



ORCHID NEWS

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The President's Corner

Letter from the President:

Spring is here - I hope.. 🌱 and I can't wait to move my orchids outside.

My hardy ground orchids have started popping up! I've had to cover them several times to protect them from freezing so I hope I get to see some blooms soon.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 12 at All Peoples Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Road. Beginners Corner, The Plant Doctor and social time start at 6:15 pm followed by the business meeting and our educational session. This will be followed by Show and Tell (bring your blooming plants to show off!!) and the plant raffle. As always, it will be an interesting,

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informative and fun meeting. I hope to see all of you there. If you can't attend in person, please see the Zoom link provided and join us on your computer or phone.

KOS won second place for our display at the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society spring show. Many, many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to provide blooming plants, set up and take down the display and provide transportation for orchids and equipment. (See pictures and article below)

Speaking of orchid shows, the Central Indiana Orchid Society Show will be held on April 22-23 at Garfield Park Conservatory in Indianapolis. Once again, KOS will have a display and we need your blooming plants. We will discuss the details at the upcoming meeting.

The Paristown Garden Show is Saturday, April 8. It will be set up along Brent Street in Louisville. KOS will have an information table and we need 1 or 2 volunteers to support our organization and provide information about Orchids and membership. You don't have to be an orchid expert, just an orchid lover. There is information on their website at The Fleur de Flea. Please let me know if you can help us out and volunteer for a couple hours.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Deanna Day, President
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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

This month we start a series of presentations by our own KOS members. Members will present the way they grow orchids and may let us share in some of their secrets!

We start the series of with Larry Atwood, who has been growing orchids for many years. Was first a member of the Cincinnati orchid society but upon retirement moved to southern Indiana and is now an attending member of KOS as well. Larry always brings great looking and blooming plants to the meetings hence he is doing something right! Anyway, he will tell us about growing in his home under lights and also in a grow tent in his garage.

Next month we will have a presentation by two members who grow in a greenhouse and in June we will learn, how one can transform a basement to an orchid growing space!

This month we also have another show to attend, the Indianapolis show (22-23 April) in Garfield Conservatory.

Beginners Corner will have a look at pots! We all know that orchids do not naturally grow in pots, but still, we force them to do so, what choices do we have to help them adjust quickly and properly?

Our first show has taken place and again members brought back ribbons! Congratulations to all who submitted plants and made it a success.

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President
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KOS April Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month

Date: April 12th, 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: April 12, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 491 155 1123

Passcode: 021021

March Meeting Minutes

KOS Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2023

Attendance: Approx. 25 members attended.

February meeting minutes approved by the membership.

Treasurer's report approved by the membership.

Old Business:

1. DUES: 2023 Dues are due before we can print the updated directory.
2. S. Locascio/ Jan Smith reviewed the plans for the Louisville Home and Garden Show - March 10-12
3. President Day reminded membership of the upcoming Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society spring show - March 25-26, Set-up will be March 24 - Stephen Benjamin will set up, bring blooming plants to Jan's house on or before March 23. Sunday March 26 tear down - Deanna Day, Danetta Willis. Great show to see -vendors, lectures, demos, ribbons

New Business:

1. President Day announced participation in Central Indiana Orchid Society show & sale - April 22-23 Indianapolis, Set up will be April 21. We need a chair for setup & teardown.
2. President Day announced a reminder of the Locust Grove Gardener's Fair - Saturday & Sunday May 13th & 14th 2023 10:00 am-4:30, Linda Solley-Kanipe is chair. Member/volunteers needed to run the show. We will be selling orchids from Hawaii once again.
3. Paristown Garden Show - April 8, 9:00-6:00 - free, Brent St. Louisville, outdoors, info only, demo possibly. Need several people to work!

SPEAKER: Anne-Marie introduced Ray Barkolov using Zoom & speaking on "Semi- Hydroponic Orchid Growing" - using clay balls.

SHOW & TELL

RAFFLE & Adjourn

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Show & Tell Winners - March 2023

Fanelli:

1st Place: Lc. Gold Digger (Ctt. Red Gold x Ctt. Warpaint)

- Carla Cates

Topmiller:

1st Place: Phal. Unknown

- Larry Atwood

2nd Place: Scaphyglottis prolifera

- Anne-Marie Blancquaert

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 4:30 Sunday and of course, working in the booth selling orchids and providing information to visitors.

I will be sending out Sign-Up sheets in April for set up, working in the booth and break down after the event is over.

We will have 2 shifts each day working in the booth: 9:30 - 1:00 and 12:30 - 5:00

Please consider signing up for a shift; it's a great way to get to know members better AND it's FUN! When your shift is over or before it begins you can wander around the event and visit some of the great vendors who are also there.

Louisville Home, Garden & Remodeling Show

March 10-12, 2023

KOS had a booth at the Louisville Home, Garden & Remodeling show where we sold orchids and provided information on culture and membership. Thanks to Sal Locascio and Jan Smith for coordinating everything and to all who volunteered to work the show. The remaining orchids will be sold for a discount at our next meeting.



KOS at the Cincinnati Orchid Show

By Jan Smith

The Kentucky Orchid Society entered an orchid display at the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Spring Show, which received a red ribbon and contained many ribbon winning plants. It was a very successful show for KOS. Our display received a red ribbon. There were 8 members of KOS who contributed a total of 37 plants, 28 of which were awarded at least one ribbon! Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all those who helped with "set-up" and "take down" of the display! (Stephen Benjamin, Deanna and Bob Day, Danetta and Rick Willias, Jan Smith and husband John Roberts)

The display included two Best of Class winners:

Cattlianthe Gold Digger (Carla Cates) -- Best of Cattleya Alliance; also the recipient of the Betty Forker Award, one of special awards given at the spring show by GCOS

Dendrobium Red Emperor 'Ember' (Karen Bloom) -- Best of the Dendrobiums

Ribbon winners:

Heather Pollard -- Phal. japonica (white)

Danetta Willias -- Phal. no ID (white)

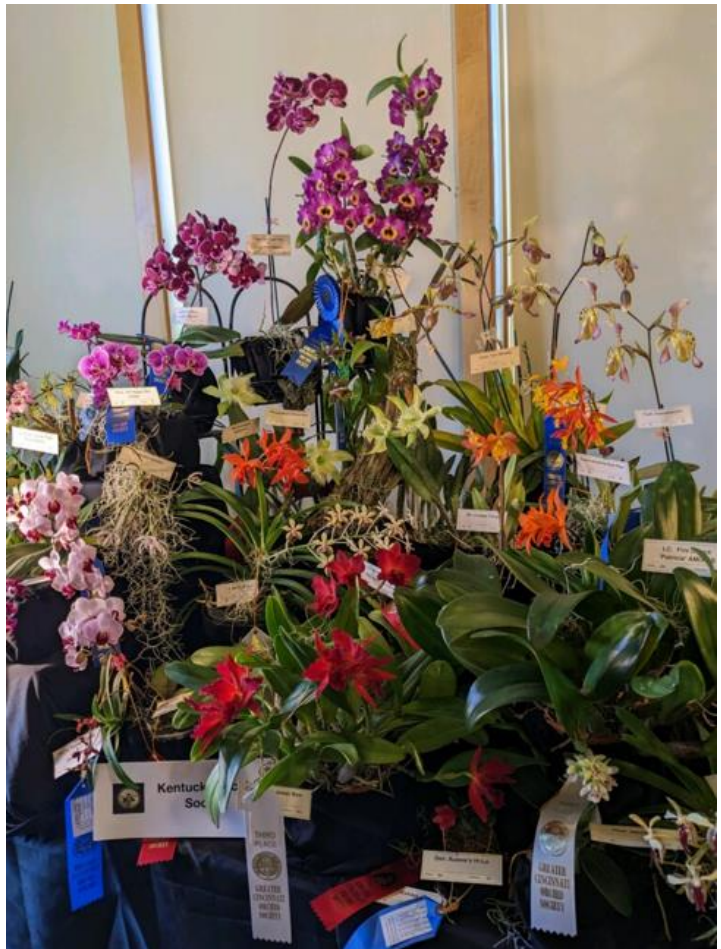
Larry Atwood (one red, two white) -- V. paki (blue), Phal. no ID, purple w/ big lip (blue), Phal. no ID, pink multifloral (blue); Pot. Forbidden Love (red), Phal. no ID, mini purple (white)

Carla Cates -- Cattlianthe Gold Digger (BOC), Cattlianthe Jewel Box (white)

Karen Bloom -- Den. Red Emperor (BOC), Pot. Forbidden Love (red), Pot. Martha Clarke x Starfire Ruben's (red), Pot. Dick Smith (white)

Jan Smith -- Paph. Toni Semple (blue), Phal. Ox Happy Girl (blue), Phal. Louilin Sparrow 'Taida Violet Butterfly' (blue), Phal. Little Gem Stripes (red), Galeopentalum Starburst (red), Den. bracteosum x tanii (white), Den. unicum (white)

Stephen Benjamin -- Rhynch. digbyana B (blue), Guar.Red Star (blue), Sarco. Kulnara Rusty x Parma (blue), Den. Aussie's Hi-Lo (blue), Rhynch. digbyana A (red)



Check out our Facebook page and the website at kyorchidsociety.com for more pictures!

Will it Have Been Worth the Wait?

By Anne-Marie Blancquaert

As my greenhouse was in the process of being populated, I was looking to expand my collection. The collection had suffered a major blow when we had first gotten in southern Indiana because of our water softener and growing in Wardian cases limited the kind of orchids one can easily grow.

At the Kentucky Orchid Show in 2008 I purchased from Eric Michael (Hoosier Orchids at the time) a small *Encyclia dickinsoniana x edithiana*. Eric told me that before it would bloom it should become a rather large plant.

The plant liked the conditions in the greenhouse and took off growing. Pretty soon it outgrew the cork slab and remembering what I was told, mounted it on a rather large slab. I could not remove the plant from the small slab, so it all got mounted on the large slab. And still it grew!

Needing a lot of light the mount was hung on the outermost south east corner (greenhouse: lean-to to the garage, faces east with a glass wall with door on the south side; brick wall on the north side). The plant was doing very well and kept on growing but no flowers. It now reached the top of the large slab!

With the cold spells we've been having these past few winters, we assumed that the north wall, a decorative stone wall (which makes the double garage look larger but also a nice decorative finish), would be hollow brick and decided to insulate this wall by attaching a two-inch sheet of Styrofoam. I did lose 'hanging space', but gained lots of heat. All of a sudden, the north side is the warmer side of the greenhouse.

Being a warm grower, the mount was moved to the NE part of the greenhouse and hung close to the grow light. (Our winters do lack sufficient light for many orchids and since I use an insulating tarp during the winter, which cuts down the light by 25%, we hung grow lights, a few still fluorescent but most LED).

Late February I noticed something sticking straight up from the nice fat pseudobulb, a flower spike!

I took the first picture on the 5th of March and the spike was 18 cm. I had to move the slab lower because it got too close to the light.

On the 22nd March the spike was 33 cm and it still keeps on growing!



18 cm spike on 5th March.



33 cm spike on 22th March

What will the flowers look like? Have not been able to find anything about this cross nor have I found a picture. Tried the RHS but nothing showed for the cross.

I did find on <http://www.orchidspecies.com/> a picture from each of the parents, and looking at the pictures do wonder why this cross was made. The growing requirements are the same for both, warm, bright light but no direct sun. Dickinsoniana hails from Mexico, Guatemala and central America, while edithiana hails from Brazil. Both bloom spring into summer. Both are fragrant!

And now we wait! Monitor regularly if all is still as it should be. Spike keeps growing and the mount may be moved even lower, who knows?

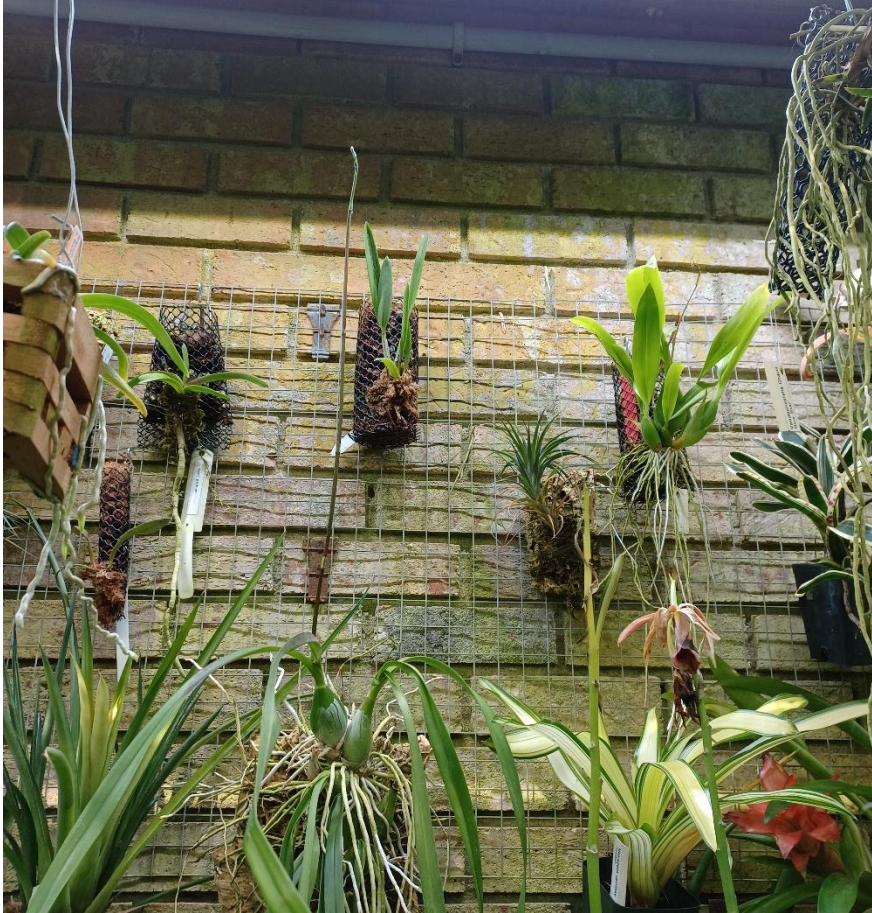
Below is a picture of each of the parents, it is anyone's guess what the cross will look like!? After 15 years we may finally know!

Stay tuned!



(Pictures are from Orchidspecies.com)

Before submitting this article, today (28th March) took another picture since yesterday I had to move the mount down some more. The spike again reached the light. I start wondering if we are playing a game here, does the spike keep growing towards the light because I move the mount away from the light or is it that this cross develops such long spikes?



43 cm spike on 28th March

Anne-Marie Blancquaert

Mid America Orchid Congress (MAOC) meeting

By Anne-Marie Blancquaert

Sunday 12th March 2023. Donna Lipowicz presented.

PowerPoint presentation of the different functions in an orchid society/orchid structure. How to get and keep new members and looking at the different positions within a society that new members could be involved in.

Different societies had different approaches about getting new members and keeping them engaged. Some societies managed to recruit 50 new members! That was the maximum, most had 3-6 new members. As of yet it was not known how many would keep attending meetings since most societies had just begun their community activities.

It was agreed on in the discussion that new people want to learn how to grow orchids, hence culture talks are of most value.

Keeping them engaged can be done in different ways, some societies offer new members an orchid plant when they pay their membership for the first time. Others teach them how to mount an orchid providing the bark and ordering seedlings, and for a nominal fee they walk out with a mounted orchid. (Stephen has done that in our society last year). KOS has its yearly project plant.

Don't forget the use of the AOS webinars as there is a lot of information there that can be accessed for free to member societies. (Donna mentioned the webinar: Visiting the Huntington Gardens orchid collection).

Also, there are 16 presentations on the MAOC website under the heading 'Education'. All the way down on the screen page, most of them are via YouTube and some deal with growing certain types of orchids.

<https://midamericanorchids.org/education>

Facebook page of MAOC.

Donna updated on the snow damage at the Buffalo Botanic Gardens. They lost more than \$10,000 worth of orchids. There is insurance for about \$7,000. They will be doing a campaign so that in the new design of the botanic garden they will be able to have a 'Victorian Orchid Collection in a Victorian Greenhouse'. Looking at 2024-2025 to get it all done. M. Chadwick will help with getting them some of the Cattleya species they lost. Overall, they are very happy with the help they received from other societies and thanked everyone for their contributions.

From all the attending societies one was picked to receive a talk by Fred Clarke, paid for by MAOC. Winner was MVOS!

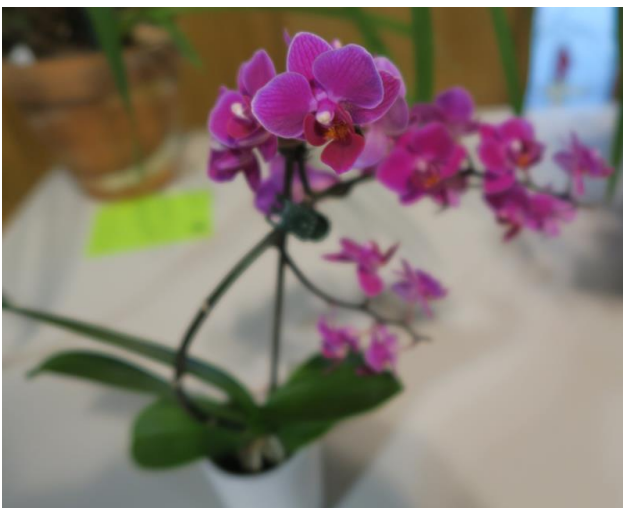
Meeting was kept to one hour!

Anne-Marie Blancquaert attended.

March Show & Tell Gallery

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





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