



# Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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## 2023 Meeting Dates & Programs

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

## January 15: Repotting the Problem Plant or *"What am I suppose to do with this plant my friend gave me to save?"*

Feb 19: Training to be a show judge  
Mar 19: How did you get into orchids?-  
panel interview  
Apr 16: SW Greenhouse tour  
May 14: Picnic  
June 18: Auction  
July 16: Highlights of travel experiences  
in other countries re: orchids  
Aug or Sept: Stillwater  
Oct 15: Show prep  
Nov : Show  
Dec 3: Christmas party

### 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

Welcome to the new year! I hope your holidays were spent with those you love filled with the happiness and joy you hoped for and even more. Before I jump into the new year, I would like to take the time to thank everyone who has contributed to the continued success of Kansas Orchid Society. I want to show appreciation for our outgoing board members and give a huge thank you to Greg Thompkins for his leadership over the last two years. Lastly, special recognition is due to Kathy Etheridge for her many years (over 10) of service as Treasurer for KOS; thank you so much for all of your time, effort, and dedication.

Going forward, I would like to thank the new board members and all of the other positions required to keep this organization going; all of you are greatly appreciated. To those new to KOS or are unfamiliar with the different roles (who does what) and are interested in helping out, just ask one of us who talk a lot and we can explain the various roles and related responsibilities. Remember, our organization will only be as good as it's members and their participation.

This isn't new information, but very important to know, our meetings are almost always on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, starting at 2 pm. If Botanica is closed for the season, we enter using the back or kitchen entrance and park in the small employee parking lot or on the street. To confirm this and find other information about our club we have a web page, [kansasorchidsociety.com](https://kansasorchidsociety.com) and Facebook page Kansas Orchid Society. The website is fairly static containing our schedule, links to related resources, and the newsletter is added each month. Due to the nature of the platform Facebook is more interactive allowing posts from individuals who ask questions, share information, and show photos of their plants. I also (usually) add the meeting schedule and it is a good resource to ask questions of others who may have experienced the same thing. You can also post things that you have learned that you think might help others. It is a page for the KOS group and others from orchid societies in the area are also on the page. Lastly, this newsletter which members should receive the week before our meetings will contain important and interesting information (excluding the President's Post). So be sure to check out all of the sources so you are in the know!

I'm looking forward to this new year to see what exciting things are in store and hope to see you all at this month's meeting on Jan 15. Happy Growing!

Susie Sutton, President

# Kansas Orchid Society

## Meeting Minutes

### December 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm at the Haysville Senior Center and we held a very brief meeting to elect new officers.

#### New Business

\_Sarah Pratt presented a list of officers and directors for 2023 as follows:

Susie Sutton, President

Theresa Harrison, Vice President

Chad Sutton, Treasurer

Bobbi Johnson, Secretary

Directors:

Richard Vanderlip (end of term 2023)

Elisabeth Vanderlip (end of term 2023)

Theresa Harrison (end of term 2024)

Wanita Wright (end of term 2024)

Nori Engstrom (end of term 2025)

Steve DeLong (end of term 2025)

There were no further nominations and there was a unanimous vote to approve the new officers.

Meeting adjourned to enjoy our delicious Christmas dinner then on to the rowdy game of Orchid Bingo. Great fun was had by all and we now have new plants to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Tompkins, Secretary

There will be raffle plants, some in bloom!  
Opportunities are \$1.00 each, \$10.00 gets  
you 11 tickets

# Great Plains Judging Center: December Awards

3 Cultural Awards: Given to grower for excellence in culture

2 Quality Awards: Given to the flower for excellent in form



Dendrobium Walnut Valley  
Starburst 'Bryon' HCC/AOS

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



Paphiopedilum Raspberry Rays  
'Bryon' HCC/AOS

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke

Lindleyalis saueri  
'Bryon' CCM/AOS

Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke





*Leptotes harryphillipsii*  
'Bryon' CCM/AOS  
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke



*Bulbophyllum lindleyanum*  
'Timbucktoo' CCM/AOS  
Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt



*Habenaria rhodocheila*  
'Bryon Kelly Rinke' CCM/AOS  
Exhibitor: Bryon Rinke







**This Month's Program: Repotting or 'A friend just gave me this orchid to save' ..... what to do.**

This will be a two part program.

1. Repotting in general. Quick discussion of available media. Orchid bark in various sizes will be available to buy and if you have a plant you need to repot or divide bring it, your new pot and some media. Some of members will be available to assist/supervise.
2. A number of distressed phalaenopsis were donated and with the help of some of our long time members, we will show you how to rehabilitate/repot them, then they will go home with some lucky member.

# Membership Renewal Time

Please be sure to confirm and print your e-mail address legibly!!

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 2022. That membership would cover through December 2023.

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 2023

Renewal \_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_ Information Update \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail: (must have this to send newsletter!)** \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**

**KOS Membership Chair**

**10003 S. Hertzler Rd., Box 193**

**Sedgwick, Kansas 67135**

*Please feel free to bring your renewal to the Xmas party. Correct cash or check.*

**Also: please note that all new members are invited to the Xmas Party and Orchid Bingo.....a great way to meet with and get to know your fellow members!**

## AOS Corner



### Our Next Orchid Culture Day - Winter Blues"

The AOS is proud to announce another Orchid Culture Day! **Coming up Sunday, February 12th.**

We all get the blues in winter, but not these kinds of blues! **Fred Clarke** will be talking about his hybridizing blue Cattleyas and mini Cats, **Carson Whitlow**, best known for hybridizing blue Cattleyas in the 50s/60s, and groundbreaking hybridizing of Cypripediums, **Dr. Leslie Ee**, AOS Accredited Judge speaking on Blue Phalaenopsis: How Indigos can Help, and **Rob Griesbach**, AOS Judge, will speak about Hybridizing Blue Flowers. Come with your coffee and snacks! Enjoy a day with these delightful speakers and learn lots about anything BLUE - history, hybridizing, and of course, CULTURE! There are always a few surprises.

**This virtual event will be held on Sunday, February 12th** - All times are in **Central Time!**

#### Schedule:

- 10:00AM - 10:45AM **Fred Clarke**
- 10:45AM - 11:00AM **Q and A**
- 11:00AM - 11:15AM Break
- 11:15AM - 12:00PM **Carson Whitlow**
- 12:00PM - 12:15PM **Q and A**
- 12:15PM - 12:30PM Break
- 12:30PM - 1:15PM **Leslie Ee**
- 1:15PM - 1:30PM **Q and A**
- 1:30PM - 1:45PM Break
- 1:45PM - 2:30PM **Rob Griesbach**
- 2:30PM - 2:45PM **Q and A**
- 2:45PM - 3:00PM Wrap Up

**\$30 Registration Fee open to all: register at aos.org**



## Orchid definitions

### BIFOLIATE –

Orchids that grow their leaves in pairs & generally produce more flowers on a single spike, flowers usually smaller. They

are a bit more demanding & only like to be repotted when new roots appear.



*Bulbophyllum falcatum*



## Cattleya aclandiae

Other bifoliate cattleyas include:

- *C. amethystoglossa*
- *C. intermedia*
- *C. elongata*
- *C. forbesii*
- *C. harrisoniana*

And many others as well as hybrids



*Cattleya tigrina*





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