



Newsletter of the Kansas Orchid Society

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KOS Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at Botanica.
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.**

**Aug 18: Ecuador trip -
Bryon Rinke**

Sept 15: TBA
Oct 20: TBA
Nov 1 – 3: Fall Table Top 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 and she will
try to pick out something special
for you.

President's Palaver

This Kansas summer has been very tolerable
and good for the gardens.

Remember to keep November 2nd and 3rd
open for our orchid show and invite all your
friends.

If you have a topic you would like to present to
the group or want someone else to present,
the month of October is available. Let Greg
know.

Remember to watch the webinars from
America Orchid Society website. Many are
available to everyone and many more if you
are a member of AOS.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone the
18th.

President, Donna Nelson

**Green Growers Topics: Start @1:30
August: Cold, Intermediate and Warm Growing.
What does that mean?**

Kansas Orchid Society

Minutes

July 2019

The meeting was held at Botanica, the Wichita Gardens & called to order by Vice-President Greg Tompkins at 2 pm.

Minutes: Bryon Rinke moved to accept the minutes as published in the May newsletter and Richard Vanderlip 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, reminded us that Botanica is hosting the Lego Exhibit this summer thru September and that so far it has proved to be very popular
- GPJC meeting, Max Thompson: Great Plains judging was held at Winfield and three plants were awarded.

New Business

- Two issues were brought up by Show Chariman Sarah Pratt
 - The club needs to decide if the society wants to man the plant sales table or whether to try to find vendors. Birds Botanicals are no longer traveling after the fire in the caves in Kansas City and health issues make the participation of Prairie Orchids questionable. After discussion, a motion was proposed and seconded that the Society handle the plant sales. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote of members.
 - Sunday hours are recommended to be shortened to 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. A motion to do this was made, seconded and approved by members.
- Max Thompson, our AOS representative informed the members that the American Orchid Society will be celebrating its Centennial in April of 2021 with a very large show and gala. Affiliated member organizations are being encouraged to participate in and donate to the AOS. Richard Vanderlip moved that the Kansas Orchid Society donate \$1000.00 to help cover the costs of this event. The motion was seconded by Bryon Rinke and unanimously carried by voice vote of the members.
- The AOS books ***Orchids and their Culture*** have arrived and are available for \$17.50 to members.

Business Meeting adjourned 2:15 pm.

Refreshments were enjoyed, plants brought for show and tell were discussed and raffle plants were dispensed. The interim award for best grown Onc. Gower Ramsey was awarded to Susan Thompkins. The final award will be given when the first of these plants bloom.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Pratt, acting Secretary

Newsletter Articles

If you have articles, **please send them on or before
the 5th of the month to Sarah Pratt at**

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Great Plains Judging Center Results, July 20th, 2019

Judging held at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas

12 plants were presented to be evaluated, three awards given



Aranda Salaya Red 'Timbucktoo'

AM 81 pts.

Exhibitor: Sarah Pratt

Eighteen flowers and five buds nicely shingled on one 48-cm inflorescence: sepals and petals orange stippled red; lip yellow, midlobe heavily overlaid red distal one-half, side lobes bright yellow, lightly overlaid orange, spur pale yellow 0.3cm wide x 0.5cm long; column orange, fading to white on inferior surface, anther cap yellow; ovary ridged, pink 0.4cm diameter x 5.2cm long; substance medium; texture sepals and petals diamond dust, lip waxy.

Paphiopedilum Walnut Valley Royal Bel 'M & B Sunshine'

AM 80 pts.

Exhibitors: M. Thompson & B. Rinke

Two striking flowers on one 30-cm upright inflorescence; sepals and petals yellow veined maroon; petals slightly blushed maroon on superior half, margins undulate, hirsute on proximal half; pouch lightly veined maroon, interior heavily spotted maroon; staminode with darker yellow central vertical stripe, maroon pubescence on superior two-thirds; ovary chartreuse, ridged longitudinally, pubescent, 0.6cm wide x 7.0cm long; substance heavy; texture waxy.



Cattlianthe Precious Ruby 'Jacob Carlo'

HCC 79 pts.

Exhibitors: Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke

Three well presented flowers on one inflorescence; sepals and petals yellow heavily overlaid red, lightly veined darker red; lip yellow overlaid bright red distal one third, side lobes envelope column, distal margins red, throat veined red; column and anther cap white, spotted red; substance firm; texture lightly crystalline.

Very Important Announcement:
Read and act on this now

Current American Orchid Society Members can extend their memberships for up to another two years at the current price. Memberships will be going up about \$15.00 per year after that time. And you will get the NEW online orchid software **OrchidPro** when it becomes available in October.

This offer ends August 15thin only two days.

If interested go to AOS.org or call 305-740-2010.

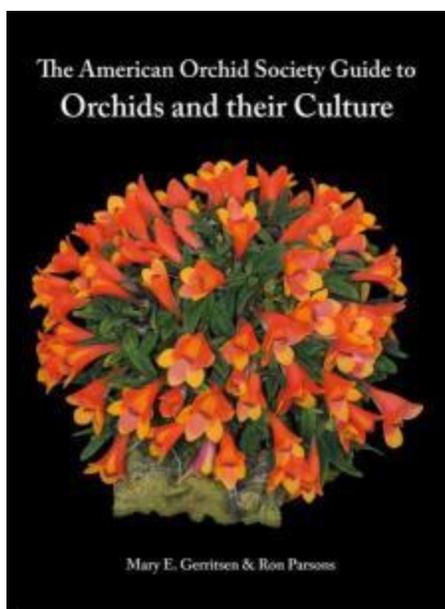
The raffle will have a number of very nice plants available for you. Opportunities can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 11 for \$10.00

As noted in the minutes there have been a number of members that have requested a list of contact information for the KOS membership. It was decided that such a list could be provided when requested but only after each member has had a chance to **OPT OUT** of letting their information (phone, address and e-mail) made available for release. If you do not **OPT OUT** as of September 1, it will assumed that you are willing to have such information provided in a general membership list. Please contact Sarah Pratt svcsjp@gmail.com or Max Thompson maxt@cox.net if you wish to **OPT OUT**.

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.



With about 28,000 known orchid species and many thousands of hybrids to choose from, selecting the right orchid for your growing conditions can be challenging. This richly illustrated book will assist you in finding the information you need to select orchids that are right for you wherever you grow them.

This book covers the basics of orchid culture including sections on light, water, temperature, humidity, fertilizer, and specific culture information on the popular groups of orchids. You will find information on when and how to repot, orchid mounting, and how to grow orchids semi-hydroponically. There is a section on common orchid pests and diseases, and the Orchid Doctor answers many frequently asked questions. Featuring more than 450 color photographs, *The American Orchid Society Guide to Orchids and their Culture* covers everything you need to know to grow orchids successfully.

The books are in!! The KOS ordered a case lot of ***Orchids and their Culture***. They have arrived and will be available at the July meeting. These have a retail price on the AOS website of \$24.95 and are currently sold out with a waiting list. Discount pricing will be available to members wishing a copy.



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