



Orchid News
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The President's Corner

Well, my time as President of KOS in 2020 has certainly not been what I envisioned! I had joked with my family over the last few years that my African violets and other houseplants were suffering from "orchid neglect disease" because the orchids sucked up all my energy, leaving the other plants to look relatively forlorn. In the spring, I started commenting that my orchids were going to suffer from "orchid society neglect disease" because of the time that the society business was stealing from even my own orchid collection!

The KOS, indeed, had a very busy initial 2 months, but now life has taken an unexpected turn for all of us! I doubt that any of us are having the sort of spring that we expected. Hopefully social distancing has had at least one positive effect. I, for one, have cleaned up my orchid "grow space" and repotted a number of orchids. (I've also cleaned out some closets and started organizing a playroom for my grandson at my home! I guess I've inherited my mother's values regarding always being productive!)

While it is difficult to stick with social distancing, it is crucial that we continue to follow the governor's recommendations and, hopefully, we will *all* be

able to meet again on the other side of this crisis, whenever that may be. Perhaps a meeting in June? We will be patient and do whatever we need to do to protect ourselves and each other!

In the meantime, I hope you are pampering your plants and catching up on your chores, too. I've put my cymbidiums outdoors and will probably start adding a few other plants over the next few days, since the weather looks so optimistic.

I'd like to ask everyone to visit the KOS website (kyorchidsociety.com) where we have a "virtual" Show and Tell page for April since we can't show off our plants in person. Keep sending me your photos of your blooming plants and we will share them again next month as well.

In addition, Pam has written a wonderful article on repotting which is chock full of practical advice. It is included with this newsletter and will also be on the website. The video of Michael Hinshaw speaking on Culture of Phalaenopsis at last month's meeting is complete and will be posted soon (as soon as I resolve some technical issues). Anne Marie has written an article on making some interesting mounts. It's all there on the website for your enjoyment!

As with most activities these days, there are several cancellations of orchid related events. I'll try to keep the website updated as we go along. If I can answer any questions, feel free to email me!

We have several people who have **not yet paid their dues**. We would like to get an official membership list to everyone, so please send a check to Linda or let us know if you no longer want to be a member! If you don't have Linda's address, let me know. You can reply to me with the information at smithroberts@mac.com.

Members for whom we need dues and/or information (address, etc):

- JoElle Bollman
- Thomas Carrier
- Gayle Bensing
- Christa and David Chadwell
- Ann Christensen
- Beverly Heavrin
- Ann Hildreth
- Diane King
- Gordon Keal
- Mary McGuire
- Sonny Neurath
- Ruth Schneider
- Hayden and Jennifer Pehl
- Mary Schumer
- Elizabeth Smith
- James Thompkins
- Mona Wilkerson
- Carole Wolak

I want to update everyone on the planned events that we discussed in February. As you might guess, everything is cancelled or delayed.

The KOS meetings for April and May are cancelled.

April 17-19: Indianapolis Orchid Show--cancelled
May 8-10: Locust Grove Spring Festival--delayed; they are planning to reschedule at some point

May 9: Library "How To" day - delayed; they are planning to reschedule at some point

April 27: Master Gardener's Gardenaganza--KOS decline to participate this year and they eventually cancelled it for now.

I thought you might enjoy seeing the lovely plants that are left from the HG&R show. They are in my basement under lights and putting on quite a show. It's a shame that there is almost no one to see it! I think the Tst. Melinda Marie 'Blue Fairy' is particularly lovely.





Finally, one of our younger members, Michelle Gross, has offered to grocery shop for any of us who are particularly susceptible to Covid-19 complications. She works at home during the day, but would be happy to get you supplies from grocery store after 5 pm or on weekends. If you could use the assistance, please send her an e-mail or reply to one of my e-mails and I will get you in contact with her. What great friendship and citizenship! Thank you, Michelle!

Jan Smith, President
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The Vice President's Corner

I hope this message finds all of you safe and in good health. I also hope that as Spring begins, many of you have orchids that are blooming or about to bloom. Our orchids can be a welcome burst of color, fragrance and joy while we're all staying in our homes! I'm excited to say I have several that I got at our show last year that are about to bloom!

As you know, we have cancelled both the April and May meetings. Our speaker for the April meeting was to be Pam LaRocco. She was going to do a presentation on repotting and I know we were all looking forward to it. I realize it's just not the

same, but as a substitute for Pam in person, she has graciously agreed to give us the presentation on paper. It comes to you as an attachment to the newsletter. (Thank you, Gloria!) It's a Word Document and contains lots of pictures. You can save the entire document for your files. Also, if you would like to look more closely at any of the photos, the best way to do that is to click on the photo and copy it to another document. Then, go into that new document and enlarge the photo. (If you attempt to enlarge the photo in the original document, it will play havoc with the script and become difficult to "undo".

We will be looking for an opportunity schedule Pam to do her presentation in person as soon as possible. Let's hope we can begin in-person meetings again, soon.

Stay home, well and stay in touch with each other!

Deanna Day, Vice President
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Minutes

The KOS monthly meeting held at the Immanuel United Church of Christ @ 7:00 pm.

There were 36 members present. Welcome to two new members. The Treasurer's financial report was presented and approved. Meeting minutes were approved by the members.

Old Business

President Jan Smith updated our upcoming Fall Show. A firm date of October 23-25 has been selected and we have verbal commitments from vendors 5 attending.

President Jan Smith reminded anyone that annual dues are DUE and to please see Linda Solley-Kanipe to make your payment.

President Jan Smith reported that we have 1 new member from the Home, Garden and Remodeling Show. Four people were awarded their raffle prizes,

and we have left over plants for sale still at David Easley's house. More info to come about the plant sale this weekend. To date it looks like the Society earned \$823.00 for being in the Home, Garden and Remodeling Show. Good Job to all.

An updated Snack Sheet was passed around for volunteers.

Carla Cates has forever Orchid Stamps books for sale for \$11.00. Plus the Blue Tub now contains our Orchid Library.

Carla Cates sent around a list to verify names and info for the upcoming directory.

Upcoming Indianapolis Show is April 17-19. We need setup and teardown teams plus someone to register plants.

The Locust Grove weekend show is coming up on May 8-10. We need setup and tear down teams to help with our new tent and member volunteers for the weekend.

Louisville Library invited us to do a "How to" Fest the same weekend as Locust Grove. Jan Smith volunteered to do a presentation but we need helpers for culture sheets. There will be multiple sessions going on at the same time. We could repot an orchid and sell the AOS books.

The Walnut Ridge Spring Seminar is coming up April 29. Pam LaRocco offered to do a presentation.

Also the Louisville Nature Center (across from the zoo) will have an afternoon session on April 26 from 11- 3 pm. We need volunteers.

The Master Gardner's Club asked us to buy a booth for \$50 to display and sell plants, we need volunteers.

The Kentucky State Fair asked us to do a presentation about judging orchids and to have an

orchid display for the 10 days of the Fair. This discussion was tabled for now and later discussion. The Fair runs August 20-30.

President Jan Smith reported to all regarding MAOC/Dayton Show on February 14-16. The KOS members earned several ribbons for our plants.

KOS also put in a small display at the Greater Cincinnati Spring Show. We earned 12 ribbons out of 16 plants entered. Great job folks.

Sal Locascio reminded members that we will try and place another order for Orchid Shirts. If you have not signed up please contact Sal asap.

Annual dues are due now. Please pay the treasurer \$25 per year.

New Business

Vice President Deanna Day introduced tonight's speaker, Michael Hinshaw speaking on Phalenopsis plants. Thank you Michael for an interesting program.

Show & Tell Plants – A large number of members presented their plants for growing information and judging.

Mini: Topmiller

1st Place – *tolumnia* [Tolu.] Jairak Flyer [(Tolu. Jairak Firm x Tolu. Jairak Rainbow) – Anne Marie Blancquaert

Standard: Fanelli

1st Place - *cymbidium* [Cym.] Peter Pan (Cym *ensifolium* x Cym. Miretta) - Larry Atwell

2nd Place - *rhyncattleanthe* [Rth.] My Orange NN 639 (Rth. Haw Yuan Orange x Rth. Alpha Plus Nuggett) - Anne Marie Blancquaert

Plant Raffle---- was held for members and guests this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next meeting is April 8, 2020.

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www.kyorchidsociety.com or on Facebook
at Kentucky Orchid Society



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Show & Tell photos courtesy Jan Smith and Deanna Day

Home, Garden, and Remodeling Show





HG&R Show photos courtesy Sal Locascio