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The President's Corner

Letter from the President:

Well, this year is rapidly winding up. We are scheduled for our last business meeting of the year on November 12. It will be an interesting meeting, with Pam LaRocco mounting an orchid for us and showing us multiple examples of orchids mounted on all sorts of things. In addition, everyone who has paid their dues by the night of the meeting will get a project plant to take home and nurture. Finally, everyone should bring their project plants from last year to show off to the other members. If you recall, we know that the plants are all oncidium types, but we do not know the exact crosses. But, we will learn their identity on Wednesday evening!

It should be a fun conclusion to our educational experience this year.

There have been some interesting virtual orchid presentations recently. I hope that some of you were able to watch *Orchidees*, a musical presentation at the Huntington, with the cello music based upon the DNA of individual orchids, presented with videos of that orchid growing and blooming by use of time lapse photography. It was quite fascinating! There was also a discussion of a new book "The Lost Orchid" by its author, Sarah Bilston. I found it interesting enough that I purchased the book. When I finish it, I'll give a "book report" and share it with anyone who would like to read it. Finally, there is a *Cattleya* Symposium being put on by AOS coming up on November 8. The link will be sent to everyone. KOS has paid the tuition, so that everyone can watch it.

The Holiday Party is to be held on December 10. Everyone will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert and KOS will supply the main course! We will hear a synopsis of our last year and will vote on the new orchid board. The current slate, as presented at the last meeting by the nomination committee, includes: President, Jan Smith, Vice-President Jen Coy, Recording Secretary Yania Martinez, Corresponding Secretary Kristin Kennedy, Treasurer, Linda Solley-Kaniipe, Member at Large, Carla Cates, Past President, Pam LaRocco. I'm excited that there are several newer members who are willing to serve in these capacities!

There always seems to be lots of things going on in our orchid lives. Along with all this learning, we have to take time to actually care for our plants. I hope everyone has their plants tucked away for the winter, or nearly ready to come inside. There are bound to be some freezing temperatures headed our way soon.

If you can't join us in person, here is the Zoom link for the November meeting. Unfortunately, the demonstration portion of the meeting is always difficult to capture on Zoom. But, Pam will have some slides to present and those should be easy to share!

KOS Admin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: KOS November Meeting

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4911551123?pwd=ZnV2b3VFR3dSYUFnUlcwU2hEVjR2UT09&omn=81505271249>

Meeting ID: 491 155 1123

Passcode: 021021

Jan Smith, President

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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

November is here and that means it is time for our 2026 Club Project! Our own Pam LaRocco will be speaking to us. Her program will include new discoveries with Leca, possible choices of mounting material used for mounting, and multiple examples of things mounted on various mounts. She will also share pictures of the Oncidiums we grew for our 2025 Club Project and will reveal the names of our plants and provide its name tag!

If you have not already done so, please remember to pay your 2026 dues of \$25 either online or at the meeting in order to participate in the hands on workshop and receive your 2026 Club Project plant and mounting materials.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Happy growing!

Kathy Revell, Vice President

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Reminder - Snack Signup:

This is a reminder that if your name is below, you signed up to bring a snack to one of the monthly meetings.

November

Sweet: Danette Willias

Salty: Heidi Boel

Savory: Jan Raeger

October Meeting Minutes

KOS Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Jan Smith
29 members were present, no visitors
Minutes were approved.

Linda gave the treasurer report. We made a profit on the show this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Catherine announces next year's show will be September 26 & 27, 2026. This year's show was a success, and the sexton was pleased with how we left the room. Dick Humke was not at the show because he broke his hip. But he is recovering well at home. Jan would like to have co-chairs next year for all the show committees. Let Jan know if you are interested.
- Orchid Digest- Pam suggested a webinar that having on 10/18 @ 7pm- will be orchard pictures set to music. Jan will send out more information on this. There is also an Orchid Symposium on 11/8. Jan will send out more information on this also.
- Anne-Marie gave a report on AOS.
- There is a webinar tomorrow night by the American Horticulture Society on the Lost

KOS November Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month

Date: November 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 June 2025 Zoom Meeting
Time: Jun 11, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4911551123?pwd=ZnV2b3VFR3dSYUFnUlcwU2hEVjR2UT09&omn=85864859781>

Meeting ID: 491 155 1123

Passcode: 021021

- Orchid. Jan will send an email with the details.
- The group is no longer planning a trip to the WOC. Jan will send out the link from RF orchids- if anyone is interested in joining them.
- Deanna gave a report on the zoo orchids. There was much discussion on how we can help the zoo. It was decided we need to have a formal meeting with the zoo staff to see how KOS can help.

- Jim Lardner gave an interesting presentation on Flamingo Gardens. Jan added some thoughts about her visit there.

Raffle was held.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

Danetta Willias, Recording Secretary
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NEW BUISNESS:

- The next show will be in Columbus, Ohio on the weekend of 11/1 & 2. Set up is 8am-11am or 8pm-11pm on 10/31. Tear down is at 6pm on Sunday. Plants are needed for the show. Let Jan know if anyone is interested in setting up or tearing down.
- The slate of officers for next year is 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.
- Next month's meeting will be a workshop on mounting the project plant for next year. You must pay next year's dues to receive a plant. Please bring this year's plant and find out what it's name is and so everyone can see how it is doing. Pam will also provide some more tips for how to grow them.
- There is an upcoming zoom meeting for AOS- Jan will send the link.
- Show & Tell was done by Stephen Benjamin: 1st place Jim Temple- Catasetum, 2nd place- Jim Temple- Rothschildiana x parishii

Show & Tell Winners - September 2025

1st Place: Catasetum

- Jim Temple

2nd Place: Rothschildiana x parishii

- Jim Temple

CALLING IN ALL 2025 CLUB PROJECTS!

Hi Friends! November is club project month. Please bring your 2025 Club Project with you to the November meeting.

- There will be a special Show & Tell for them in addition to our regular monthly one.
- We do have a winner this year! Come find out who actually got their Oncidium to bloom first.
- The Great Reveal:** I'll be sharing pictures of the oncidiums we grew in 2025 and reveal the names for plants A-H. You'll finally know who you've been growing plus receive its Name Tag.

- Hands-on workshop: Mounting the 2026 Project plant. You can bring a favorite small mount or use the one provided. 1 plant per family membership.
- To participate in the Hands-on portion and receive a plant you will need to pay the 2026 membership dues of \$25.00 online or at the meeting. People who joined at the show have already paid their 2026 dues. However, everyone is invited to listen to the workshop regardless of membership status.

A word of caution: Please pack your plants well. I would suggest some type of tape across the mouth of your cup and a secure box so they do not tip over and have all the clay pellets roll out (I've done this, more than once).

Looking forward to seeing everyone for a night of fun.

Pam LaRocco

great displays. Maybe it drives them to be better, but most of all, the public gets a great show!

Stephen Benjamin



Central Ohio Orchid Show 2025

KOS members,

We did ourselves proud again! We took 31 plants to the 2025 COOS show and took home 25 ribbons, two best of class (Jan's Dendrobium & Karen's Gomesa), the show trophy and the only AOS award, a silver certificate for the display. We want to thank everyone who sent plants; it means the world to have that support and the use of your wonderful plants. Your hours of work made this display possible.

It's nice seeing all these other societies coming over and commenting on our fine plants and

Changing of the Guard at the Mid-America Orchid Congress

As I reported to the group 2 meetings ago, we have a new president of the MAOC. He is Bob Hydzic from Tennessee. Bob has been an active AOS judge in the Cincinnati Judging region as well as his home region of the Carolinas. He is also active with many of the local societies. In the picture below, you can see him accepting his Presidential hat from former president Eric Sauers. If you are new to the MAOC, this prestigious exchange is a badge of honor going

back as long as I can remember and that's about 37 years.

Bob would like to continue rebuilding the MAOC; and in keeping with its history. We have limped through Covid and hard times that came with it. However, the MAOC continued its core values/orchid resources and is now starting that rebuild. At the meeting in Kettering, Ron Kaufmann shared the goals and some of the success of the AOS Conservation Committee. He was surprised to know that our constitution and theirs are almost word for word the same. Bill Moorison (MAOC Committee chair) got to talk with him at length about the MAOC to make sure we collaborate and share our successes. It was also shared with the AOS some of our resources include one of the best orchid schedules in the country including a cross reference for entering each type of orchid, a dictionary of all the hybrid names and their make-ups, Dendrobium and Paphiopedilum cheat sheets, and our revised electronic schedule entry system.

With time, perhaps we can get to a point that our MAOC shows are again booked out 5-6 years in advance, the shows attract 100's of our members from MANY states and Canada. The KOS has hosted several, maybe 5, of these events or equivalent, and we loved it, the members loved it, and we broke even!

Stephen Benjamin



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