



ORCHID NEWS

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The President's Corner

Letter from the President:

Fall is finally here with all of its glorious colors. My orchids are all safely in their winter homes and beginning their fall and winter display of flowers. I love this time of year!

KOS is winding down its year too. I can't believe it's already November. We finished up our show year with a bang! I hope you saw Stephen's email, giving a full review. Our members did very well, bringing home 3 Best in Classes, a special award, and Best in Show. The KOS exhibit won Best of Class and the AOS trophy. Many thanks to Stephen Benjamin for setting up our display, Danetta Willias for breaking it down,

and bringing everything home. Congratulations to all who showed their beautiful plants as they were all winners!

2025 Club dues & 2025 Club Project: As an incentive to get our dues paid on time and get the 2025 project plants here and in your hands before cold weather sets in, the November Program will have an educational and hands-on section with a special Show & Tell for all members to participate in. This year's focus will be on growing Oncidiums. The year-long "competition" will have a new twist so don't miss out! Here's what you need to know:

- Your 2025 dues must be paid on or before our meeting which is November 13th to get your plant that night and participate in the Hands-On activity at the end of the program. After this, plants will be available as they last.
- 2023 & 2024 CLUB PROJECT SHOW & TELL: While the regular Show and Tell will also be held, we will have a special table for 2023 and/or 2024 Club Project. So, bring in your Phal. Quiran Cramer and Den. Spotted Poni just as they are (*hopefully, not just the name tag*). I know almost all of the 2024 plants survived so we should have a beautiful table full of pretty young plants that are thinking about blooming soon.
- BOX: Since we will be using Leca for the club project again, make sure you have enough room in your box which you used to get your club project to the meeting, so you can transport your 2025 project plant home safely.

Last year's club project Hands-On was so much fun! Your reports of success this year have been so encouraging! So please make sure to be at the November meeting. Here's what you need to know:

Place: All Peoples Church

Where: 4936 Brownsboro Rd.

Time: 6:15pm Social time, Beginner's Corner, & Plant Doctor

6:45pm Business meeting. Show & Tell and program immediately after. Raffle at the end.

See everyone soon!

Pam LaRocco, President

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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

This will be a short message for two reasons. Typing with a stylus on a tablet is rather cumbersome since my computer gave me the 'white screen of death' and is still at the repair shop and second, nearing the end of the year we are not having a speaker. However, being November, this means club project! We will be potting an orchid in LECA (clay beads) again this year. Administrative duties are on the agenda, more about that in the president's message, and dues are due on the 13th as well.

Beginners' Corner will touch on the importance of light in orchid culture and the use of artificial lights for growing and blooming orchids.

See you on the 13th of November.

Happy orchid growing.

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President

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KOS November Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month

Date: November 13, 2024

Time: Beginner's Corner & Social time - 6:15pm
Business meeting - 6:45pm
Program - 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: Nov 13, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4911551123?pwd=ZnV2b3VFR3dSYUFnUlcwU2hEVjR2UT09&omn=82929308202>

Meeting ID: 491 155 1123

Passcode: 021021

October Meeting Minutes

KOS Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2024

Thirty-five people were in attendance. Visitors Socorro Chavez, Linda Squires, Beth Dlutowski and Rowan.

1. Minutes - approved by the membership.
2. Treasurer's Report - Show info: sold 19 tables, Repotting table was a success and earned \$259, Raffles \$246, Donation Jar \$29, Best of Class awards \$200 and 4 new members signed up - approved by membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Club/members are invited to see a Webinar from MAOC by Dr. Braem on Tolumnia, happening on Oct. 20 at 2 PM. An email link will be provided before the presentation.
2. Jan Smith and S. Benjamin thanked everyone that helped with the Show last week. Each vendor commented that they wanted to be invited back next year. Overall, a good show.
3. Pam LaRocco noted that AOS now has a sheet on Habanaria. Also, the World Slipper Conference #3 is January 17-19, 2025 in Hawaii if interested.
4. WBG next seminar will be October 16 @ 6 pm on Cattleyas given by S. Benjamin. Next presentation will be in Nov. on Oncidiums.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pres. LaRocco announced the passing of family members in KOS - Wende Skillman's father and Ann Shatzinger's husband.
2. Pres. LaRocco reminded all that dues are DUE! Dues have to be in by Feb. 2025 to make the Directory.
3. The club presentation for November will be on LECA.
4. COOS show will be on Oct. 18, 19 & 20. We need plants.
5. Ways & Means started this month.
- 6 Video presentation by AOS on orchid pests and remedies.

SHOW & TELL: Judged by S. Benjamin & Conducted by J. Smith.

RAFFLE

ADJOURN - 8:30 pm

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Show & Tell Winners - October 2024

1st Place: Dendrobium Lowana Nioka
(canaliculatum x amtennatum)

- Heidi Boel

2nd Place: Rhyncholaeliocattleya Kat E-Sun (C.
Beaufort x Rlc. Sunset Bay)

- Anne-Marie Blancquaert

Show & Tell Winners - September 2024

The September Show & Tell winners were left out of the previous newsletter and are being published this month.

1st Place: NoID Dendrobium

- Larry Atwood

1st Place (tie): Pcv. Key Lime Stars 'Kaimu Bay'

2nd Place: Habenaria NOID

- Larry Atwood

2nd Place (tie): Epc. Lime Sherbet x B. nodosa

- Deanna Day

Upcoming Events

KOS Holiday Party - December 11, 2024

Central Ohio OS Show in Columbus, Oct 19- 20

From Stephen Benjamin

Thank you everyone; we did it again at the COOS show Oct 18 & 20. With your great plants I was

able to put on a great display, which got a first place for 50 sqft displays, Best in Class Trophy for displays, and the AOS show trophy award. It's always neat to beat the Cincinnati OS. Or maybe should name this the Karen Bloom show, as her Wildcat got first in class Oncidium intergeneric, Trophy for best of all the Oncidium classes and **Best in Show!** Then she almost duplicated that with her big Purple Cattleya: first place Purple Cattleyas, trophy for best Cattleya allied and best **Fragrance** in the show. Jan Smith got first in Phalaenopsis type Dendrobium and Trophy for best overall Dendrobium. *We had too many ribbons to count but everyone who sent plants got at least two ribbons!*

I also wanted to thank Danetta Willias, who did not have any plants for the show, yet still volunteered to help by driving up to Columbus and bring the plants and display materials back. THANKS!

It's always good when we help other societies show off to the public as that helps educate and entertain the public; and attracts new members for the host society. In this case the society is small, so our help is VERY appreciated.

Let's begin getting ready for the next show March 22 & 23 in Cincinnati.



October Show & Tell Gallery

Kentucky Orchid Society members and visitors brought their flowering orchids for Show & Tell.







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