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The President's Corner

Letter from the President:

What a glorious beginning to summer we have had. Despite the couple of fierce storms, my orchids are all outside and flourishing. It's so good to see them green and shiny, and initiating new growths and roots as the days grow brighter longer. I hope you have been able to get outside, get your orchids settled, and have time to plant some seeds and see nature in all its glory!

Deanna Day and I had the pleasure of doing just that, getting out in nature with the NOPES (Native Orchid Preservation Society) a few weeks ago. Deanna will be sharing our adventure with you at our June meeting. I am hoping it will inspire us all to get out on one of these hikes (hikes is a stretch, not much walking) and see our native orchids display their colors. It was just

a wonderful day with great people. I wish you had all been there with us.

Locust Grove was so much fun and a tremendous success thanks to the efforts of you, our members. A special thanks though goes out to Linda Solley-Kanipe and Jim Lardner who chaired the event so skillfully. We still have a few orchids left which will be available for purchase at our meeting. The prices will be reduced so get there early to make your purchase before they are all gone!

The KOS Picnic and auction is right around the corner and approaching fast. Make sure to mark Saturday, July 27 on your calendar. More information about this event will be shared at our meeting.

And speaking of our meeting, this month's meeting will be June 12th at 6pm at the All Peoples Church on Brownsboro Rd. I am really looking forward to see everyone. It's been 2 months.

Happy Growing

Pam LaRocco, President
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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

Having to cancel the May meeting must not have been an easy decision, however, better safe than sorry. Weather is unpredictable and being at home is the most familiar place to take the necessary actions.

June is here and we expect to meet. Our speaker from May is moved to August because of conflicts in the summer months.

Scheduling for this month was somewhat of a stressful situation as both the possibilities backed out the last moment.

We will have our past president, Deanna Day, share with us the native orchids she saw on her recent walk with NOPES (Native Orchid Preservation and Education Society) in Ohio. We will also be treated to some 'eye-candy' of native orchids that Carla Cates will share with us.

By now, everyone's orchids will be at summer camp, if they participate. Enjoying nature's breezes and showers. Careful at first when exposing them to the increased light especially the bright sun. Slow adaptation for some that can withstand the sun such as epidendrum, cymbidium and vandas, but still protect from the midday sun as that one is very bright and may result in 'sun burn' on the leaves.

Summer is here and let us enjoy our time outdoors!

See you on the 12th of June!

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President
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KOS June Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month

Date: June 12, 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 Information: KOS Admin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: KOS Admin's Personal Meeting Room. Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 491 155 1123 Passcode: 021021

May Meeting Minutes

KOS Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2024

The May meeting was cancelled due to severe weather, so there are no minutes this month. We will resume in June!



Locust Grove Gardener's Fair Recap

By Linda Solley-Kanipe and Jim Lardner

Good afternoon, everyone. I want to thank everyone who helped to make our involvement in the Locust Grove Gardener's Fair a HUGE SUCCESS! Not only did we make some money for the Society, but we also increased our visibility in the community. Many people who attended the Gardener's Fair were actually looking for the KY Orchid Society Booth so that they could see the beautiful orchids that we brought to the Fair. The folks in the Jefferson County Master Gardeners booth told me that they saw so many people walking by with orchid plants! We started with 130 orchid plants and at the end of Sunday we only had about 20 left.

From unpacking plants at David Easley's 3rd house to showing up to help set up the booth, along with working in the booth, selling plants and giving out information to help people become successful growers, and helping us tear down the booth and get our items out of Locust Grove. It was a great testament to the wonderful volunteers we have in our Society!

Thank you so much to everyone! We couldn't do it without YOU!

Our special gratitude to all of you!

Linda Solley-Kanipe and Jim Lardner

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Memphis Orchid Show

By Jan Smith, Photos by Stephen Benjamin

Our plans for collection of plants from members to go to the Memphis Orchid Show were thwarted when we had transportation difficulties. Stephen Benjamin offered to set up the KOS display, using his own plants. He reports that the KOS display received a red ribbon. There were 6 blue ribbons, 4 red ones, and 4 white ones. One plant was reviewed by the judges for an AOS award but was not awarded. The last photo of the group is of Phal. Quirin Cramer, our society's project plant! It appears that he has gotten the first bloom from the group. It will be exciting to see what subsequent blooms look like! Many thanks to Stephen for keeping our commitment to Memphis to enter a display, and congratulations on all his ribbons!

