probably travel at least some miles on the Kansas Turnpike. If you are not familiar with Pike Passes, check out the Kansas Turnpike website and get one. They are free, the tolls are lower, and you don't have to worry about having any cash at the toll booths. If you need a ride, contact Susie Sutton and she will see if she can hook you up with one.

Our hosts, Doug & Jackie Needham, live at:
5607 Pura Vida Trail
Stillwater, OK 74074-2692

Google Maps will get you there just fine, or any GPS program on your cell phone.

Stillwater is the tenth-largest city in the state of Oklahoma. It is the county seat of Payne County, Oklahoma and as of the 2020 census, the city population was 48,394. Warning: It is also the home of Oklahoma State University, so be prepared for lots of orange.

THERE MIGHT BE RAFFLE PLANTS
THIS MONTH

Awarded plants from Great Plains Monthly Judging and the Tulsa Orchid Society Show

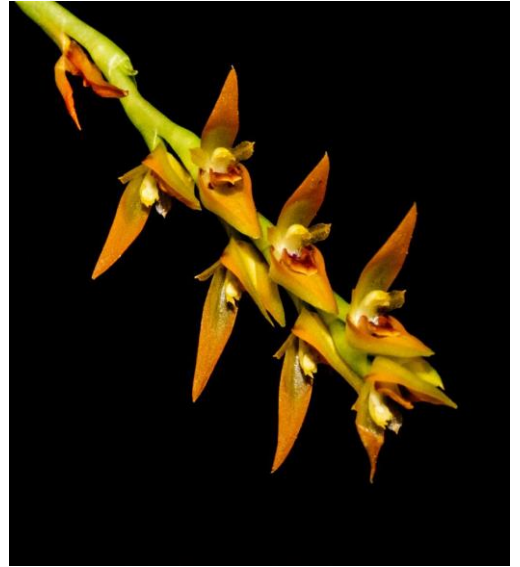
Phalaenopsis Walnut Valley Purple Pixie
'President Elizabeth Frombgen' HCC 76 pts.
Exhibitors: Max Thompson & Bryon Rinke



Cymbidium Marilyn Ferrell
'Vibrant Sarah' AM/81 pts.
Exhibitor: Doug Needham



Vanda 'Potsy's Pink Delight' AM/81
Exhibitors: Ray and Annette Potts



Pleurothallis (Acinathera) boliviana
'Bryon', CBR
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



Paphiopedilum Philip's Song 'Luka' AM/81 pts.
Exhibitor: Lois Green

Orchid definitions

CLONE –

All the various vegetative manifestations (divisions, meristem propagations, and so forth) of a single orchid plant originally grown from a single seed, designated by single quotes around its name.



For Example:

Cattleya mossiae 'Mrs. J. T. Butterworth'

The 'Mrs. J.T. Butterworth' is the name of a specific plant of the species *C. mossiae*. If you divided or mericloned this plant all the resulting plants would also be *Cattleya mossiae* 'Mrs. J. T. Butterworth'



However:

This is Cattleya mossiae 'Amanda'

The clonal name 'Amanda' indicates that it is a different plant of the same species and only divisions or mericlones of this particular plant would also be *Cattleya mossiae* 'Amanda'.



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Rudolf Jenny Library Update

You may recall from last month we asked for your help to relocate the library of the late Rudolf Jenny in fulfillment of his wish to donate his world class archive of orchid information to Lankester Botanical Garden in Costa Rica. We are pleased to share that our goal of raising \$10,000 was met, and the AOS matched these donations for a total of \$20,000, which was the balance needed to facilitate the move!

Upcoming Webinars



Tuesday, May 16, 2023 8:30 PM EDT

He Came from the Land Down Under -

Join Tom Mirenda for a fascinating trip to the land down under. See orchids in the wild hinterlands of Australia as well as many other floras that are fascinating as well. Tom has a passion for orchids in the wild, conservation, and observation of trends and pattern. *Member exclusive webinar.*



Last, but not least





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