



ORCHID NEWS

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The President's Corner

Letter from the President:

I'm sitting here, writing to you, in what is the first quiet time in several days. I'm stuffed with Thanksgiving treats and all the cherubs are still sleeping! Hope your day left you very thankful for friends, family, and your beautiful flowering companions.

The holidays are rapidly approaching, just 3 weeks away. There's never enough time. It can be a dangerous time for our orchids as we are carried away with so many other things. In all the activity, be careful not to neglect watering and be watchful for pests that can go undetected, getting the upper hand, and making

a mess. This will help to ensure a Happy New Year as well.

Speaking of holidays, I hope everyone is able to attend our Holiday Party. The results for Show and Tell, Grower of the Year, JAPS Award, the vote for the 2025 officers, and the annual business meeting (I promise to keep it short and sweet) will be held. There will be lots of great food and even better time with fellow orchid lovers. Here's the information:

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Place: All Peoples Church, Brownsboro Rd.

Time: 6:15pm. Activities begin at 6:30 pm

RSVP soon: Email Deanna Day the number of people attending, and dish at

deanna7730@yahoo.com

Bring your favorite dessert or side.

Inclosing, it's been an honor to serve you all this year. I hope you had fun and learned a lot too. I look forward to an exciting 2025 with KOS' new board. I am sure there will be many new events to be involved with and great speakers to enjoy.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year's, and Happy Growing,

Pam LaRocco, President

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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

The holiday season is here and with it a change in temperature. Our spring-like November days are a thing from the past, winter is upon us. People growing in windowsills, be watchful and on cold nights move your orchids away from the

window. It is, however, a wonderful time of the year, as many orchids are blooming. Certain Cattleyas and Cattleya crosses are putting on a show, lady slippers, some Phragmipediums, Oncidiums, Miltassias and the Cymbidiums are showing the beginnings of flower spikes! Never a dull moment!

This is our last meeting of 2024 and my last letter as vice-president. After three years it is time for someone new with new ideas to take over. It was a great experience overall and I will still be there every month to lend a hand where necessary.

As is tradition, there is no program in December, we have our holiday dinner and just enjoy each other's company. It has been a great year for our society. As Stephen will tell you, we had many firsts and won many ribbons as a society in different displays or individual entries. Our own show was a great success as Stephen and Jan will tell you. It is a lot of work but when it is all over, a very rewarding feeling.

Let me share a note of thanks our board received from one of our members (J.R.), she expressed it right!

Just wanted to thank you all for a great year. You work so hard to make this Society what it is and give so much of yourselves. I just want you to know that if it wasn't for all of your efforts, newbies like me wouldn't be as far along in this hobby. You give us the information and the inspiration to grow and try new things...in my case sooo many new things I have no windowsills left, (so thanks for that!!). You are all fun and creative with your ideas and you keep the membership engaged and coming back for more. You take your education of the community at large very seriously. I have been a part of many groups over the years as my travels and shifts in interests give my husband whiplash sometimes. I can safely say that this group is tops! Thanks again for all you have done and thanks to

all the other unsung heroes that make this group great!

I do have nothing more to add!

Happy Holidays and see you on the 11th of December.

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President
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KOS December Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month

KOS Holiday Party

Date: December 11, 2024

Time: Starts at - 6:15pm
Activities begin - 6:30pm

Format: In-person

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

RSVP soon: Email Deanna Day the number of people attending, and dish at
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November Meeting Minutes

KOS Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2024

Thirty-two people were in attendance.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. J. Smith announced several AOS happenings to the membership.
2. S. Benjamin brought back several Cattleyas and other plants donated to member clubs from a person who entered a nursing home and donated his collection to the Cincinnati orchid society. These were made available to our members. He also thanked members who provided plants for the COOS show. We won a lot of ribbons and Karen Bloom won one for the most fragrant flower. Congrats to all.
3. Pam LaRocco noted that AOS now has a sheet on Habenaria. <https://www.aos.org/orchid-care/care-sheets/habenaria-culture-sheet>
Also, the World Slipper Conference #3 is January 17-19, 2025 in Hawaii if interested.
4. WBG next seminar in Dec. on Oncidiums has been cancelled.
5. The slate of Candidates for 2025 was announced by D. Day. They are: Pres. - J. Smith, VP - K. Revell, Treasurer - L. Solley-Kanipe, Rec. Sec. - D. Willias, Cor. Sec. - Jen Coy, P. LaRocco - Past Pres. and Member at Large Jim Lardner. Any member interested in a position should let P. LaRocco know now.
6. P. LaRocco required any members to pay their dues tonight to participate in the 2024 Club Oncidium Project Plant. And we still have \$2.00 bags of LECA and fertilizer for sale as part of a Ways & Means project.

NEW BUISNESS:

1. Pres. LaRocco announced that December Christmas Dinner will be on our regular meeting night of Dec. 11th. Starting at 6:30 pm. Also one of our members Heidi Boel will be participating in a Craft show with her paintings at her Church this week on Sat. & Sun. See email for times.
3. The club presentation for November was growing in LECA by Pam LaRocco.

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

RAFFLE

ADJOURN - 8:45 pm

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Show & Tell Winners - November 2024

1st Place: Vanda lamelatta 'Okinawa'

- Carla Cates

2nd Place: Eria hyacinthiodes

- Carla Cates

3rd Place: Onc. Tsiku Marguerite

- Michelle Berry

2025 KOS Slate of Officers

The proposed slate of officers for 2025:

President - Jan Smith

Vice President - Kathy Revell

Recording Secretary - Danetta Willias

Treasurer - Linda Solley-Kanipe

Corresponding Secretary - Jen Coy

Director At Large - Jim Lardner

Upcoming Events

KOS Holiday Party - December 11, 2024

October Show & Tell Gallery

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







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