



ORCHID NEWS

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The President's Corner

Letter from the President:

Happy 4th of July to all! I hope you enjoyed the holiday with family and friends. For some reason, despite the heat, my orchids have been putting on quite the show. It's been fun to see so many unexpected blooms and bursts of color under my shade cloth. Speaking of shade cloth, I really enjoyed the email thread that circulated through our KOS membership concerning summering orchids outside in the heat.

Several of our members had innovative ways of sheltering them from the summer sun. I find it so interesting that these beautiful plants have such a bad reputation for being fussy when they

demonstrate in so many ways their ability to be flexible and adapt to the varied conditions we provide them with.

The big topic for July is Picnic & Auction month! This year our hostess will be Debbie Hanna. The club will provide the barbeque and buns, utensils, and paper goods. Members, please bring your favorite side or dessert to share with the group and a beverage of choice (non-alcoholic please). Also, if you plan to bring an orchid for the auction, please send a picture of the flower and the name to me at least 1 week before so I can generate a handout to be emailed to our members. Please RSVP to Deanna Day so the meat can be ordered. Here's all you need to know:

Date: Saturday, July 27, 2024

Place: 1713 West Moody La, LaGrange, Ky 40031

Time: 1 pm

RSVP: Deanna Day deanna7736@yahoo.com , 502-909-6388

Auction Plant info: Pamlarocco@hotmail.com , 502-664-2355

RSVP & email photos by July 20th

Lastly, our meeting this month is Wednesday, July 10th at 6:15pm, beginning with social time, Plant Doctor, and Beginning's Corner. Hope to see everyone at the All Peoples Church on Brownsboro Rd for a great program, raffle, and so much more.

Pam LaRocco, President
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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

Happy Fourth of July everyone!

The weather has been rather hot this past June, frequent watering or misting for the orchids at summer camp, outside! What July will bring is still a question mark.

Once outside there are natural predators for some of our orchid pests, but it is still good practice to keep an eye open and be ready for action if needed. Regular fertilizing as most orchids are actively growing now. Lack of rain may mean that city water will be used for watering. Oh well, such is life!

July will be a busy month. We do have a speaker; details follow and our regular programs of each meeting.

- Beginner's Corner: Top ten signs your orchids are happy
- Show and tell
- Raffle

The Plant doctor will not be on call for this meeting.

Our picnic will be held on the 27th of July at Debbie Hanna's home, starting around 2 pm. (1713 West Moody Lane, LaGrange, KY 40031). At our picnic we will have an auction of orchid plants from members to raise some funds for the society. Details will be given at the meeting.

Walking on the Wild Side - Select Native Orchids in Common Between Kentucky and Indiana, is the title of Michael Homoya's talk.

Michael Homoya served as Botanist/Plant Ecologist for the Indiana Department of

Natural Resources, Division of Nature Preserves for 37 years before retiring in 2019. He has written over 75 scientific papers, popular articles, and books about Indiana's natural features, including *Orchids of Indiana*; *Wildflowers and Ferns of Indiana Forests: A Field Guide*; *Wake Up, Woods*; and *Wildflowers of the Midwest* (with co-author Scott Namestnik). Homoya is a Fellow and former president of the Indiana Academy of Science as well as board member and immediate past president of the Indiana Native Plant Society. He is currently an adjunct faculty member in biology at Marian University. In 2019 Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb awarded him the Sagamore of the Wabash for his contributions to preserve Indiana's natural heritage. Other honors include the Indiana Academy of Science Distinguished Scholar Award, the Distinguished Career Public Service Award from Conservation Law Center, and the Barbara J. Restle Lifetime Conservation Award from Sycamore Land Trust.

Instead of plants we will have books for sale. Here is a list of the plant books which Mike authored or coauthored and their prices that will be offered.

- *Wildflowers of the Midwest* \$30
- *Wildflowers and Ferns of Indiana Forests: A Field Guide* \$24
- *Orchids of Indiana* \$25
- *Wake Up, Woods* \$20
- *Wildflower laminated folding guides (several titles for different regions of the country, including Midwest and Southeast)* \$8
- *Natural Heritage of Indiana* \$30

Hope to see all of you at the July 10th meeting!

Happy orchid growing!

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President
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KOS July Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month

Date: July 10, 2024

Time: Beginner's Corner & Social time - 6:15pm
Business meeting - 6:30pm
Speaker - 7:00pm

Format: In-person and on Zoom

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

Zoom Meeting: Topic: KOS Admin's Zoom Meeting
Time: Jul 10, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4911551123?pwd=ZnV2b3VFR3dSYUFnUlcwU2hEVjR2UT09&omn=87356105851>

Meeting ID: 491 155 1123

Passcode: 021021

June Meeting Minutes

KOS Meeting Minutes, June 13, 2024

Twenty-Seven members were in attendance.

1. Minutes - approved by the membership.
2. Treasurer's Report - report approved by membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Linda Solley-Kanipe thanked all who attended and worked the Locust Grove Festival which was a great success.
2. S. Benjamin thanked all those that sent plants to the Memphis Show. We earned many ribbons for our efforts.
3. D. Day passed around signup sheets for snacks for upcoming meetings.

4. July Picnic update: will be at Debbie Hanna's home on 7/27/24 starting at 1 pm.

Members should bring a side dish and BYOB (no alcohol). Club will provide BBQ. Divisions and plants for auction will be available.

5. J. Smith provided updates for our Sept. Show. KOS SHOW DATE will be 9/27, 28 & 29 - Mark your calendars.

NEW BUISNESS:

6. Pres. LaRocco announced that a Beginner Orchid Seminar will be presented by Jan Smith at Waterfront Garden. All are invited on 7/15/24 @1pm.

7. The Ohio Valley Orchid Fest dates are 8/24-25 Sat. 9-5, Sun. 11-3.

8. Pres. LaRocco announced 2 Show Dates: Knoxville Smokey Mtn 9/6-9 and Columbus, Ohio 10/18-20.

9. MAOC affiliate info: AOS contact J. Smith, MAOC contact S. Benjamin & Orchid Digest contact Pam LaRocco

10. VP Anne-Marie announced tentative upcoming schedule of Speakers for the rest of the year. She introduced Pam speaking on behalf of Deanna Day's NOPEs garden walk last month. Thank you, Pam.

SHOW & TELL: Conducted by J. smith.

RAFFLE

Adjourn - 8:30 pm

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Show & Tell Winners - June 2024

1st Place: Phrag. Jason Fischer

- Anne-Marie Blanquaert

2nd Place: Iwan Apple Blossom

- Larry Atwood

3rd Place: Mps. Mini Pearl 'Red Hot'

- Jim Lardner

Upcoming Events

KOS Picnic & Auction: July 27 at 1pm.

Ohio Valley Orchid Fest: August 23 (Set-up), 24 (9-5pm), & 25 (11-3pm)

Smokey Mountain Orchid Show: Sept. 6 (Set-up), 7 & 8

KOS Orchid Show: Sept. 27 (Set-up), 28 & 29

Columbus Orchid Show Oct 18 (Set-up), 19 & 20

For additional event info. Please consult the respective websites.

June Show & Tell Gallery

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





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