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# ORCHID NEWS

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Kentucky Orchid Society, Inc.  
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## The President's Corner

*Letter from the President:*

By the time we have our May meeting on Wednesday May 10, Derby will be over and we can concentrate on the upcoming KOS event at Locust Grove! The Locust Grove Gardener's Fair is the weekend of May 13-14 and is one of our biggest events. We will need lots of volunteers. Linda Solley-Kanipe is the chairperson and has all the details which we will discuss at the meeting. If you have never attended this event, you should seriously consider it, especially if you're a gardener.

I heard lots of good feedback about the meeting last month. It seems that everyone enjoyed the presentation by our member, Larry Atwood. We have another member presentation this month!

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We can all gain knowledge from our fellow members. I would also like to spend some time at this meeting talking about the Show & Tell plants. I think there is lots of value in hearing how members have raised their plants and gotten them to bloom. I certainly won't ask anyone who doesn't feel comfortable to speak in front of the group. But, if you're willing to say a few words about your plant(s) and how what you did to get them to bloom, we would love to hear from you. So bring your bloomers to Show & Tell and perhaps you can give everyone some growing tips!

Just a reminder, we'd like you to arrive by 6:45 pm. The front doors remain open until then for your easy access. I am always there early (as are several other members) but any and all are welcome to come early and help set up. We will have a plant raffle and, as always, some snacks and drinks available for everyone to share. I hope to see all of you there.

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## The Vice President's Corner

*Letter from the Vice President:*

KOS has so far participated in two orchid shows and in each of them has done remarkably well. Our members do grow a variety of different genera which bloom at different times so there will always be some ready for the show! Congratulations to all who entered plants for the Central Indiana Orchid Society show in April. If I'm not mistaken, 36 plants were entered and we returned with 28 ribbons! Now our members are

setting their sights on the Memphis show in May (19-21 of May).

May is the month that the weather will stabilize, and we no longer will face those temperature swings (we hope!). After Derby weekend we should be able to start moving our collections outside and allow them to enjoy abundant fresh air and Mother Nature's watering! Any last repotting can be done at that time as well. Most orchids will go into a period of intense growing hence watering and fertilizing need adjusting to accommodate these growth spurts. Careful at first when moving the plants outside, the sun can be intense! Find some spots where the intense sun at midday does not damage your plants and slowly adjust the ones that can take more light.

Depending on where your orchid collection resides, be it windowsill, grow tent, adapted basement or greenhouse, those places can now be 'aired out' and thoroughly cleaned to be ready to once again welcome all the orchids back in the fall.

We continue our series on members introducing us to their way of growing orchids. Janet Craft will talk and show us her greenhouse and growing space.

Happy orchid growing and see you at the meeting!

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President  
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# KOS May Meeting

*Second Wednesday of the Month*

Date: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

## April Meeting Minutes

*KOS Meeting Minutes, April 12, 2023*

Attendance: Approx. 27 members attended.

March meeting minutes approved by the membership.

Treasurer's report approved by the membership.

### Old Business:

1. Linda mentioned the donation of \$250 made to the Buffalo, NY Botanical because of their winter storm losses around Christmas time.
2. S. Locascio/Linda Solley reviewed the Paristown event in Louisville last Saturday where we provided club information. Thank you to Jen Koi for her help as well.

### New Business:

1. President Day announced participation in Central Indiana Orchid Society show & sale - April 22-23 Indianapolis Garfield Park (exit 109

off I-65) Set up will be - April 21. S. Benjamin/A-M Blancquaert and D. Willias will setup and S. Benjamin, A-M Blancquaert, D. Willias, S. Locascio & J. Crafts will breakdown on Sunday after five.

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. The KOS new show dates are 10/6, 7, & 8. Mark your Calendars!

SPEAKER: Anne-Marie introduced member Larry Atwood speaking on "Growing Orchids in the Home". Thanks Larry.

SHOW & TELL

RAFFLE

Adjourn - 8:30pm

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# 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–4:30 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 sent out Sign-Up sheets 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.

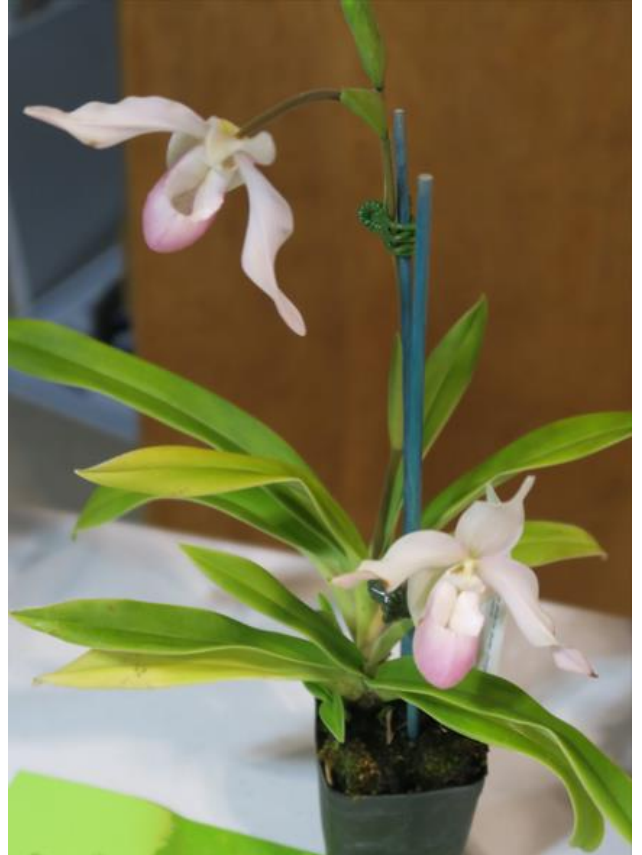
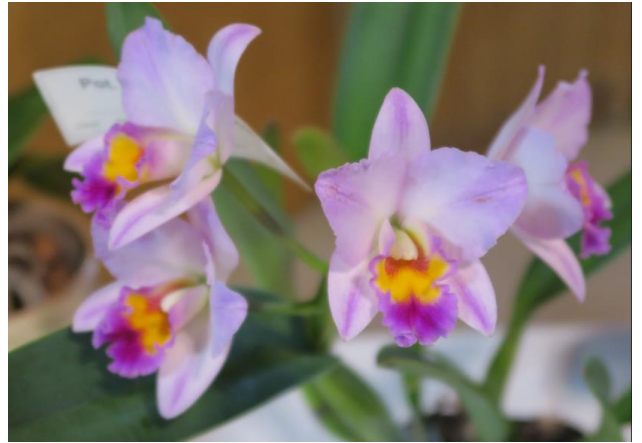
For more information, please contact Linda Solley-Kanipe at 502-648-6496.

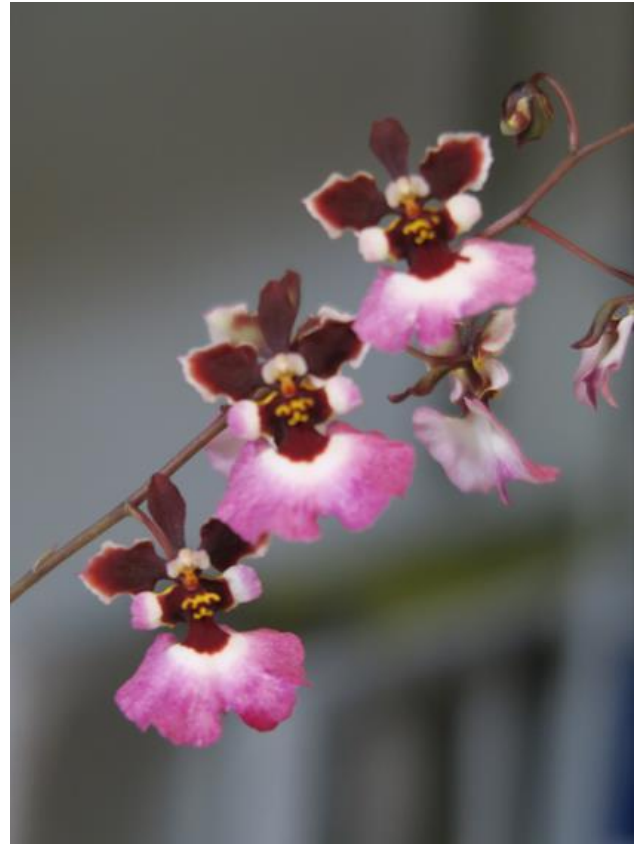
## March Show & Tell Gallery

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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