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## **The President's Corner**

Hello KOS friends!

I certainly miss getting together once a month to share our love of orchids. We will be missing our second monthly meeting this week but this newsletter will hopefully fill you in on what is going on with your friends. It is not clear whether we will also miss the June meeting, but we will follow whatever rules from the governor that are in place at the time.

Some societies are holding virtual meetings by Zoom. I'd like to hear from you to see if you are interested in trying this. Please send me your thoughts. If there is enough interest, I will work toward getting a virtual meeting together for June in case we again cannot meet in person.

As you know from my email on Sunday, our March speaker, Doug Martin, will be presenting via Zoom on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. The Miami group has invited Cincinnati and us to participate in this event. I hope many of you will be able to do this. I am including the meeting info in this newsletter in case you missed it on Sunday. Deanna will explain another feature we are including from Doug.

We have now missed two monthly meetings, Locust Grove, two repotting demonstrations and the Master Gardener's Gardenganza. (Sigh). In some ways, missing the Locust Grove event may have been fortuitous, since on the scheduled Friday evening of the event, we had a frost and would have been scrambling to save our purchased orchids. We likely would not have had the crowd that we had hoped for and might have been left with a lot of unsold orchids. So, I consider that glass "half full" and hope that the substitute August event that Locust Grove has planned for August 22-23 will actually occur and be a success for them and us! There will probably be more on that to come. This is a planned event, but not confirmed.

The Louisville Free Public Library "How To Day" was restructured to a virtual event, which you can access via the LFPL website. (Exact link to come). It includes a video which John and I did on "How to Repot a Phalaenopsis Orchid". My son Dane and daughter Paige edited the video for me and I really appreciate their help. Of course, they couldn't fix some things, such as my KOS name tag that I wore upside down!! (I explained to their snickering faces on Facetime that I needed it that way so that I could look down and remember who I am!) I will eventually put the video on our website as well. The "How To" event includes videos on other

interesting topics, so you should checkout the Library's page.

The May virtual Show and Tell is on the KOS website at [kyorchidsociety.com](http://kyorchidsociety.com). Please check it out and see how many beautiful plants we have! The "points" earned by your plants are listed there and you can see what lovely blooms we have all been enjoying at home.

The presentation by Michael Hinshaw from the KOS March meeting is now posted on the website, so if you have not yet seen it, please take 45 minutes and watch it. It is a nice, informative way to pass your quarantine time! You will find a whole section of the website devoted to video presentations of our past speakers. There may well be some that you missed in person, so check them out.

One of our members, Tanya Schroeder and her husband Allen sent photos of a beautiful plaque that he made for Tonya and would be willing to make for any of us! We are all familiar with his beautiful woodworking through the medallion he made for KOS and the Christmas ornaments he crafted. He will take custom orders, with a price of about \$75. The script can be changed to whatever you wish and you can request your favorite orchid! If you are interested, please send Allen an email with your request. Pictures of his work are included below.



I thought I'd let you know about a new member who joined the society recently. Many of you know Brian Spitler, who is an AOS judge with the Cincinnati Judging Center, a member of the GCOS, experienced grower, and recently spoke to us on dendrobiums. Welcome, Brian!

Brian reports that Sam Tsui, a well known experienced grower (best known for his many awarded slipper orchids), just launched a new e-commerce site and is offering discounts from 10% to 35% on ALL orders through May 31. Shipping is \$20 for the first plant and \$2-\$6 for each additional plant. He has a newsletter to which you can subscribe as well. Since we are not getting any new plants at our meetings, this is your chance to get a good deal on some award winning quality plants! You can satisfy your itch for new plants and support a fellow orchid enthusiast by ordering a few new specimens. If anyone is interested, I would be happy to coordinate a group order and we could save on shipping! Visit his site and let me know if you are interested in placing an order.

I hope that most of you have avoided contracting the corona virus and that those of you who have been ill are on the mend. Please continue to follow the governor's guidelines and stay safe!! We ALL want to come back to our next "in person" meeting, healthy and happy!

Stay safe - we will all get through this together! (As you have undoubtedly heard).

Jan Smith, President  
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### **Login information for Doug's presentation:**

Login info:

Topic: May MVOS Meeting with Doug Martin  
Time: May 13, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483522679>

Meeting ID: 824 8352 2679 One tap mobile  
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Meeting ID: 824 8352 2679 Find your local  
number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483522679>

I am told that there is no need for a passcode - just call the number and you will be on the call.

## **The Vice President's Corner**

Hello KOS members.

Once again, we are unable to meet in person but I hope that all of you are healthy and safe.

Our speaker this month was to be Doug Martin. Doug lives in Shawnee, Kansas and is a graduate of Clarkson University. He is an expert on Orchids and was to give a presentation on native (wild) orchids of this area. I was excited to hear from Jan that Doug will be doing a zoom presentation on this

topic on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 pm (see details in email from Jan). I hope all of you can "attend"!

Doug Martin, Ph.D.

Doug lives in a suburb of Kansas City with his wife and fellow orchid lover, Beth. He started growing orchids in 1991. He grows a mixed collection of about 200 tropical orchids in a basement light room. He also grows about 40-50 species and hybrids of Cypripediums and other hardy orchids in his outdoor growing area and 50+ species of winter green Mediterranean orchids under lights in his garage.

Doug has published articles on growing Cypripediums in the *Slipper Orchid Alliance Journal* and the *North American Native Orchid Journal*. He is a student AOS judge and also serves as Treasurer of the Slipper Orchid Alliance. He has been the President of the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City and the Mid-America Orchid Congress and previously served as chairman of the Mid-America Conservation Committee for seven years.

Doug has a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. Before retiring in 2016 from teaching chemistry at Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City, Missouri he worked in biomedical research and ran an orchid lab.

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## **Minutes**

We had no minutes because of the meeting cancellation due to the Coronavirus-19 closures.

**Show and Tell** orchid judging via email, Pam LaRocco was the judge.

### **Mini: Topmiller**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - *Bulbophyllum* [Bulb.] *bicolor* - Anne Marie Blancquaert

2<sup>ns</sup> Place - *Dendrobium* (Den.) Mini Snowflake (Den. *aberrans* x Den. *johnsoniae*) – Heidi Boel

**Standard: Fanelli**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - *Guarianthe* [Gur.] *skinneri* 'Casa Luna'  
formerly *Cattleya* – Deanna Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - *Cymbidium* No Name – Larry Atwell

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