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# ORCHID NEWS

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## The President's Corner

### *Letter from the President:*

Hello fellow orchid lovers! I hope you enjoyed the temperature during these first few days of February as much as I did. It almost felt like spring. I actually had to turn on the AC in the greenhouse because with the sun blazing and the outdoor temperature of 64, it had gotten to 93 degrees inside that little "hot house"! I hope spring actually is on the way and that we are lucky enough to be able to have an in-person meeting this month. Of course, we will also make it available by Zoom, in case you cannot attend in person for some reason. I have included the Zoom link below.

Last month I wrote about the things you should be doing for your orchids during January. This month, I'd like for you to go to our website ([kyorchidsociety.com](http://kyorchidsociety.com)) for information on February's tasks. They are listed under the culture tab. Je'Coiya Moore has graciously volunteered to help us with the website and we have reworked it a bit. (Thank you Je'Coiya!) We hope it is more user friendly and useful to you. It is a "work in progress", so check it often and let us know what you think! Click through all the tabs and see what we have to offer. Any suggestions for improvement would be much appreciated.

This month's meeting will include information about the upcoming Home, Garden, and Remodeling Show. KOS will have a booth and will be selling a wide variety of orchids. We will need help from as many of you as possible to make this a success. Remember, it is one of the two major fundraisers that allow us to bring in guest speakers, share project plants, and have our summer picnic and Holiday Party. And, you get free admission to the show. Check your email for an online sign-up option, which is coming soon. We will have 50 free tickets available for friends and family who want to go. You can pick those up at the meeting, so ask around to see who might like to get them. Remember, admission Friday is free for seniors!

Mark your calendar now for the first of the 2025 orchid shows, the Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Spring Show. It is on the weekend of March 22-23. We will be entering a display. Make sure you watch your plants for developing spikes and stake them as needed, so they look their best for display at the spring shows.

Our vice president, Kathy Revell, will be telling you about our agenda for the February meeting. It will include plants for sale by our speaker, Jim Franz, so bring your piggy banks!

Here is the zoom link for the February meeting: KOS Admin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: KOS February Meeting

Time: Feb 12, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4911551123?pwd=ZnV2b3VFR3dSYUFnUlcwU2hEVjR2UT09&omn=88983906338>

Meeting ID: 491 155 1123

Passcode: 021021

See you there!

Jan Smith, President

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## The Vice President's Corner

*Letter from the Vice President:*

Wow, what a January! I personally love hiking in the snow, but the crazy cold temps kept me inside most days. With all that snow and ice, the cold temperatures and dreary days, I am betting that most everyone is ready for the return of spring, and all of the beautiful plants in bloom!

We are in for a treat this month! Our February speaker is the wonderful Jim Franz, owner of Oakwood Orchids, and an AOS orchid judge. He will be speaking to us about *Catasetums* and will have plants for sale, so you might want to arrive early to purchase plants!

Here is his bio:

Jim France began in 1993, when after viewing a customer's collection, finally bought a cymbidium. As he tells many a beginner, everyone kills at least one ... and so it was promptly drowned. As it happened, an orchid show was the following week, and the passion began. He began by being part of an Orchid Society and learned from the experts in the group and from many of the wonderful growers that became friends. Fueled by his interest, Jim began selling in 1996, and established Oakwood Orchids. He dabbled in hybridization and enjoyed the things that were more different than the normal orchids found easily. Jim has grown under lights for 23+ years, and finally with the collection and business growing, two medium greenhouses are part of the business. Jim continues to be involved with his two home societies. He has been past treasurer & president of the Miami Valley Orchid Society; past board member of MAOC shows, and is an AOS Orchid Judge and treasurer for the Cincinnati Judging Center. The first orchid awarded was Catasetum Hilltop's Dingbat 'Junior', a catasetum, named after his grandson. One of his favorites, catasetums, are a part of his collections and he has received 2 additional awards ... Catasetum pileatum 'Leeann', and Catasetum osculatum 'The Boys'. Enjoying a variety of orchids, another early award was for Phragmipedium Sergeant Eric "Hans", and spurred another part of the collection. He has received a total of 40 AOS awards, including the 2019 annual American Orchid Society Roy T. Fukumura Vandaceous Award for Robiquetia cerina 'Donna's Treasures' AM/AOS

Currently Oakwood Orchids specializes in species and harder to find orchids.

See you all soon!

Kathy Revell, Vice President

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## KOS January Meeting

*Second Wednesday of the Month*

Date: February 12, 2025

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: Feb 12, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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# January Meeting Minutes

*KOS Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2024*

Meeting Called to Order by Jan Smith at 6:35pm

In Attendance - 21 members in attendance

December Minutes were approved

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Linda gave the treasury report
- If you haven't paid dues- please do so. Must pay dues to get a club project plant and to be on the roster.
- Please check out the website and let Jan know if there are any suggestions. Je Coya volunteered to help with the website.
- Please check out the Facebook page and let Jan know if there are any suggestions.
- Be sure you put your name on the back of the Show & Tell cards- so we know who to give credit to for their plants.
- The Cincinnati Judging center has AOS judging on the 2nd Sunday of the month. You can take plants to be judged or plan with Stephen Benjamin to take your plants.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Anne Marie is the AOS representative, and you are encouraged to join. The society is an affiliate member.
- Tomorrow at 8:30 pm there is an AOS webinar on hydroponics- must be a member to watch.
- Pam is the Orchid Digest representative
- Stephen is Mid America representative
- List of board members was reviewed.
- The board decided to give donations of \$500 each to three organizations this

year: NOPES, Illinois College and Orchidteers.

- Kathy reviewed upcoming speakers: Feb- Jim Franz, March - Bill Toms, April- TBD (to be decided), May- Cheryl Erins, June- will be a zoom meeting with Ray Barkalow on plant nutrition, July - TBD, Aug- Thomas Bazja on miniature orchids, Sept- TBD, Oct- TBD, Nov- club projects. Let her know if you have any suggestions.
- Suggested- Tom Harper, Russ Vernon, society members
- We will do talks at Botanical Garden later in the year.
- The annual show and sale date is yet to be determined. Plan to continue to have it at St Matthews Episcopal Church
- The Home and Garden Show is Feb 28, March 1 & 2. Set up is 2/27. Pam, Sal and Jan are chairing. We will set up in the lobby this year. Need lots of volunteers- will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.
- No dates for the Indy and Dayton shows yet.

## Show & Tell

- Pam reminded us to stake plants and watch for bugs. Pam and Stephen will be helping members improve on showing plants.

## Speaker:

- A recorded AOS webinar: The Birds, The Bees and The Orchids  
Orchid Pollination  
By Doug Martin

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm

Next meeting February 12, 2025

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## Show & Tell Winners - January 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Place (tie): B Little Stars

- Tanya Schroeder

1<sup>st</sup> Place (tie): Encyvola Jairak Treasure

'Nightingale' (Enc. Phoenicea x B. Little Stars)

- Jan Rager

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Blc. Booth Lee

- Karen Bloom

## Upcoming Events

*Please check each event's website for details*

Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2025 - Louisville Home and Garden & Remodeling Show, KY Exposition Center

Mar 22, 2025 - Greater Cincinnati Spring Orchid Show, Cincinnati, OH

## Note from Heidi Boel

*Follow-up from the December Holiday Party*

Dear Pam, Dear KOS members,

I'd like to thank you for the kind and lovely words last night. Pam, you were really bragging about me, but it felt good and brought back a lot of memories to the 1980's.

We were a very small group then and always met in the basement of a small Bank Building on the corner of Chenoweth Lane and Brownsboro Road. Our first shows and sales were at the Bashford Manor Mall and later in Oxmoor Mall.

We also had during the summer months a stand at the Zoo and tried to get the public interested in Orchids. It was fun.

I think Henrietta and Wilbur Japs would be very proud of us, you all have achieved a lot. Let us keep this Club successful, besides having lots of fun!

My heart goes out to all of you for a very big "THANK YOU". I AM VERY HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS BEAUTIFUL AWARD.

HAVE A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW 2025, WITH LOTS OF BLOOMING ORCHIDS

Sincerely,  
Heidi Boel



## January Show & Tell Gallery

The monthly meeting was held online only due to weather, so members sent in pictures of their blooming orchids. Thank you to everyone who participated!













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