



ORCHID NEWS

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The President's Corner

Letter from the President:

In place of our regular July meeting, we will be having our annual summer party! We're hoping everyone will attend. The party is July 22 at the home of Sal Locascio, 371 Terry Drive, Shepherdsville, KY 40165. If you need to talk to Sal, his phone # is (502) 645-5403. The party starts at 2:00 pm and will end when Sal kicks us out! Thanks you so much to Sal for volunteering his home for this event. KOS will supply ice, cups, soft drinks, lemonade, and tea. Feel free to bring additional beverages of your choice. We'd also like you to bring a snack if you can. We will all share the "munchies" so bring your favorite! If it's something unusual, you might want to bring the recipe to share.

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We will have an Orchid auction at the party. If you have duplicate plants or Orchids you would like to donate to the auction for any reason, please bring them! Bring a card with the plant name (if known), a short description of the plant's culture requirements and a description (or photo) of the flowers. Oh, and bring along a little cash, too! We have had auctions in the past and they are always fun and entertaining. It's a great way to trim down your collection and help make a little money for the club!

I hope to see all of you at the party. Parking may be at a slight premium so feel free to car-pool with other members. See you on July 22!

Deanna Day, President
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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

As we are starting the second half of 2023, let's take a minute to review what all has happened in the first half.

Our society has had a very successful first half with two successful garden events at which lots of information and orchid plants were handed out and sold. A few informational events helped spread the word about orchid growing, our society, and helped attract new members. The crown of the first half was of course the three orchid shows we entered/attended as a society and brought back many ribbons and "firsts".

Thanks to all who worked at the events, entered plants and helped with the set-up and break-down, it takes many to pull all this off!

For July we will not have a regular meeting, but a get together to celebrate summer, orchids, and each other's company. Sal has graciously volunteered to host all of us at his home, this will be on Saturday the 22nd of July, driving instructions will be published in the newsletter.

In August we will take up our program again, where members introduce us to how and where they grow their award-winning orchids. Jan Smith will discuss the building of her greenhouse and, like with all 'construction', the trials and tribulations of dealing with a construction event! This is also the month of Orchid Fest in Dayton (25-27th August).

As far as orchid growing goes for the rest of the summer, mostly everyone's orchids are at summer camp, being outside makes watering and tending easier in many ways, but can bring challenges sometimes. I allowed three cute baby bunnies in our garden earlier in the spring, these have now grown and taken a liking to the orchids that were sitting on the ground in the summer house. Small cymbidiums and even the *Ludisia discolor* made for tasty treats. Found space on the bench and all is well. Even rabbit tastes evolve!

Let's not forget that a Carolina wren built a nest in my *Coelogyne cristata*. At one point it had five eggs, it must have been raided, there are only two eggs left and the nest seems deserted now. I have not touched it, maybe they will come back?

Happy summer!



Coelogyne cristata with Carolina wren nest made out of white pine needles.

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President
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KOS July Meeting

Annual Summer Party

Date: Saturday, July 22th, 2023

Time: 2:00pm

Format: In-person

Location: Sal's House. 371 Terry Drive, Shepherdsville, KY 40165.

Directions from Louisville: Take I-65 South to exit 112 - Bernheim Forest Exit. Turn LEFT off the exit and drive approx. 1 mile past the Valero station to PLENMAR Drive. TURN RIGHT onto PLENMAR and go back about 1 ¼ mile to TERRY Dr. Go LEFT. Follow the curve to the 5th house on the left. 371 is on the mailbox post. Park on the street anywhere, or park in the driveway if you don't mind being blocked in by other cars.

June Meeting Minutes

KOS Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2023

Attendance: Approx. 23 members attended.

May meeting minutes approved by the membership.

Treasurer's report (Linda) not available this month.

New Business:

1. Linda Solley-Kanipe was chair of the Locust Grove Fest. She thanked all the members who gave their time to make this a great success. We sold 92 of the 100 plants that were brought in for the show. Sales after expenses were \$1081. Thank you to all that participated.

2. President Day announced a reminder that there will not be a meeting in July but that our annual afternoon picnic will be held at Sal Locascio's home from 2pm - ?. Date is Saturday July 22nd. Please bring your favorite snack to share and your beverage of choice.

3. The KOS NEW SHOW DATES ARE 10/6, 7, & 8. Mark your Calendars!

SPEAKER: Anne-Marie introduced member Pam LaRocco who spoke about building and lighting her own basement Greenhouse. Thank you for a great presentation.

SHOW & TELL

RAFFLE

Adjourn - 8:30pm

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Show & Tell Winners - June 2023

Topmiller:

- 1st Place: Howeara Lava Burst 'Pacific Sunset'
(Parents: Lsz. Mini-Primi x Rdza. Lanceolata)
- Larry Atwood
- 2nd Place: C. Valda X Brassavola nodosa
- Jim Lardner

Fanelli Topmiller:

- 1st Place: Paph. Lime Twist
(Parents: P. Key Lime x P. philippinense)
- Larry Atwood
- 2nd Place: Rlc. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua'
(Parents: Rlc. Peach Cobbler x C. Penny Kuroda)
- Larry Atwood

Plant Doctor/ Beginner's Corner

By Pam LaRocco

Those ugly brown-black spots! Where do they come from? I used to believe that it was impossible to grow orchids outside during the summer without getting the tiny brown spots that they got every year. One summer I got fungus all over my narrow leaved phrags and brassia. It's taken 3 years to get rid of the old plant leaves and those spots with them. And what about those bigger spots on dendrobiums, maxallaria, and bulbos to name a few?

Most of these are due to fungal or bacterial or both infecting the leaves of our plants. Some stay just on the leaves making a mess and causing premature death of the leaf. Some become systemic (go all through the plants systems). In the case of orchids, their leaves experience micro sunburns on the surfaces exposed to light. Bacteria and fungus invade the burned areas too tiny for us to see, and next comes tiny brown spots. The combination of water, temperature and humidity are responsible for most of the rest.

Lately, our hot days, cool nights, and lots of rain have produced the perfect conditions for the fungus and bacteria among us to take advantage of our plants, long before we will become aware. Once those spots come, leaf death is the only way to get rid of the mess, though treatment will stop the spread.

PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE!

While nothing will kill every single one of these infections, Physan 20 (NOT Physan 27) diluted at 2 tsp. per gallon, sprayed monthly as a preventative is worth the effort and positive outcome! It will not cure or kill Black Rot but does most other fungus and bacteria common to orchids if caught early. For me it has cut out almost all new infections. Yes, I do see spots occasionally on dying leaves. That's normal. It's relatively safe where chemicals are concerned if used according to the label, and also acts as a disinfectant. It's available on Amazon and at New Earth as well as a couple of the big garden centers in the city.

The time to act is now! Don't wait for the spots to come.

Happy Growing

Pam

June 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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