



ORCHID NEWS

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The President's Corner

Letter from the President:

I hope all of you had a great Memorial Day holiday. As we move into summer, many of us will be putting our orchids outside until fall. Let's hope we have lots of sunshine and good weather to help us get beautiful blooms this fall.

Our orchid sale at the Locust Grove Gardeners fair was a huge success. We sold all but 9 plants and talked to lots and lots of people about growing healthy, blooming orchids. It was a great weekend! Thanks to all who volunteered - it is truly you who made this event such a success! Special thanks to Linda Solley-Kanipe who chaired the event.

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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

Summer is finally here, notwithstanding the chilly night temperatures we still have the end of May. All the orchids are outside, enjoying nature's breezes.

Our next meeting will be on June 14th at All Peoples Unitarian Church. We have another good presentation planned and will also have show and tell and a plant raffle. Please plan to arrive at 6:30. Unfortunately, we didn't have anyone sign up to bring drinks and ice so everyone will need to bring their own beverage. If you would like to volunteer to provide beverages, cups, and ice, please contact the snack chair Ann Schatzinger (anncschatzinger@gmail.com). We will ask for more volunteers to sign up at the meeting.

Our July meeting will be a picnic at Sal Locascio's house. The date is Saturday July 15th from 2:00 p.m. until ?? We're calling it a "Munchie Potluck". Please bring whatever you would like to drink and, if you would like, a munchie to share with the group. This is a casual event so come and have fun. Sal's address is 371 Terry Drive, Shepherdsville, KY 40165. We are considering having a plant auction at the party. Members would need to donate plants to the auction - duplicates, divisions, or perhaps plants that you are just tired of. We will talk more about it at the meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting and also at the party in July.

Deanna Day, President
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This is the active growing time for most orchids, keep watering and fertilizing so the new growths are strong and have lots of energy for setting flower spikes!

Memorial Day, start of the summer season and plans are made for travel. There currently are no orchid shows in June or July close-by, so we can all breathe a little easier. (Orchid Fest is scheduled for the end of August). We have the summer months to relax and plan for our own show in October.

This month we continue our series of our society members introducing us to their way of growing orchids with Pam LaRocco showing us how she has adapted her basement for orchid growing. The month of July will be our get together, instead of our yearly picnic we had pre-covid. Sal has again volunteered to host a party in his house for all our members, more information on that at this month's meeting. The get-together will be on Saturday the 15th of July.

See you at the meeting on the 14th of June!

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President
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KOS June Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month

Date: June 14th, 2023

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

Format: In-person

Location: All Peoples Unitarian Church, 4936
Brownsboro Rd, Louisville, KY 40222

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

SPEAKER: Anne-Marie introduced member Janet
Crafts & her husband Brian who spoke about
building and lighting your own basement
Greenhouse. Thank you two for a great
presentation.

SHOW & TELL

RAFFLE

Adjourn - 8:30pm

Sal Locascio, Recording Secretary
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May Meeting Minutes

KOS Meeting Minutes, May 10, 2023

Attendance: Approx. 27 members attended.

April meeting minutes approved by the
membership.

Treasurer's report (Linda) approved by the
membership.

New Business:

1. President Day announced participation in
Central Indiana Orchid Society show & sale -
April 22-23 Indianapolis Garfield Park. KOS was
awarded a ribbon for our overall display and
approx. 24 ribbons were awarded to members
who submitted plants for judging.
Congratulations to the winners.

2. President Day announced a reminder of the
Locust Grove Gardener's Fair - Saturday &
Sunday May 13th & 14th 2023 10:00am - 4:30pm.
Linda Solley-Kanipe is the chair. Members/
volunteers needed to run the show. We will be
selling orchids from Hawaii once again.

Show & Tell Winners - May 2023

Fanelli:

1st Place: Beallara Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'
- Larry Atwood

1st Place (tie): Brat. Charles M. Fitch x Onc.
Fremar

- Larry Atwood

2nd Place: Cattleytonia Unknown- Peach color
- Anne-Marie Blancquaert

Topmiller:

1st Place: Neofinetia falcata
- Larry Atwood

2nd Place: Neofinetia falcata 'Shutennou'
- Jan Smith

Locust Grove Gardener's Fair

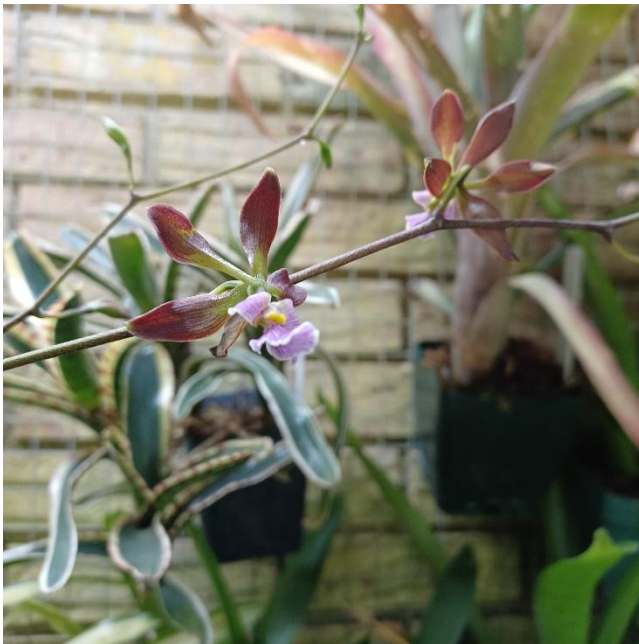
KOS had a booth at the Locust Grove Gardener's Fair on May 13th & 14th and sold orchids from Hawaii! It was successful both in selling plants and in introducing the public to orchids and KOS. We had great volunteers who worked hard all weekend talking about orchids and how to care for them, as well as inviting folks to come to our meetings and learn more. We also had really nice plants and sold all but 9 plants out of the more than 100 orchids we bought. A special thanks to everyone who helped us set up and break down our booth and to all of the members who worked in the booth. It was great fun for all!



The Wait is Over! End of May 2023

By Anne-Marie Blancquaert

On the morning of the 22nd of May, the first flower of the Encyclia cross I told you all about, opened up. The spike is now 112 cm (about 44 inches) and looks rather bare. The flowers are spaced rather far apart, not sure if that is normal or not. As of 1st of June there are 12 potential flowers, three of which are currently open.



Flowers fully open on the 26th of May



Flowers open on 1st of June. It is currently the only plant in the greenhouse, the spike is way too long to move about.

For reference. The parents of the cross once again. It got the lip from edithiana and the colour of dickinsoniana, at least somewhat!

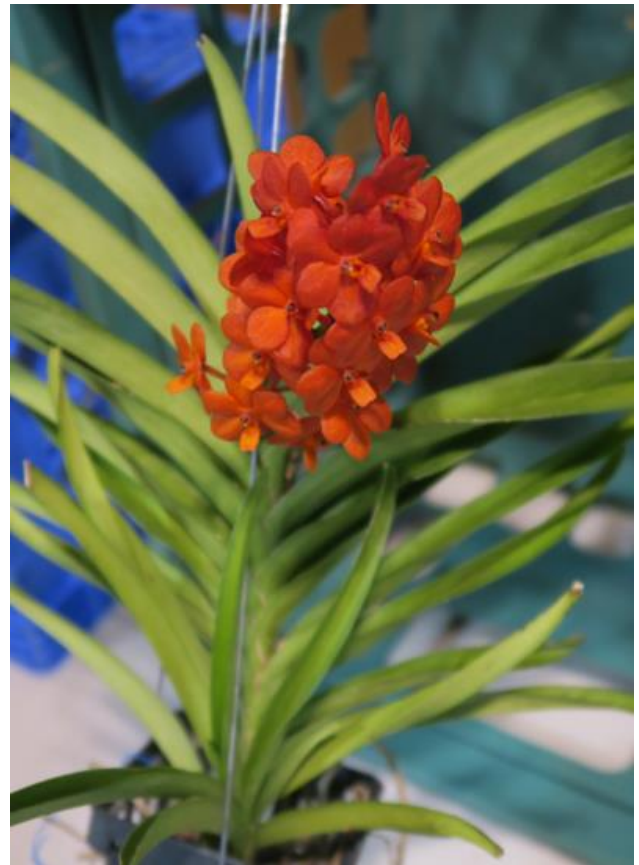
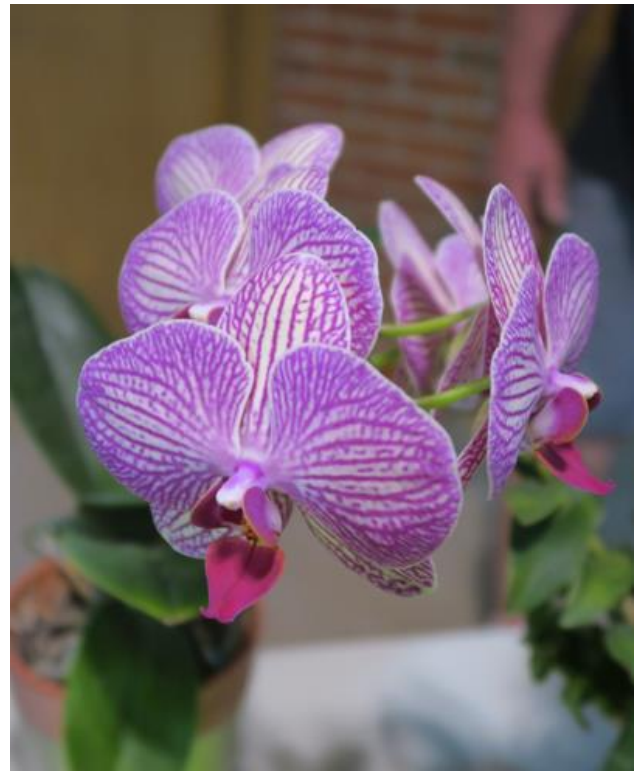


Anne-Marie Blancquaert.

May 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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