



Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

Sarah Pratt, editor

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KOS Meeting Schedule

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

June 17: KOS picnic and greenhouse tour. Timbucktoo Orchids, Sedgwick, Kansas

July 15; Ask the Experts: Question and Answer Session.

August 19: Greenhouse Basics, Sarah Pratt

September 16; Gary Meyers: Guest Speaker on Draculas

October 21: Repotting and show discussion

November 1 & 2 (tentative) Fall Show

December 2 (tentative) Christmas party & Orchid 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

I sure am glad we changed the annual picnic date to June when it would be cooler than August. I think the weather man may just have screwed that up!! While it may be hot, I am sure our members will endure and Sarah will have AC turned up for those dying in the heat. The superb food we always have will make you forget the heat. I am sure Sarah will have her cheesecake for us for dessert (you will won't you Sarah?).

By now most of you have probably done your repotting for the year and your plants are putting on new growth. I know there is an upsurge in growth in our greenhouses. We have upped our fertilizer rates to accommodate the new growth rate. This unfortunately is the time to watch out for an increase in insect activity. I saw some aphids on a plant the other day and thought I should spray before they got worse. The next day I saw a ladybug sitting right in the middle of the aphids having a good meal. Sometimes nature does help. Needless to say, I let the bug eat the bugs. The sphagnum moss came in and I will bring it to the meeting. Let me know if you want some. The smallest amount is a block of 500 gms (just over a pound). See you all at Sarah's greenhouse on the 17th.

Max C. Thompson
President

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Kansas Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2018

The meeting was held at Botanica, & called to order by President Max Thompson at 2 pm.
No new members attended.

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

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Ethridge discussed our current financial position and filed the Treasurer's Report for audit.

Committee Chair Reports:

Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge:

- Douglas Avenue Planters planted 113 pots and 84 baskets in downtown Wichita May 19th.
- Master Gardeners tour was June 2 & 3rd. Kansas Pond Society Water Garden Tour is June 16- 17th. Tickets can be purchased at Hong's, Scenic, Johnson's Garden Centers, Woodard Mercantile for \$10 per carload.

Old Business

--November KOS sponsored Orchid Show

There was discussion about using Greg Tompkins' woodworking pieces as trophies for the show. Bryon Rinke made a motion to buy selected pieces for use as trophies. Wanita Wright seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the membership.

Ken Woods discussed the Christmas Party be held at a location in Haysville. Richard Vanderlip made a motion to accept that location; Bryon Rinke seconded the motion; membership approved it unanimously.

Announcements

Bryon will bring the sphagnum moss that members ordered to the June meeting.

The June meeting is our annual picnic; it will be at Sarah Pratt's home; The club provides the meat, Sarah makes her famous cheesecake and members bring potluck. Time is 1p.m.

Meeting adjourned 2:25p.m.

Program: Plant Auction / Paintings by Mannell's father to be sold also.

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

KOS Summer Picnic

Hosted by Sarah Pratt
Timbucktoo Orchids
10003 S. Hertzler Rd.
Sedgwick, Kansas 67135

Greenhouse will be open @noon and after the meeting. Plants will be available for purchase

We will eat @1:00 pm

- The meat (Ruth Wilson's famous brisket as well as ham) will be provided the KOS as well as plates, lots of napkins, cups, silverware, ice, drinks and cups.
- Please bring a salad, side dish or vegetable of your choice to share, as well as **lawn chairs**.
- There will be Sarah's cheesecake for dessert.

Directions

From Interstate I-135

- Exit 13, 125th Street, Sedgwick: go West.....the road is only paved to the west
- About five miles west will bring you into the town of Sedgwick
- Go through town to the stop sign where 125th effectively ends.....this is Ridge Rd. (or Madison in town).....turn right or North
- Go four blocks north to the 4-way stop sign @4th Street
- Turn West or left and follow 4th street out of town past the school and over the river
- Follow the paved road as it takes a 90 degree turn north and then back to the west
- About three and a half miles west there is a stop sign @ Hertzler Rd.
- Turn South, or left and go about ¼ mile
- The house is on the West side of the road at the end of a long drive.

From the West Side of Wichita

- Go north on Ridge Rd. to N. 109th W.
- Turn west (left) and go 4 miles to W. 135th N (this turns into Hertzler Rd. at the county line).
- Turn right (north) and go 2.6 miles; just past a Wichita water well surrounded by a big chain link fence, the driveway is on the left (west). Will try to have balloons or something to mark the drive, the house is not very visible when approached going northbound

From Highway 50

- Turn south on K-89 and travel south about 2 miles into Halstead
- Continue south right through the middle of town to the blinking light @ 6th Street
- Turn East, or left on 6th Street.....after about 4 blocks the paved road turns to the South and you are now on Hertzler Rd. (County Road #803)
- Follow Hertzler Rd. south out of town past the nursing home.
- SW. 96th is about five miles south and you will see the paved road go east toward Sedgwick
- KEEP GOING SOUTH another ¼ mile to our drive on the west side of the road.

From K-96

- About 4 miles after the Maize exit, there is signage for a turnoff to Halstead at W. 151st N., turn right
- Travel 4 miles north to the south edge of Bentley and turn right (east) on 109th
- Go one mile and turn left (north) on 135th (this turns into Hertzler Rd. at the county line)
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Google Maps will get you here.....be warned that the drive is not well marked. That is our gray house up on the hill. Phone numbers are 316-772-0321 or 316-655-0572 if you get lost please call!!!!

**There will be a short business meeting, as well as 'Show & Tell'
A new contest will be announced**

Great Plains Judging Center: May judging was done in conjunction with the Oklahoma Orchid Society's Show and results are posted following.

Upcoming judgings are:
June judging: Saturday the 16th
July judging: Saturday the 21st
Southwestern College
Winfield, Kansas

Visitors with or without plants to be judged are always welcome.
For more information contact Bryon Rinke or Sarah Pratt

Oklahoma Orchid Society Show

Over 150 plants were exhibited, 8 plants were pulled for AOS judging and 4 awards given.

The Kansas Orchid Society was well represented by members that exhibited, judged and vended. Some pictures of awards are shown here.

AOS Show Trophy

Oklahoma Orchid Society
Show Trophy: 'Discovering Orchids'

A three foot by eight foot table-top exhibit; a variety of genera exhibited with great quality flowers; exhibit displayed the theme of the show; multiple ribbons and trophies won by plants in the exhibit. Members of the Red River Orchid Society that exhibited plants were Roy Hammond, Bill & Jackie Parker, and Burrel Gambel.



Exhibitor: Red River Orchid Society

Catasetum Dark Tale 'Maroon n Gold' HCC 78 pts.

Fourteen flowers on one slightly arched inflorescence; sepals chartreuse extremely heavily overlaid dark maroon; petals chartreuse heavily overlaid and barred dark maroon; lip cupped, yellow, reverse lightly overlaid and finely spotted maroon, interior sparsely spotted maroon, margin finely dentate; column yellow, superior surface overlaid and spotted maroon, anther cap yellow; substance sepals and petals heavy, lip extremely hard; texture sepals and petals matte, lip waxy; especially commended for pleasing color contrast of petals and sepals to lip. Exhibitor William Parker



Zygolum Rhein Moonlight '#1' AM 81 pts.

Three large, impressive peloric flowers on one 22-cm semi-arched inflorescence; sepals and petals chartreuse overlaid purple-brown, margins slightly recurved; petals veined purple, pseudocallus purple; lip white, overlaid purple centrally, margins blushed purple, darker purple venation, callus thick, dark purple; column white, blushed and striped purple, anther cap white; substance firm; texture on sepals and petals matte, lip velvety; fragrance noted. Exhibitor Brian Truong



Vanda tricolor f. albescen 'Timbucktoo' JC

Eight flowers on one arched, slightly pendant 26-cm inflorescence; sepals and petals cream-color spotted yellow, margins undulate, petals rotated; lip cream-color, mid-lobe pinched centrally, overlaid yellow with pink blush and stripes proximally, side lobes white, spur 0.5cm in length; column and anther cap cream-color; ovary cream color 9.5cm long x 0.5cm in diameter, terete ribbed distal three-fourths; substance firm, texture matte; commended as a unusual color form not previously described; species from the Philippines. ID by SITF _____ Exhibitor, Sarah Pratt

Phalaenopsis Walnut Valley Hero 'Max & Bryon' HCC 79 pts.

Three flat flowers and two buds on one upright inflorescence; sepals white splotched burgundy, inferior one-half lateral sepals heavily overlaid burgundy creating a distinct line of demarcation at midrib; petals white splotched burgundy; lip white heavily overlaid maroon, side lobes brushed orange interiorly; column and anther cap white; substance very firm, texture waxy. Exhibitors: Max Thompson & Bryon Rinke



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

Thirteen flat, well spaced flowers and two buds on one branched, upright inflorescence; sepals and petals cream-color overlaid red-purple, darker red-purple venation, white picotee; petals spotted red-purple basally; lip dark red-purple, lighter distally, midlobe cream-color basally, callus bright yellow, spotted red-purple, side lobes cream-colored basal one half, spotted red-purple, distal half solid red-purple; column cream-color, blushed light red-purple basal three-fourths, anther cap white; substance heavy; texture crystalline; cross is (Phal Brother Love Hero 'M & B' HCC 77 Pts x Phal Zuma's Pixie 'Bryon Rinke').



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