



# ORCHID NEWS

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## The President's Corner

*Letter from the President:*

Well, 'tis the season! We will be holding our annual Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 10 at our usual meeting location (All Peoples Church). The Society is providing meat and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a dish (salad, side, dessert) to accompany the main dish. We also need a headcount to make sure we have enough meat and drinks for everyone.

Please let us know the number of people who will attend (family are welcome)! Send an email to Pam LaRocco ([pamlarocco@hotmail.com](mailto:pamlarocco@hotmail.com)) and copy me, please!

Next Meeting: December 10, 6:30pm | All Peoples Unitarian Church | 4936 Brownsboro Rd, 40222

We will have a short business meeting before our dinner and we will have a brief review of the year, as well. Also, there will be the announcement of the winners of each of the Show and Tell categories (beginner, intermediate, experienced). There will be awards for first, second and third in each class. Finally, Grower of the Year will be announced.

The business meeting will include election of officers for 2026.

We would love to have as many members present as possible to enjoy the holiday cheer!

I'd like to thank all of the KOS members for supporting the society throughout the year in so very many ways. We have a wonderful group of orchid enthusiasts and I am glad that we have been able to add a number of new friends to the group in 2025. I enjoy spending time with all of you in our journey to learn everything we can about orchids. It has been my privilege to be KOS president, and I am looking forward to 2026!

This is the Zoom link, if anyone who cannot attend wants to watch the awards presentation. I'm sorry that you would not be able to share the buffet with us, however! We cannot fill your stomach with virtual food and drink, but we can offer some companionship and good cheer!

Topic: KOS 2025 Holiday Meeting

Time: Dec 10, 2025 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4911551123?pwd=ZnV2b3VFR3dSYUFnUlcwU2hEVjR2UT09&omn=81791723305>

Meeting ID: 491 155 1123

Passcode: 021021

Happy Holidays and Happy 2026!

Jan Smith, President

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## The Vice President's Corner

*Letter from the Vice President:*

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I sure did! I have a beautiful Dendrobium that belonged to my mother that, not only have I managed to keep it alive, but it is in bloom on a keiki! I am so excited!

I want to thank everyone for your support during trying times with my father's health. We are simply in a waiting game now.

I also would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be the VP. I honestly do not like getting up in front of people and speaking, even if it was to introduce our guest speaker, however you all made it fairly easy for me. I am very grateful for that. Thank you all very much! Wishing everyone a happy holiday season, a very Happy New Year, and happy growing!

Kathy Revell, Vice President

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## KOS December Meeting - KOS Holiday Party

*Second Wednesday of the Month*

Date: December 10, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

Format: In person and on Zoom

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

## 2026 Slate of Officers

*To be voted on at the December meeting*

President - Jan Smith

Vice President - Jen Coy

Corresponding Secretary - Kristen Kennedy

Recording Secretary - Yania Martinez

Treasurer - Linda Solley-Kanipe

Member at Large - Carla Cates

Past President - Pam LaRocco

- Time to pay dues, see Linda, or if using Square or Venmo, see Jan.
- The slate of officers will be voted on at the next meeting.
- I hope everyone got to see the web presentations that Jan sent out links for- the Lost Orchid, the cello music inspired orchid DNA, the Cattleya Symposium. Carla gave a brief report on the Cattleya symposium and suggested if you are a Cattleya lover that it would be worth your time to watch- if available later.

## November Meeting Minutes

*KOS Meeting Minutes, November 12, 2025*

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Jan Smith

34 members were present.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

No treasurer report given.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Pam reported that Orchid Digest has an article on how to care for miniature orchids, along with lots of pictures. Anne-Marie brought the AOS magazine from last month and this month- they are on the raffle table. Linda reported they have not met with the zoo staff yet- since the staff was overwhelmed with Boo at the Zoo.
- Stephen set up, judged and tore down for the CCOS show. We had approximately 35 plants and won approximately 20 ribbons, along with 2 Best in Class and a Best in Show for the display- Thank you Stephen. Hopefully someone can help him next year.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- The holiday party is next month, please sign up on the list- how many people are coming and what you are bringing.
- On Jan 25<sup>th</sup> there will be an AOS Orchid Culture Day on Slipper Orchids. It will be from 11am- 4pm EST, it will be a virtual presentation. More information to come.
- Louisville Home and Garden Show will be Jan 8-11 next year. We need volunteers to be co-chairs. Will have signups at the next meeting. Sal would like someone to help him co-chair the logistics and to help transport people back and forth from the fairgrounds.
- Kathy Revell is not here today, because her father is ill and not expected to recover.
- Pam gave an interesting presentation on mounting plants- specifically bulbophyllum. She gave us names to match the letters on your pot from last year's project plants. We mounted our project plants- Bulbophyllum.
- Show & Tell: 1<sup>st</sup> - Larry Atwood - Paph. barbigerrum var album 'Greengold' x villosum var aureum 'Glory Gold'; 2<sup>nd</sup> - tie between Ethan TeWalt - Encyclia magnoliae, and Larry Atwood- NOID pink Stripe Phal.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Danetta Willias, Recording Secretary

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## Show & Tell Winners - November 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Paph. barbigerum var. album

- Larry Atwood

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (tie): Encyclia magnoliae

- Ethan Tewalt

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (tie): Phal. NOID Pink Stripes

- Larry Atwood

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