



Orchid News
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The President's Corner

Hello everyone.

I'm sure you are as happy as I am that spring is just around the corner. We have had a few balmy days that even feel like spring! I have seen the tops of my hardy orchids peeking out of the ground and only hope that they will survive the 27 degrees that is forecast for later this week. Doug Martin's presentation on hardy orchids was very timely, with a wealth of information on these plants. I know lots more about hardy orchids than I did before and am considering trying a few more of these beauties.

Plans are underway for our fall Show and Sale (pandemic permitting) and we will discuss some of those at our upcoming virtual meeting. We have received our orders from Roberts Orchid Supply and many members have ordered new cattleya alliance crosses from Courtney Hackney, who spoke at the MAOS Education Day. There is a group order from Ten Shin Gardens in Taiwan, which we are sharing with MVOS and GCOS. As we go forward, KOS will get group orders together for other major growers. We all need to order online to expand our collections, since we currently do not get to have growers bring their plants to us. Thank goodness for the internet!

I wanted members to know about the recent death of Wayne Blakely. He was the 1998 president of

KOS, but hasn't been active for many years. There are no Louisville survivors.

I thought you might want to view the most recent news about the Waterfront Botanical Garden.

<https://www.wlky.com/article/take-a-look-louisville-waterfront-botanical-gardens-alters-dollar65-million-master-plan-adds-features/35905902#>

Another interesting read, this one about an organic treatment for red spider mite and how it works. I googled the treatment and it is sold on Amazon and by Arbico Organics. Arbico is cheaper at \$70/2.5 gallons. The literature on their website says that this works for multiple kinds of scale as well as for mealy bugs. I may get some and try it. I'll let you know how it works.

<https://cfgrower.com/slip-slidin-into-spider-mite-control/>

Thanks to Anne-Marie for both of these links! I promised you a Beginner's Corner article from Anne-Marie on roots in the February newsletter, but I think I forgot to include it, so here it is now!

Jan Smith, President
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The Vice President's Corner

Greetings from the Vice President:

I hope everyone is settling into Spring - I know I am. I'm excited to think about putting my orchids outside for the summer and getting into my gardens.

Those of you who attended our last Zoom presentation on Growing Hardy Orchids will probably be even more eager to get out in the garden and try growing some. For those of you who weren't able to attend, I can send you some information on hardy orchid vendors. Please send me an email and I will respond.

Our speaker for this April (Wednesday, April 14) is Mary Gerritsen. Mary has been interested in plants most of her adult life and has been growing orchids on and off for the last 40 years. Mary is a biomedical scientist by profession. Her passion for orchids was sparked at the orchid show in San Francisco. Returning home from the show with a few plants, she decided to join a local orchid society and learn more about taking care of them and from these beginnings, her current passion grew exponentially.

Now Mary truly has put her roots down and has orchids in 2 greenhouses, 5 lath houses, her front porch, sun room and everywhere else she can put them. Her collection of about 2,000 plants, most species, is rich in Masdevallias and other miniature orchids. She has co-authored 5 botanical books with co-author and photographer Ron Parsons.



Mary has served as a president and vice president for both the Peninsula and San Francisco Orchid Societies and is currently chief operating officer and treasurer of the Orchid Conservation Alliance and a director of the Orchid Digest.

For the April meeting, Mary will be speaking about "Masdevallias, Selected Species and How to Grow Them". This presentation provides a little background on the genus Masdevallia, a photographic survey of her favorite species and a little information about their growing conditions, general culture requirements, pests and diseases. Please join us for what will certainly prove to be an interesting evening.

If you would like a list of Mary's books, please send me an email and I will forward the list to you. Hope to see all of you at the meeting!

Deanna Day, Vice President
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Minutes

Virtual Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Smith. Minutes from the February meeting were approved by the membership. The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Old business:

The February auction was discussed, which netted the society approximately \$737. Thank yous were extended to everyone who had donated plants, organized the event and participated in the auction. It was deemed a financial and social success.

Members were notified that the group order from Roberts Orchid Supply would be enroute in the next several days.

The Annual KOS Show and Sale was discussed, with the date announced as September 9-12, 2021 (pending COVID status). The committee will include Chairs Dick Humke and Catherine Lockett, with committee members Stephen Benjamin and Carla Cates. Jim McCollough will likely be helping to register plants as in the past, training Carla and Stephen on use of his program for plant registration, which he has so nicely adapted to the new MAOS show schedule. The committee will be meeting soon to work on more details of the show.

KOS has purchased "tickets" for all KOS members to attend the MAOS Zoom Education Day hosted by Three Rivers & Central Indiana Societies seminar on March 20.

MAOS has announced that they will be requesting and publishing (on their website) educational presentations hosted by member societies (more details to come).

CGOS and MVOS are hosting an Orchid Fest on the weekend of August 27-29, with vendors, presentations and limited exhibits, but without ribbon judging.

Pam LaRocco discussed Show and Tell plants for this month which were reviewed on the website.

The raffle was held, with 5 items raffled off.

Doug Martin had been scheduled to speak, but did not join the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at about 7:25 so that members who wished to do so could join the MVOS meeting which was in progress. (Mr. Martin later notified us that he had confused the time zones and joined our meeting an hour later than we had planned for him to speak. His presentation was rescheduled for March 24).

Submitted by Jan Smith (recording secretary Sal Locasio was not in attendance)

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

KOS Show and Tell

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Topmiller

1st Place - Dtps. Lioulin Sparrow 'Taida' Violet Butterfly', Jan Smith

2nd Place – Pot. Young-Min Orange 'Golden Satisfaction' AM/ AOS X (Pot. Viola Nugget x Lc. Trick or Treat), Jim Lardner

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1st Place – Cym. Unknown- yellow, Linda Solley-Kanipe

1st Place - Phaius tankervilleae Anne-Marie Blancquaert

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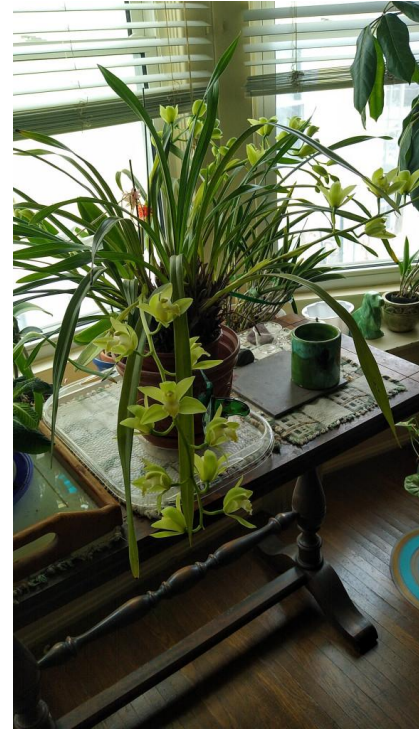
2nd Place – Phrag. Inca Treasure, Dick Humke

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2nd Place - Paph. appletonianum Anne-Marie
Blancquaert



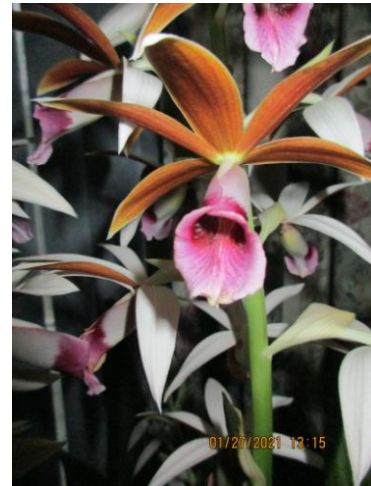
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