



Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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KOS Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at Botanica in the Lotus Room Green Growers topics start at 1:30 and the business meeting at 2:00 pm, on the 3rd Sunday of each month **unless noted differently.**

Presentations

April 21: Southwestern College Greenhouse visit. Program by Bryon Rinke: 'Leptotes: the species and hybrids'.

May 19: Orchid Auction

June 16: KOS Picnic hosted by the Ethridges

July 21: Ecuador trip - Bryon Rinke

Aug 18: TBA

Sept 15: TBA

Oct 20: TBA

Nov 1 – 3: (Tentative) Fall Show

Dec. 8th Christmas party and Orchid Bingo @ Haysville Senior Center

President's Palaver

Welcome to Spring and I hope it stays. It is so nice to see some green with flowers and shrubs starting to bloom. Lindsborg has an art display of local art work each weekend until Easter. I provided 8 orchids to display this weekend and have received positive comments. They include Phalanopsis, Maxillaria Tenuifolia, Dendrobium Anosmum, Epidendrum Miura Valley, and Paphiopedilum Supersuk Eureka x Paphiopedilum Rasin Pie. Maybe we'll get a few new members.

I've missed the last two meetings and looking forward to seeing everyone the 21st in Winfield.

President, Donna Nelson

This month our meeting will be held at Southwest College at the Beech Science Building. The greenhouses will open at 1:00 and there will be plants for sale. Rumor has it that the tradition of mango mousse will continue. A map of the campus is attached.

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.

Green Growers Topics: April 21: No Presentation, Green house in Winfield open at 1:00 pm.

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Minutes

February 2019

The meeting was held at Botanica, and called to order by Vice President Greg Tompkins at 2 pm. Bill Simon, Linda & Jim Rieger attended as guests.

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: Wanita Wright gave a brief overview of our current financial position as instructed by Kathy Ethridge. Kathy filed the Treasurer's Report for audit.

Old Business

- There are 5 members going to Ecuador in May.

New Business

- The next meeting will be at the greenhouses of Southwestern College in Winfield, KS. We decided to have the meeting the 3rd Sun in April even though that was Easter Sunday.
- We discussed hosting the spring SWROGA member meeting April 11th & 12th, 2020. The club would rent 2 smaller meeting rooms at the Extension Office for the event & SWROGA will provide \$1850 for trophies for the show. Richard Vanderlip moved to host the spring 2020 SWROGA member meeting and Rose Meals seconded the motion. There was a majority affirmation vote to host SWROGA.

Announcements

- Upcoming orchid shows are as follows: Tulsa April 20-21, Oklahoma City May 4-5.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 pm.

Program: Greg Tompkins, "How We Built Our Greenhouse", followed by refreshments, Show & Tell, and Plant Raffle.

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

A message from Sussie Sutton, our Facebook Editor

Have you joined our Facebook page? If you're on Facebook and haven't, please join us, Kansas Orchid Society. You can view and even reply to posts without joining, but to post comments or share pictures of your beautiful flowers, you need to join (sorry, just a FB thing about groups); but just click on Join and I'll approve within a day or so and then you're on. For those who have joined, I need your help; we need more activity. A stagnant FB page doesn't evoke excitement and it won't have repeat visitors. I have a request for the rest of the year - Would those who have already joined pick one week a month and sometime during that week find something to post on the KOS FB page? For those who have not joined, but are on FB, would you please join and do the same? Also, as you see activity increase please invite friends who enjoy orchids and orchid people from other areas. The FB page is one-way people may learn about our group and if they see an active, interesting page it may encourage them to come visit us in person.

Upcoming Webinars by the American Orchid Society

How to Grow Habenarias with Jim Heilig

Thursday, April 18th, 2019 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST **MEMBERS ONLY**

Join Jim Heilig, PhD., AOS Accredited Judge, and a specialist in growing tricky Habenarias. Learn how to be successful in growing these beautiful orchids as Jim discusses how to culture these exotic deciduous terrestrials.

Register now using this link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5601506362333121795>

WHAT ARE WEBINARS? Webinars are an Internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP.

WANT TO LEARN, BUT CAN'T MAKE THE DATE? The live webinars will be recorded and posted on the AOS website, where you will find a link allowing you to view the webinars at your convenience.

Upcoming Spring Shows (to help you plan your weekends!)

- April 20 - 21 [Tulsa Oklahoma Orchid Society Show and Sale](#)
 - Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave., Tulsa, OK
- May 4 – 5 [Oklahoma Orchid Society Show and Sale](#)
 - Will Rogers Garden Center



Bulbophyllum picturatum 'Timbucktoo' AM 82 pts
Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt.

Dendrobium *registration pending*
(*Den. aphanochilum* x
Den. Cuthbertsonii)
'Bryon' AM 80 pts.
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



Sarcolexia Sea Foam 'Bryon' AM 86 pts., CCM 89 pts.
Exhibitor Bryon Rinke



Dendrobium Gowan's Tangello 'Max', AM 81 pts.
Exhibitor Max Thompson



Rhyncholaeliocattleya *registration pending*
'Santiago' AM 80 pts
Rlc. Delta King x Rth. Free Spirit
Exhibited by Max Thompson



Poystachya ottoniana 'Bryon' CCM 85 pts.
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

It's Never Too Late to Learn Something New.

About a month ago I received an e-mail from member Pam Kontowicz . It read as follows.

Sarah:

I was at the Extension center's Design and Grow gardening workshop yesterday and heard a speaker say studies have shown that you CAN water phalenopsis with ice cubes. So when I got home I looked it up and it is true. Ohio State and the University of Georgia did a study published last summer that showed no difference in roots, leaves etc. when plants were watered with 3 ice cubes weekly. For more info: <http://u.osu.edu/greenhouse/2018/07/12/watering-phalaenopsis-orchids-with-ice-cubes/>

The actual study is here:

<https://journals.ashs.org/hortsci/view/journals/hortsci/52/9/article-p1271.xml>

You can pass this on to members or put it in the next bulletin. It was fascinating to see that someone actually tested the old wives tale and found out it is true. (at least for phalenopsis)



[Watering Phalaenopsis orchids with ice cubes | Greenhouse Industry Roundtable of the Midwest - u.osu.edu](http://u.osu.edu/greenhouse/2018/07/12/watering-phalaenopsis-orchids-with-ice-cubes/)

Orchids are the number one potted plant in the United States (USDA, 2016) with the Phalaenopsis orchid making up most of the commercial sales (Griesbach, 2002). These plants can be found in grocery stores and garden centers in different sizes and many different colors. Phalaenopsis orchids make ...
u.osu.edu

Editor's Note: I am still not sure I can bring myself to recommend the ice cube protocol, but I will refrain from arguing with the next grower that reports success with this method. But please check out the links for yourself. Very interesting. Thanks, Pam

There will be no raffle this month, However, Max and Bryon will have plants for sale at the greenhouse.



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