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## Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society President's Palaver

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### 2021 Meeting Dates & Programs

All meetings are at 2:00 pm at Botanica  
unless otherwise noted.

#### April 18: Orchid Trivia Game May 16:

KOS meeting 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)

Well it's happened again. I'm not sure many of our members realize the quality and expertise lurking within our membership. We have some distinguished national award winners that are members of KOS. The American Orchid Society presents national awards each year in various orchid categories. These awards are for orchids awarded in 2019, chosen in 2020 and published in the AOS magazine in 2021 (check out the latest AOS magazine). Sarah Pratt won the Carlyle A. Luer Pleurothalid Award. Sarah was given this award for her *Pleurothallis gargantua* "Imbucktoog". Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke won the Mario and Conni Ferrusi Award for Most Outstanding *Masdevallia*, *Dracula* or *Dracuvallia*. Max and Bryon won the award with their *Masdevallia Anochecer* "Max & Bryon" AM/AOS. These are not small accomplishments, entries are sent in from all the judging centers across the country. Check out the KOS website under special AOS awards for pictures and a short write up. Congratulations to Sarah, Max and Bryon.

Susie has planned a unique program for this month. **Orchid trivia**. I think this will be a team event so come to the meeting ready to dominate your fellow KOS members with your orchid trivia knowledge.

Now that spring is really here, it's time to get out of the house and come to the KOS meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see everyone on Sunday.

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](mailto: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 pm.  
No guests or new members attended.

Susie Sutton introduced Brandon Tam, who joined us via Zoom, to present a video tour of the orchid collection at The Huntington Gardens in San Marino, California.

Business meeting followed:

**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 presented our current financial position and filed the Treasurer's Report for audit.

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

"Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge: Master Gardeners planted pansies in the planters on Douglas in downtown Wichita. The garden clubs are slowly starting to get back to normal. There is a Daffodil show at Botanica on April 11. Botanica will resume Concerts on the Terrace this summer.

"Great Plains Judging Center, Bryon Rinke: Great Plains judged 22 plants and 11 were awarded.

"Membership, Ruth Wilson: About 1/3 of members have not paid dues for 2021

#### **Old Business: none**

#### **New Business**

"Kathy Ethridge suggested that Ron Haselhuhn be made an Honorary Life Member for his years of service to KOS. For many years he has been the Native Orchids and Conservation Representative. Richard Vanderlip moved to do so, seconded by Bryon Rinke, unanimously passed.

"Richard Vanderlip moved to appoint Kathy Ethridge our representative for Native Orchids and Conservation, seconded by Bryon Rinke. Unanimously approved.

"A motion was made by Sarah Pratt, seconded by Wanita Wright to make a \$200. donation to the Huntington Gardens Orchid Collection, unanimously passed

"Botanica is looking for donations of large tropical plants. The greenhouse heaters failed during the very cold weather recently and plants were frozen

#### **Announcements**

"The Oklahoma Orchid Society will have a one-day plant sale on May 1 from 9:00 to 5:00 in Oklahoma City

"The Tulsa orchid show is cancelled Followed by Show and Tell and the plant raffle

Respectably submitted Susan Tompkins, Secretary

After several months of being unable to meet  
The judges of the Great Plains Judging Center gathered and  
did a prodigious job of evaluating 22 entries.

Eleven awards were given to a wide variety of plants.

Attending a judging or becoming a student judge is a  
fabulous way to learn to appreciate many different orchids.

Please feel free to join us at any time.



Pleurothallis bivalvis  
BryonqCHM 86 pts.



Chytroglossa Ben Berliner Bryon  
Kelly Rinke±AM 81 pts.



Dendrobium Gowan's Tangelo  
'Max' CCM 87 Pts.









Milt. Morris Chestnut 'H171'  
AM 82 Pts.

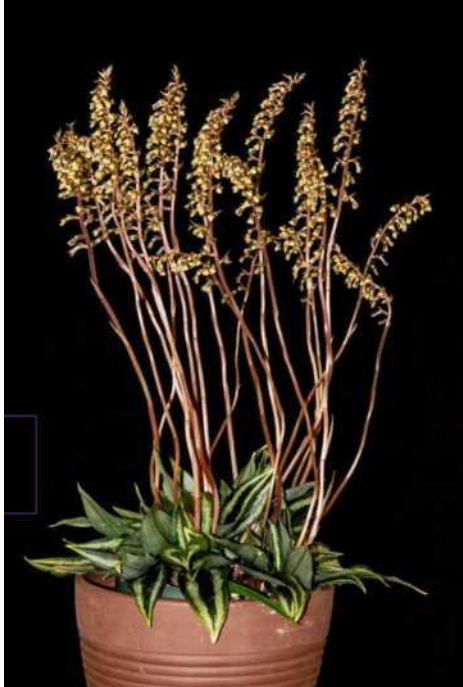
Phal. Walnut Valley Love Pixie  
'Max & Bryon' AM 80 pts.



Phal. Merriman's Red Hope 'M&B'  
HCC 79 Pts.



Stenosarcos Hoosier  
Cardinal 'Bryon' AM 82 Pts.



Cyclopogon elatus  
'Bryon' CCM 86 Pts



Tolumnia Walnut Valley  
Queen 'M & B Snowball'  
AM





Phragmepedium Highway to Heaven  
Maxq  
CCE 92 pts. **and** AM 81 pts.  
Congratulations to Max Thompson!

## **Susie and Wanita are continuing to make meetings available via zoom for those members unable to attend.**

### **Zooming**

#### **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](https://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.

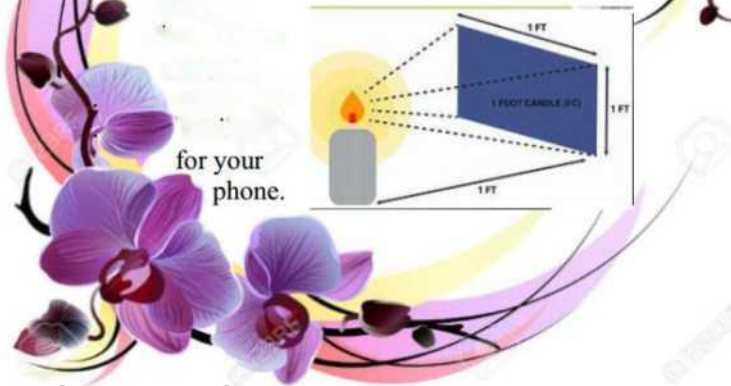
The raffle will have a number of very nice plants available for you. Opportunities can be ! purchased for \$1.00 each or 11 for \$10.00



### Orchid definition:

#### FOOTCANDLE-

A measure of light useful in determining intensity of light for growing orchids; FC is the illumination produced by a candle at a distance of one foot. There are light meter apps available



## 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

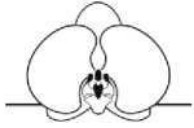
### **Members Meeting Registration**

\$100.00 each

See [www.aos.org](http://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.



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