



ORCHID NEWS

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The President's Corner

Letter from the President:

March is coming in like a lion - let's hope it goes out like a lamb! Speaking of March, we have a big month coming up. First and foremost is the Louisville Home, Garden & Remodeling Show taking place March 10-12 at the Kentucky Expo Center. KOS will have a booth to sell orchids and conduct educational demonstrations. Sal Locascio and Jan Smith are co-chairs of this event and will be talking about it at the meeting. If any of you have decorative pots that you would like to get rid of (like the ones that hold the orchids that you purchased at Kroger or Trader Joe's), please bring them to the meeting.

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Speaking of the meeting, it's on March 8 at All Peoples Unitarian Church on Brownsboro Road.

Please be there around 6:15. A few of you who arrived a little late for the last meeting had difficulty getting in. I apologize for that! For security purposes, the church doors are only unlocked from 5:45-6:45. After that, they lock automatically. If you should arrive after 6:45, please call Sal Locascio (502-645-5403) Jan Smith (502-645-8633) or myself (502-909-6388) and we will let you in.

The Cincinnati Orchid Show is Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26. KOS will have a display if we can get some nice blooming plants, and you are the key to that! If you have a beautiful bloomer that you would like to display in the show (and maybe win a ribbon!) please contact Jan Smith and be prepared to bring it to her house on or about Thursday, March 23. She will collect the plants and Steve Benjamin will take them to Cincinnati and set up the display. If anyone can volunteer to assist him with this, I'm sure he would welcome the help. Danetta Willias and I will be going to Cincinnati on Sunday afternoon to see the show and bring the plants back. Of course, we welcome any help but you may want to just go and see the show (Dan Beard Council BSA building, 10078 Reading Rd. Cincinnati 45241) it's always great!

We have an educational opportunity coming up in April. KOS has been invited to participate in the Paristown Garden Show on Saturday, April 8. We need someone to volunteer to chair this event. Please think about it and let me know if you're willing. We probably need 3 or 4 people to "man" the table and give out information, answer questions and talk about KOS.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on Wednesday, March 8. If anyone needs transportation please let me know.

Deanna Day, President
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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

And we are off! Show season starts this month! We start with the Home & Garden Show in Louisville (10-12th) and the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Show on the 25-26th. It promises to be a busy month as repotting will start this month as well, at least for some of us. Days are lengthening and getting warmer, winter is slowly releasing his grip. The gardens are coming alive!

This month our speaker will be Ray Barkalow, who used to be a member of KOS but has since moved to North Carolina. It will be a webinar from American Orchid Society, where Ray will talk about growing orchids 'Semi-hydroponic' in LECA (lightweight expanded clay aggregate). He retired this talk after giving the AOS presentation and being members of AOS, we can access their archives (for free). We have some members who grow some orchids in clay beads, Larry Atwater has volunteered to try to answer questions. It will be a very informative talk since more and more people want to go over to growing this way. It has so many advantages and most species of orchids can be grown this way. You'll see!

See you on the 8th of March!

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President
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KOS March Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month

Date: March 8th, 2023

Time: Social time 6:15 to 6:30, business meeting 6:30 to 7:00, speaker at 7:00

Format: Hybrid meeting - in person and Zoom link provided below

Location: All Peoples Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Rd, Louisville, KY

Zoom Meeting Information:

Time: Mar 8, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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January meeting minutes approved by the membership.

Treasurer's report approved by the membership.

Old Business:

1. President Day asked members to be sure to get DUES for 2023 paid!
2. Snack sign up - Ann Schatzinger will chair & pass around sign-up sheet.
3. Louisville Home & Garden Show - March 10-12 Sal passed around a sign-up sheet and asked members to donate their time to work the show at the fairgrounds but also unpack and help deliver plants to the hall. Work is divided into 3 hour shifts. The updated work schedule will be sent out by email to all workers before the next meeting in March. This could be our largest fundraiser of the year so we need your support.
4. Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Spring Show - March 25-26. The set up will be March 24 @ Dan Beard Council Bldg, Cincinnati, Ohio. S. Benjamin will help with 25 ft. display set-up. Bring your blooming plants March 23 to Jan's house. Transport plants on Mar 24, set up and March 26 tear down. Any members willing to work/attend the show let Steve know. Great show to see, vendors & buy plants, lectures, demos, earn ribbons by having your plants judged.

New Business:

1. President Day announced the Central Indiana Orchid Society show & plant sale - April 22-23 Indianapolis. Members needed to display and work the show. The set up will be April 21. Displaying blooming plants of our members. Great show to see, vendors & buy plants, lectures, demos, ribbons by having your plants judged.

February Meeting Minutes

KOS Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2023

Attendance: Approx. 30 members attended.
Welcome new member - Carol Leonard

2. Locust Grove Gardener's Fair -
Saturday/Sunday May 13th & 14th, 2023. 10:00
am-4:30pm. Set up May 12th. Linda Solley-
Kanipe is chair. Members needed to display and
work the show.

3. Paristown Gardener Fair - April 8, 9:00-6:00
free, Brent St., Louisville, outdoors, info only,
demos, need culture sheets, possibly repot a
plant for demo. Need several people to work.

SPEAKER: Ann-Marie introduced Rafael Goverts
from Kew Gardens speaking on Orchids & their
naming.

SHOW & TELL: judged by Mr. Goverts.

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Sal Locascio, Recording Secretary
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Fanelli:

1st Place: Paph. Macabre Illusion

Parents: Paph. Hawaiian Illusion x Paph. Macabre
Contrasts

- Jennifer Coy

2nd Place: Oerstedella centradenia

- Jan Smith

2nd Place: Den. Rainbow Dance

Parents: Den. Kurenai x Den. unicum

- Anne-Marie Blancquaert

Show & Tell Winners - February 2023

Topmiller:

1st Place: Maxallaria sanguinea

- Jan Smith

2nd Place: Phal. Unknown purple

- Danetta Willias

2nd Place: Platystele stenostachya

- Debbie Hanna

Locust Grove Gardener's Fair

From Linda Solley-Kanipe

Save the Date!

Locust Grove Gardener's Fair

Saturday May 13 & Sunday May 14, 2023

10:00 am-4:00 pm

At Historic Locust Grove

561 Blankenbaker Lane

Louisville, KY 40207

KOS will have a booth at the Gardener's Fair and
will be selling orchids from Hawaii!

We will need lots of help! Setting up on Friday
the 12th and breaking down when the event is
over at 4:00 Sunday

More information to come.

2022 Club Project & Note from the Plant Doctor

From Pam LaRocco

2022 CLUB PROJECT: Rby. Spotted Charm

We did not get any bloomers in 2022 but that doesn't mean that we do not want to recognize your plants! Since none bloomed, we'd like everyone to bring your **Rby. Spotted Charm** to the March Meeting, even if all you have left is a pot or name label! We will have ribbons (Blue, Red, White) for the top 3 healthiest, strongest growing plants.

But it doesn't stop there! We are still waiting for that 1st Bloomer. So, when yours blooms this year, send a picture of it with the original label to me at pamlarocco@hotmail.com or text to 502-664-2355. It will remain a secret until the December 2023 meeting when the trophy for 1st Bloomer will be presented... if there is a bloomer this year. If not, we will repeat the process until one does. Can't wait to see your babies.

PLANT DOCTOR

I am so sorry friends that I have not been able to make meetings and probably will not be able to until after May. I know that there are many who can help at meetings, though sometimes it's hard to find someone. For those of you who need an answer and quickly, I'd like to make this available to you. While I am often in INDY, I always have my phone and computer. You may call, text, or email me at any time with your questions. A picture or several pictures are worth 1000 words, especially with diseases, so feel free to snap a couple with your phone and send them to me, regardless of how you'd like to contact me.

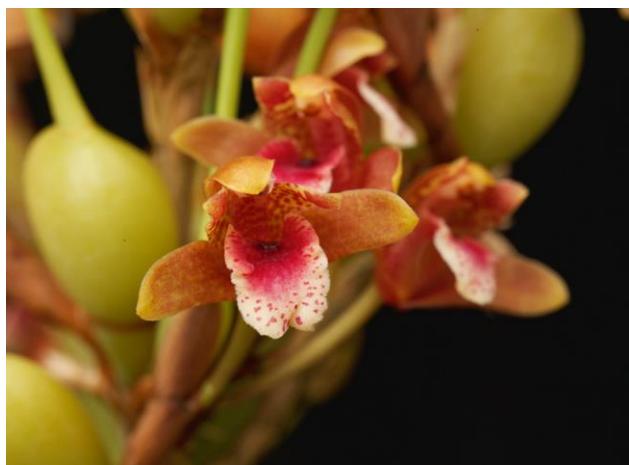
Here's my contact information: Pamlarocco@hotmail.com; 502-664-2355

Miss all you so

Pam LaRocco

January Show & Tell Gallery

Kentucky Orchid Society members and visitors brought their flowering orchids for Show & Tell. Thank you to Stu Fleischaker for photographing the orchids.







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