



Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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2021 Meeting Dates & Programs

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

February 21: *Miltoniopsis*

March 21: Orchid Trivia game- team competition

April 18: Video visit of Botanical Gardens

May 16: KOS annual picnic **at the Zoo**

June 20: Annual Auction

July 21: 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

October 30-31: KOS Fall Show & Sale

November: no meeting

December 12: Xmas party and Orchid Bingo (this is a member's only event)

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

So, you think you want a greenhouse. As I'm writing this there is a forecast for -30 windchills this weekend. Even though we put in a new heating system in our greenhouse we still have to supplement in this weather with a space heater. The energy bill for this month should be interesting. I hope we can keep the temp up during this crazy weather.

At the January meeting we decided to include a zoom meeting inside our regular meeting at Botanica. I hope some of you who haven't been able to attend because of Covid 19, will be able to come join us on the 21st. Look for zoom instructions and a link here in the newsletter.

Greg Tompkins, President

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.

Zooming

CLICK HERE TO JOIN (Fast Link) anytime between 1:30 & 2:00>>

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7614954302?pwd=TIJ0T2xOVGxHZDlOcEVObmtPMnkvZz09>

Wanita will be showing the orchids brought for SHOW & TELL starting at 1:30 so you can "zoom in" anytime between 1:30 & 2:00.

FYI: The zoom participation program says it allows only 45 minutes per session. If we get kicked out because of this I have scheduled a second session at @ 2:15. There is no need for you to use it unless we are all kicked out of the first session. Usually times are extended so we probably won't need it, but just in case....

IF we need a second session it will start at 2:15. Click here to start >>

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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](#)

[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 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.](#)

If you have difficulty connecting to the meeting with the fast link above, please use the meeting ID and passcode below. (Zoom needs to be on your computer before any of this will work.) Otherwise just ignore all the stuff that follows.

[FIRST ZOOM session scheduled at 1:30--](#)

[Meeting ID: 761 495 4302; Passcode: 032435](#)

[SECOND ZOOM session scheduled at 2:15 ONLY IF NEEDED--](#)

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Kansas Orchid Society

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2021

The meeting was held at Botanica and called to order by President Greg Tompkins at 2 p.m. No guests or new members attended.

Minutes: No Minutes to approve from the November meeting

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Ethridge presented our current financial information and her report was filed for audit

Committee Chair Reports

- Membership, Ruth Wilson: no report
- Garden Council, Kathy Ethridge: The Outdoor Living and Landscape Show is cancelled for this year. Botanica will not be open for evening meetings for the next several months. The Sedgwick County Extension Building 4H Hall will be used as a Covid testing site through April.
- Great Plains Judging Center, Bryon Rinke: January judging was cancelled

Old Business:

Our deposit with the Haysville Senior Center for the December 2020 Christmas Dinner and Bingo will be used for our December 2021 meeting at that location. The date is December 12, 2021.

New Business:

Wanita Wright will set up a camera and make Zoom available at our next meeting for those members who can't attend in person.

Program "60 Miniature Orchids" given by Bryon Rinke.

Show and Tell and plant raffle.

Susan Tompkins, Secretary

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 definitions

ALBA –

Term used to describe a totally white flower.



2021 KOS Officers

Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons & Representatives for

KOS Officers, 2021

President, Greg Tompkins 316-283-1265

Vice President, Susie Sutton 316-617-2125

Treasurer, Kathy Ethridge 316-838-1634

Secretary, Susan Tompkins 316--283-1265

Past President, Donna Nelson 785-227-5192

KOS Board of Directors

Richard Vanderlip (end of term 2023)

Elisabeth Vanderlip (end of term 2023)

Pam Kontowicz (end of term 2021)

Jill Stackley (end of term 2021)

Elsie Dalziel (end of term 2022)

Chad Sutton (end of term 2022)

Committee Chairpersons & Representatives

Finance, Kathy Ethridge

Program, Susie Sutton

Nominations, Sarah Pratt, Bryon Rinke

Hospitality, Rose Meals and Elsie Dalziel

Publicity, Kathy Ethridge, Susie Sutton

Membership, Ruth Wilson

Native Orchids & Conservation, Ron Haselhuhn

KOS Garden Council Rep, Kathy Ethridge

SWROGA Representatives, Max Thompson, Sarah Pratt

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Membership Renewal Time

(about 60% of our members have renewed for 2021)

Our membership chairman, Ruth Wilson requests that ALL members completely fill out a form to accompany their 2021 dues and take special care that the e-mail is readable and accurate.

KOS membership is based on the calendar year (January—December). The exception would be for new members who signed up during the last quarter (October, November and December) of 2020. That membership would cover through December 2021.

Membership entitles you to the monthly KOS Newsletter which keeps you informed of Society activities and other “orchid related” news. Renew now to ensure that you do not miss anything.

KOS Membership Renewal Form 2021

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

Renewal ___ New Membership ___ Information Update ___

Name _____

Spouse/Significant Other Name _____

Address _____

State/Zip code _____

Phone Number (____) _____

E-mail: (must have this to send newsletter and please make sure this is readable!)

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 _____

I am a member of the American Orchid Society ___ Yes ___ No

I heard about the KOS from _____

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

Ruth Wilson, Membership Chair

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Sedgwick, Kansas 67135



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