



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month **unless noted differently.**

### Presentations

**Mar 17: 'How we built our greenhouse', Greg Thompson**

April 21: Southwestern College Greenhouse visit

May 19: Orchid Auction

June 16: KOS Picnic hosted by 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

### 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

Thanks to all who ordered, transported, sold, set up, and again transported the orchids for the Garden Show. I haven't heard figures but hopefully it was worthwhile. A good decision was made to close our booth Saturday because of the cold weather. I enjoyed meeting new orchid enthusiasts and hopefully new members.

With lots of luck Spring will have sprung by our next meeting. I am soooooo ready. Greg is hard at work getting our program ready, entitled "How we built our greenhouse." See you the 17th.

Donna Nelson, president

**Green Growers Topics: Short hints specially aimed at the beginning grower. Starting @1:30 before the business meeting. (but all are welcome)**

**Mar 17: 'Five Easy Orchids'**

**April 21: No Presentation**

**May 19: How to select a healthy orchid.**

**June 16: No Presentation**

**July 21: Pronunciation of Names**

**Aug 18: Why won't my orchid bloom?**

**Sept 15: Repotting/dividing**

**Oct 20: Grooming for Show**

## 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)**

## Kansas Orchid Society Minutes, February 2019

The meeting was held at Botanica, & called to order by Vice President Greg Tompkins at 2 pm. No guests or new members attended.

**Minutes:** Nan Porter 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 was not present. No report

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

GPJC/JC meeting, Bryon Rinke: Great Plains judged 10 plants, 3 were awarded.

### **Old Business**

--2019 Garden Show is March 1,2, 3. KOS setup is Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 11 am. in front of the stage. Sign up sheets were circulated for members to volunteer their time.

### **New Business**

Meetings at Botanica on Sundays will now require a signed contract from us and will be held in the Lotus Room, as Sundays in the Terrace Room are needed to set up the tables for another organization early Monday meeting.

### **Announcements**

5 individuals are traveling to Ecuador Memorial weekend.

Upcoming orchid shows are as follows: Omaha March 23-24, Tulsa April 20-21, Oklahoma City May 4-5.

Meeting adjourned 2:13pm.

Program: "Growing Orchids under Lights" video, presented by Steven A. Frowine, followed by refreshments, Show & Tell, and Plant Raffle.

Refreshments, Show and Tell, and Raffle followed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wanita Wright, Secretary

## Membership Renewal Time

If you have not renewed your membership, now is the time to do so!!!! For full details see last months Newsletter.

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

**Max Thompson**

**KOS Membership Chair**

**1729 E. 11th Ave.**

**Winfield, KS 67156-4007**

<http://www.kansasorchidsociety.org>



**Walnut Valley Itty Bitty 'Max & Bryon' AM pts.**

Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

Seventeen well-spaced flowers and seven buds on two slightly arched 26-cm inflorescences; sepals and petals pale pink blushed darker pink, apices pale pink blended to white; lip pale pink heavily overlaid fuchsia, midrib light pink centrally, side lobes yellow stippled fuchsia, apices orange; column darker pink, anther cap white; substance medium; texture crystalline; pleasant fragrance noted. Exact parentage is Phalaenopsis Anna-Larati Soekardi 'Bryon', HCC/AOS by Phalaenopsis honghenensis 'Bryon', HCC-CCM/AOS.

**Paphiopedilum Luna Hijinks 'Bryon' AM 83 pts.**

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

One very symmetrical, flat flower on one strong upright 19-cm inflorescence; dorsal sepal flat, white veined green and purple; synsepal white veined green; petals white, heavily overlaid and veined green, lighter at apices, spotted purple, margins with sparse purple hairs; lip veined, green overlaid purple anterior two-thirds, interior and anterior proximal aspect papillose; staminode pale green, veined dark green centrally; ovary 5cm in length, 0.5 cm in diameter, green, ridged purple; substance medium; texture glossy. Parentage is Paphiopedilum Luna Magic 'Blushing Spots' x Paphiopedilum Luna Shadow 'Lehua One & a Half' HCC 77 pts.



**Cymbidium Daiquiri Ice 'Timbuktoo', HCC 76 pts.**

Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt

Eleven slightly cupped flowers on one strong upright 67-cm inflorescence; sepals and petals cream-colored, blushed chartreuse centrally; dorsal sepals and petals with fine maroon stippling on midrib and proximal one-fifth; lateral sepals fine maroon stippling creating venation centrally; lip cream colored, slightly recurved apex light pink on distal edge, centrally blushed light yellow; side lobes cream colored, callus bright yellow with orange stippling; column cream colored overlaid pale yellow on distal one-third, spotted light maroon on inferior surface; anther cap pale yellow; ovary dark green, ribbed longitudinally, 0.5cm wide x 5.0cm long; substance heavy; texture waxy. Specific parentage is Cymbidium Sleeping Nymph 'Glacier' by Cymbidium Olymilum 'White Elf'



## Upcoming Webinars by the American Orchid Society

Chosing the Best Plants with Lois Cinert

**Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST**      *Open to all*

Shop like a judge! How do you buy the best orchid for your collection? Please join Lois Cinert, Accredited AOS Judge, to find out. Lois will tell you what judges look for when determining a “best” plant for their own collection to help you grow your own collection.

**Register now using this link:**

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1796712345111895299>

**American Orchid Society: Greenhouse Chat with Dr. Ron McHatton**

**Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 @ 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST**      *Open to all*

Please join Dr. Ron McHatton, AOS Chief Science Officer, as he answers your questions about all things orchid. He will discuss a variety of topics on orchid culture based on questions submitted by attendees. Please send your questions and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at [greenhousechat@aos.org](mailto:greenhousechat@aos.org) by Sunday, March 24th. Remember to include pictures.

**Register now using this link:**

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1217234533193976065>

**Note:** After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the seminar.

**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!)

•**March 23 - 24** [Omaha Orchid Society](#)

•At the Lauritzen Gardens

•**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

# PLAIN VANILLA

Native to South and Central America, vanilla has been cultivated for hundreds of years. Prized for its smooth, rich flavor, it's one of the most in-demand spices the world over. But the orchids from which vanilla is derived are slow to grow and difficult to cultivate, meaning that our appetite for this fragrant flavor often outpaces supply. And with most of the crop grown in places prone to extreme weather events, the market may become increasingly unpredictable as the climate changes.



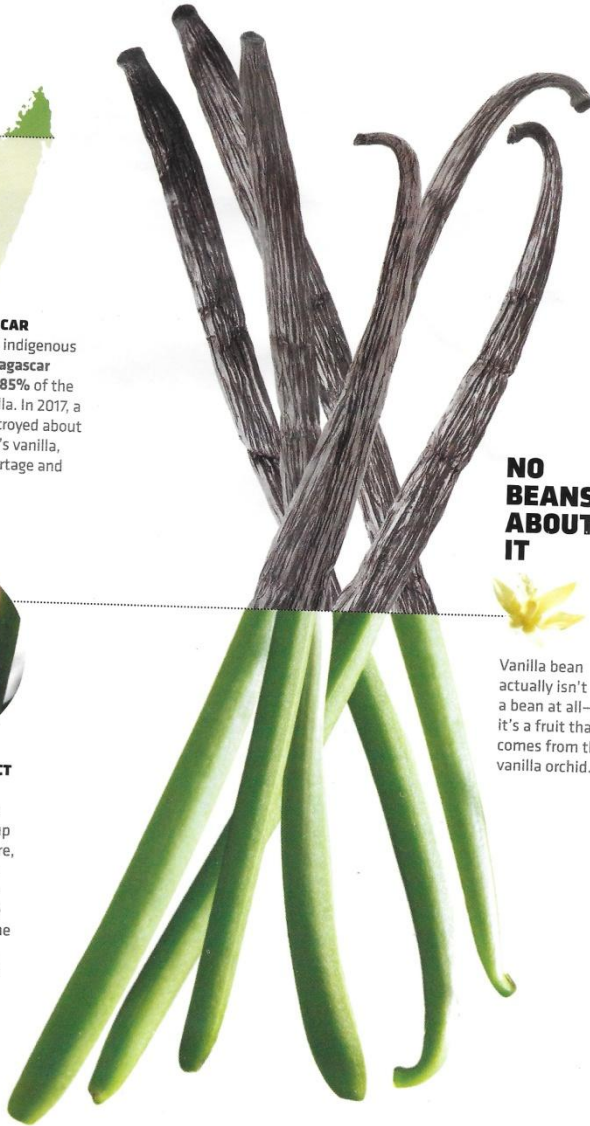
## MADE IN MADAGASCAR

Though vanilla isn't indigenous to the country, **Madagascar now supplies up to 85%** of the world's natural vanilla. In 2017, a tropical cyclone destroyed about 30% of Madagascar's vanilla, causing a global shortage and record-high prices.



## EXTRACTING EXTRACT

Vanilla is a sluggish, finicky crop. A vanilla orchid vine can take up to four years to mature, and its flowers must be **painstakingly pollinated by hand**. Nine months later, when the vanilla beans are ripe, they're handpicked to maximize flavor.



## NO BEANS ABOUT IT

Vanilla bean actually isn't a bean at all—it's a fruit that comes from the vanilla orchid.



## PRICY SPICE

Commanding around \$300 per lb—**more than silver**—vanilla is the second-most expensive spice in the world, behind saffron.

# <1%

Demand for vanilla is on the upswing. To close the gap between supply and demand, **most vanilla products are made with synthetic vanillin**, which is about 20 times cheaper than the real thing. In fact, less than 1% of vanilla flavoring comes from vanilla orchids.



## WEATHERING CHANGE

Cyclones and other natural events can severely affect the quality and availability of vanilla, impacting both farmers and consumers. In Madagascar, **WWF works with CARE and McCormick & Company**—one of the world's largest purchasers of vanilla—to help producers become more resilient to extreme weather conditions and economic challenges.

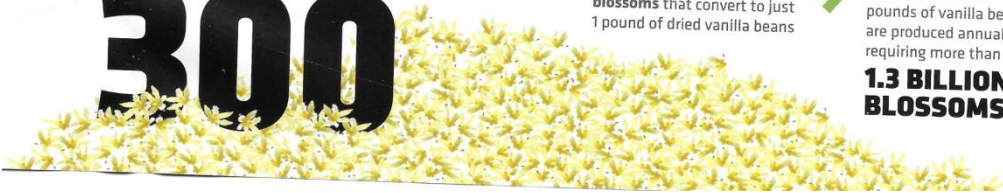
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Number of hand-pollinated blossoms that convert to just 1 pound of dried vanilla beans



About 4.4 million pounds of vanilla beans are produced annually, requiring more than

## 1.3 BILLION BLOSSOMS





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