



Orchid News
Kentucky Orchid Society, Inc.
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Louisville, KY

August 2021 Program: Video presentation by Stephen Benjamin and Sal Locascio

Wednesday, August 11, 2021
Immanuel United Church of Christ
2300 Taylorsville Road
6:15 pm, Social hour, 7:00 pm Meeting

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The President's Corner

Hello everyone.

It is hard to believe that it is mid-summer already! That means that we are hurtling toward our annual Show and Sale on September 11-12. Catherine and Dick have been busy at work on this event for several months already and many more KOS members are getting involved. This show is our biggest event of the year and will require the help of **each** of us to be a success! There is *at least* one job for each of us. At our next meeting, there will be signup sheets available for you to offer your help in a variety of ways. Please be generous with your time and talent for this event!

On August 27-29, our friends from the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society, Miami Valley Orchid Society and Mid America Orchid Congress are hosting an Orchid Fest in Kettering, Ohio. You can register at <http://www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com>. There will be plenty of orchids for viewing, many vendors with plants to sell, and several seminars. Don't miss it!

I want to thank all those who signed up to help in different roles that make our monthly meetings run smoothly. You can find a list of volunteers in the minutes of the last meeting, which are included elsewhere in this publication. Thanks, too, to those who offered to bring snacks for the monthly meetings!

As announced at the meeting, we will no longer have a virtual show and tell event on our website, as we will now go back to the usual Show and Tell judging at our meetings. I will try to keep up with the bragging corner on the website so continue to send me your photos for posting on the website (and hopefully on our Facebook page).

Schedule for August meeting:

6:00-6:15	room set up
6:15-7:00	visit, view show and tell and raffle plants, talk with "plant doctor" Pam
7:00-7:30	business meeting
7:30-7:40	break to snack, view show and tell, buy raffle tickets

7:45-8:30 Stephen Benjamin, discussing his greenhouse, complete with a virtual tour
8:30-9:00 discuss Show and Tell, hold raffle
9:00-9:10 clean up, good night!

It will soon be time to get your orchids ready and looking their best for entry into our orchid judging competition. You can start now to prepare for the show by staking your plants so that their blooms will be seen to best advantage in a few weeks. This is an article with details about how to prepare your orchid for display, including cleaning their leaves, trimming off dead leaves and pseudobulbs, and adding "top dressing" to increase eye appeal:

<https://orchidbliss.com/prep-your-orchid-for-display>

The August meeting will be "in person", if you have completed your vaccines. We respectfully request that you not attend in person if you have not been vaccinated. A Zoom option will be available for anyone who cannot attend in person.

KOS Admin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: KOS August 2021 Monthly meeting

Time: Aug 11, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4911551123?pwd=ZnV2b3VFR3dSYUFnUlcwU2hEVjR2UT09>

Meeting ID: 491 155 1123

Passcode: 021021

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Jan Smith, President

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The Vice President's Corner

From the Vice President:

Our upcoming meeting on August 11 is very important for all of us. We will finalize plans for our annual Orchid Show and we really need each one of you to sign up for one or more tasks. This show can't succeed without the help of each and every member!! If you can't attend the meeting in person, please join us on Zoom.

The meeting will include a presentation that was jointly prepared by two of our members - Steve Benjamin and Sal Locascio. They have put together a video tour of Steve's greenhouses and orchid collection and it should prove to be very interesting. Most of you know both of them and we really appreciate their efforts! Steve has given me a little personal background information which I will now pass on to all of you:

Stephen started out very young with a passion for plants. At five I was began breeding African Violets in my bedroom, at seven started breeding Roses. At nine I stumbled on to orchids while trying to buy a fishing boat. My first ones were cut flower standard Cattleyas from Bob Sanker in Cincinnati. I grew them under lights and had mild success, but began purchasing various miniature orchids from J&L so that I could have more plants in my limited space.

After I got my degree in Biology from Xavier University, I moved to Kentucky to help them make Bourbon. I spent 27 years in the Bourbon industry, and most recently with several other local companies, and now retired.

I am an accredited AOS judge, I have served as show chair for many shows including four Mid-Americas. I have been the Vice and Center Chair for the AOS Cincinnati judging center, and Training coordinator twice.

I am married, with two grown children, four grand children ages 21-29, and two great grandsons 4 and 9.

I bought my first house when I was 24, and within 3 weeks of moving in, I enclosed the front porch to make a greenhouse. I again started with miniature species mostly, until I filled it up and then added a greenhouse to the back of the house. With all this new space, I went wild and purchased hundreds of compots and flasks; mostly Cattleya allied hybrids, and they thrived. I waited for them to grow up and they started blooming! Winter of 1989, while I was spending Christmas with family in Gatlinburg, the electricity went out and the entire greenhouse froze! It took me a while to recover and get started again but I did, this time I built a greenhouse 3/4 underground. It is approx 600 square feet and has withstood two episodes of a week at a time (and a couple shorter episodes) with no heat and as low as -9F, with only minimal damage to my plants.

My collection is diversified but centers on Cattleya allied. I have been lucky enough to have more than 50 AOS awards, half to Cattleya allied plants. I do some of my own breeding and sow my own seeds. With such a small greenhouse, I normally only grow out maybe 30-50 plants, but have shared many flasks out to other growers and have already had an award to a plant of one of my crosses."

Thanks to Steve and Sal for putting this presentation together.

Deanna Day, Vice President
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Minutes

Virtual and in Person Meeting Minutes

We had approximately 30 people in attendance. Minutes from June meeting were approved by the membership. Treasurers Report presented for the meeting and approved.

Old Business:

President Smith announced that the Orchid Fest sponsored by MVOA/Dayton Mid-America in Kettering, Ohio will be held August 27-29. Info ohiovalleyorchidfest.com. More info to come via email.

KOS Annual Show update. Dick Humke announced our Annual Show is scheduled with the Church for September 10 (set up), 11, and 12. Stephen Benjamin is working on changes to the rules for this year's shows, Jim McCulloch will be helping with setup for the plant registrations, vendors include Natts, Sue Phillips Pottery, Tom Harper from Nashville, Barry Jones, and Russ Vernon. Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn and Little Frog not sure they are attending. Dick Humke asked the interest level of having Robert's Supply attend as well. Most members agreed to invite him.

Various Duties and Helpers:

Room setup/Layout: Pam LaRocco, Joelle Bollman, Ann and Debbie Hanna, Sal Locascio, and Jim Temple;

Registration: Carla Cates and Stephen Benjamin;
Emails to past visitors, posters, yard signs, Tent cards: Sal Locascio

Flyer Sheet: –Pam Martin

Awards: Carla Cates

Seminars: Stephen Benjamin and Pam LaRocco

KOS display: Gloria Teague and company

Ribbons: Peg Revell

Food Manager: David. Easley

Clerking: JN Smith (she will hold a training session the week before for volunteers)

Head Judge: Stephen Benjamin

Sponsors/Prizes, recruiting volunteers for the Welcome table, info sheets, raffle table, etc.: Linda Solley

Sign-up Sheets will be passed around at the August meeting for volunteers.

Stu Flischaker will assist with photography for the Show & Tell table.

100th AOS anniversary held in Miami the weekend of October 27th for all that may be interested in attending. More info to come.

New Business:

OUR Second FULL INDOOR MEETING will be held for the August meeting at the Emmanuel United Church. There will be a raffle table and Show and Tell will be held. Speaker will be Stephen Benjamin.

We have been in contact with Waterfront Botanical Gardens for possibility of having our show there in the future. More info to come.

In person Show and Tell was postponed this month. See Website.

Meeting adjourned.

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

KOS Show and Tell

July 2021

Topmiller

1st Place - *aerangis* [Aergs.] punctata - Stu Fleishaker

2nd Place - *ascofinetia* **NOW** *vanda* Cherry Blossom 'Omega' (*vanda. falcata* x *vanda. ampullacea*) – Anne-Marie Blankaert

Fanelli

1st Place – *encyclia* [E.] *cochleata* - Anne-Marie Blankaert

2nd Place - *oncidium* unknown - Heidi Boel

2nd Place - *sophrolaeliocattleya* [Slc.] Jewel Box 'Scheherazade' – NEW NAME cattlianthe [Ctt.] Jewel Box 'Scheherazade' Gloria Teague

Locascio, Recording Secretary

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Note from Stephen Benjamin:

We need to find a volunteer to bring their rugged laser printer that can handle heavy paper stock. Hopefully we can get this to Carla on Thursday to print plant labels, and also need it at the show Friday and early Saturday to print plant labels and judging sheets. Thank you.

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at Kentucky Orchid Society



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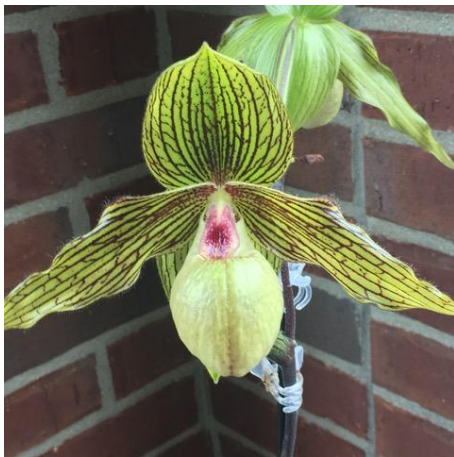
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cattlianthe [Ctt.] Jewel Box 'Scheherazade'
Gloria Teague



Ctna. Ethel's Paradise 'Kalanapara'
Jan Smith



Paph. Howard Koopowitz
Dick Humke



Brassavola nodosa
Debra Hanna



C. mossiae blanca x aurora and *C. mossiae* s/a pincelada
'Valerio x *C. mossiae* Llamarda (display) Carla Cates



Laelia purpurata va. *Carnea*
Ruth Schneider