



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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## KOS Meeting Schedule

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

### May 20: Plant Auction

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

**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](mailto:svcsjp@gmail.com) and she will try to pick out something special for you.

## President's Palaver

My how time flies. Thanks for all of you that came to Southwestern College last month. Sorry there weren't more flowers in bloom. The phals are mostly in bloom now and really beautiful.

Well it is that time of year when we have our plant auction. This is a chance to pick up some really nice orchids that members have divided. Some will be potted and ready to put on the bench or cuttings that you may have to pot up yourself. Members need to make sure the plants are healthy and free (as far as you know) from insects and disease. We don't want to introduce anything into someone else's collection.

Don't forget that the Oklahoma Orchid Society show is Mother's Day weekend in Oklahoma City. Always a good chance to find some plants there also. You know we all need new plants for our hobby.

Be sure and bring your money or checkbook!!!!!!!

Max C. Thompson  
President

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Also visit our Facebook Page

# Kansas Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

### April 15, 2018

The meeting was held at Southwestern College, Winfield, & called to order by President Max Thompson at 2 pm. Prior to the meeting we enjoyed the Southwestern College greenhouses orchid collection. Two visitors attended.

**Minutes:** Nan Porter 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: Botanica is sponsoring a traveling Lego Exhibit from May 15 thru Sept 15

#### **Old Business**

November Orchid Show -Bird's Botanicals in Kansas City is not coming to the show; Prairie Orchids will be a vendor and the society will sell products via the KOS table. Members that wish to sell plants at the KOS table will donate 20% of all sales to the Society. If anyone wishes to have their own table, the cost is \$250. The Ecuador Trip planned for June 2018 has been postponed to May 2019.- Several additional people will be able to participate in 2019.

#### **New Business**

Greg Tompkins asked all members to look at the KOS web site and give him feedback. Elsie Dalziel volunteered to collect our name tags and bring them to the meetings, so members remember to wear them.

#### **Announcements**

Oklahoma Orchid Show is May 12-13.

HostaPalooza is May 26<sup>th</sup> Sedgwick County Extension building 8 am to 1 pm.

Bryon Rinke is placing an order for long fiber sphagnum moss. If you would like some, please contact him directly at [Brinke@cox.net](mailto:Brinke@cox.net) or 620.221.1856.

We will discuss the Christmas meeting & location at the May meeting.

Members were advised that Michigan brand fertilizer should not be used with city water due to chemical issues.

Meeting adjourned 2:24.

Program: Bryon K. Rinke presentation on Spring AOS show in Santa Barbara, CA

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](mailto:svcsjp@gmail.com)

# **AOS (American Orchid Society) CORNER: Upcoming Webinars**

## **American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton**

**Wednesday, May 16th, 2018 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST**      *Open to all*

Please join Ron McHatton, American Orchid Society Director of Education and Science Officer, who will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send you questions to [stillisch@cox.net](mailto:stillisch@cox.net) by Sunday, May 13th.

**Register now using this link:** <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3940385080263812610>

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**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.

On a personal note: I would like to encourage you to join the American Orchid Society. The monthly magazine *Orchids*, is well worth twice the price of membership and is an invaluable source of information (and temptation). Please check it out at [www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org). SJPratt, KOS newsletter editor

## **Tulsa Orchid Show**

Over 250 plants were exhibited, 23 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 and Silver Certificate 86pts.**

A beautiful table top exhibit measuring 8 feet wide x 3 feet deep, a mixture of hybrids and species; a cholla branch the focal point of the exhibit covered with a collection of miniature species and hybrids. Three AOS awards given to the plants in the exhibit, a CCE and two AM's.

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke





**Angraecum viquieri  
'Reyna's Orange-aecum ' AM 81pts.**

Two large stellate flowers on two inflorescences; sepals and petals chartreuse overlaid beige; lip concave, spade shaped, white, margins blushed darker beige basally; spur 15cm, chartreuse basally, blushed beige distally; column chartreuse, anther cap white; ovary green; substance firm; texture satiny; species from Madagascar.

Exhibitor: Sarah Waddoups

**Pleurothallis glumacea 'Bryon' CCE 93 pts.**

Approximately three thousand, six hundred pleasantly arranged flowers on approximately 240 inflorescences up to 17.0cm long; very robust 50-cm diameter plant grown in bark in a 15.5-cm round plastic pot, densely and symmetrically flowered; petals and sepals yellow, sepal apices orange, lateral sepals fused; lip bird-beaked shaped, brown; substance heavy; texture waxy; light pleasing fragrance noted.



Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

**Tolumnia calochila 'Bryon' AM 82pts.**

Four exceptionally well-formed and brightly colored flowers on one inflorescence; dorsal sepal chartreuse, margins light lemon-yellow dusting; lateral sepals fused, chartreuse, margins light lemon-yellow dusting; petals chartreuse, heavily overlaid lemon-yellow, midrib light green; lip fimbriate, lemon-yellow; column chartreuse, margins lemon-yellow; anther cap lemon-yellow; substance good; texture matte; fragrance noted.

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



**Tolumnia Walnut Valley 'M & B Strawberry' AM 84pts.**

Forty-two flowers and five buds on three inflorescences; flowers white, sepals solid burgundy proximally, lightly spotted burgundy distally; petals irregularly blotched burgundy; lip markings burgundy, vary from blushed through stippled, spotted and blotched; column white, widely winged, stippled burgundy, callii gold; substance light; texture matte.

Exhibitor: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke







## **Annual Plant Auction: A long standing tradition of the Kansas Orchid Society**

Plants are donated by the members

- Many are divisions of overgrown specimens
- Often some real gems of awarded plants or rare species.
- Sometimes just a plant that needs a new home and a slightly different environment.
- All proceeds go the Society and support our shows and other activities.
- Great opportunity to try something new and exciting!!
- Open to the public.....tell all your friends!

Show and tell will proceed as usual after the business meeting and before the auction. We will try not to auction your special plants!!



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