



Orchid News
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February 2018 Speaker: Gloria Teague,
22nd World Orchid Conference in Guayaquil, Ecuador

Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Immanuel United Church of Christ
2300 Taylorsville Road
6:15 pm, Social hour, 7:00 pm Meeting

From the President

I ask that you all bear with me as this is my first time as President. As you all know the KOS is not about just you or me but the future for everyone. We need to make a few changes so that the KOS will continue on. There are several items that I am concentrating on this year as President and one is keeping new members involved. Keeping new members involved is not just me educating them but having fun with them as well. A mentoring program is being designed for one member to have one new member by their side to answer questions, help them and introduce them to others.

We will discuss several fundraising ideas for this coming year. These ideas are a result from speaking with someone from St. Augustine Orchid Society and Brian Spittle from the Cincinnati Orchid Society.

Hopefully we'll continue to have interesting speakers this year as well. Let's all work together this year and not have just a few people handling everything. Remember, you joined the KOS, let's learn about orchids and have fun doing it as well.

Ruth Schneider, President
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Time to renew your membership!

From the Vice President

Snow is falling as I write and the world outside is white and beautiful. It's warm and bright in my grow room today, but just like the plant life outside, my orchids are in the process of taking their winter's nap too. Diminished light hours have slowed growth almost to a standstill. The decrease in humidity has sent root tips into the vellum for protection, and cool temperatures have reduced my orchids need for water and food. However, there are a few beauties who choose this time of year to bloom and brighten an otherwise dull sort of time. Aren't orchids grand?

This month our speaker will be our own Gloria Teague. Gloria will be sharing her experiences at the 22nd World Orchid Conference held in Ecuador. I will probably never be able to make this sort of trip so I'm eager to hear all about it. Hope you are as well.

Don't forget Plant Dr.! Bring in one of your tired babies so we can take a look and see if there is a noticeable cause. Beginner's Corner will be about Phalaenopsis culture. Both these will run from about 6:20-6:55 pm. I am looking forward to see you there!

Lastly, KOS Program Committee has been hard at work to schedule some speakers for the rest of the year. I hope to give you that schedule very soon.

Happy Growing

Pam LaRocco, Vice President

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Minutes

The KOS monthly meeting held at the Immanuel United Church of Christ at 7:00 pm. There were 21 members and guests present.

There were no minutes for the December meeting because of our Holiday Dinner and the Treasurer's financial report was not presented because our Treasurer was not available for this meeting.

Old Business

President Ruth Schneider requested that it is a new year and it is dues renewal month. See Treasurer Chuck Jonus to renew dues for 2018.

New Business

President Ruth put forth a request from members to act as mentors to any new members coming into the club this year. Volunteers are: Peg Revell, Pam LaRocco, Jan Smith, and Sal Locascio

President Ruth introduced her ideas for Fundraisers for this year to sustain the club, have fun and build up our financial reserves. She presented ideas from the St. Augustine and Cincinnati Orchid Societies. They suggested having 2 fundraisers during the year by having a donation button on our website, selling orchid t-shirts and hats, having an auction and cocktail party (perhaps during our show), home tours for members to show off their growing techniques, name your own plant party, etc. but she also stressed that we need to formulate budgets to keep track of how we spend the club's funds. Members liked the idea of selling hats and t-shirts, reinstate our annual picnic and having an auction, take pictures of our orchids to produce on print cards with club info, a Boot Camp orchid class the week after the show to invite persons that purchased orchids to learn more about them and promote the club membership. Home tours were suggested also and visiting other local garden clubs to invite them to our meetings and join our club.

President Ruth announced that we are opening doors for meetings at 6:15 for both the Plant Dr. and Beginners Corner. Members can bring in one plant to review for the best way to grow and maintain their plants. Regular meetings will start at 7 pm with no breaks in between.

A new area on the website will be set-up called Bragging Corner to offer a member a chance to talk about a current blooming plant. Forward your info and pictures to Jan Smith.

Show & Tell Plants:

Standard

1st place - Lycaste Sol de Medio Dia - Dr. David Seligson

2nd place - Paph. exul - Pam LaRocco

3rd place – TIE – Cymbidium No Name - Ruth Schneider and Vanda Pachara – Sal Locascio

Mini

1st place - Dendrobium elliotianum - Pam LaRocco

2nd place - Rodrumnia Orchidom Orange Delight (Tolu. Aleke Peaches x Rrm. Orchidom Dancer) - Pam LaRocco

3rd place - Dendrobium kingianum - Sal Locasico

Plant Raffle was held for members and guests this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be February 14, 2018.

Sal Locascio, Recording Secretary

February Refreshments

Will be provided by the KOS Board, we will have a sign-up sheet available for future sign up. Thank you.

Upcoming Orchid Shows 2018

February 16-18 Miami Valley Orchid Society Spring Show, Cox Arboretum Metro Park, Dayton, Ohio

March 9-11 Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Spring Show, Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Dr., Cincinnati, OH

September 28-30 Kentucky Orchid Society Show

KOS Show & Tell





*KOS January 2018 Show and Tell
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