



ORCHID NEWS

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The President's Corner

Letter from the President:

Hello, orchid friends! I am writing this from Prague, where it unfortunately is still winter, despite having forsythia in bloom everywhere. We are soon to board a Viking ship to sail up the Elbe to Berlin, with lots of stops along the way. But, one of the highlights of the trip was our stop for the World Orchid Conference in Dresden, Germany. Our daughter and grandson joined us there, so I did not participate in as many orchid events as I could have. And, I did not bring a CITES certificate which would have allowed me to bring plants home, so my shopping was limited (far better for my wallet). But, what I did see was beautiful.

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I attended the opening ceremony and visited the display and vendor areas. Imagine 102 vendors! That room alone was overwhelming. Many of the displays were breathtaking. When you have 20 or more of each plant cross, you can do amazing things in 50-100 sq ft! Harold Koopowitz spoke on Orchids and Climate Change as the keynote speaker. It was sobering, but interesting. The next WOC is in Tokyo in 3 years. I think I will go with a CITES certificate in hand! If you can make it, I'm sure you will enjoy it.





The Cincinnati orchid show and sale was on March 21-22. KOS submitted a display and did very well, as Anne-Marie reports elsewhere in this newsletter. Last weekend, several KOS members went to Owensboro for a plant sale. We had a good deal of success, bringing home all but a handful of the 60 plants we took. Linda should be able to fill us in on the financials at the April meeting. Many thanks to all the KOS members who so kindly volunteered to make both these events a success.

We have the Paristown event coming up on April 19 and could use another KOS volunteer to attend and discuss KOS. We also will be presenting a lecture on orchids at the Plantfest Expo at the Expo Center on April 18. We will have an information booth there as well and need a couple of volunteers to represent KOS there too.

And, we will be participating in the Locust Grove Spring Show on Mother's Day weekend. Please be ready to volunteer to help at this sale as well! I know we ask for a lot of volunteers in the spring, but these events are lots of fun and they fund the outstanding speakers we learn from each month.

I will not be at the April meeting, but I hope you enjoy the presentation. It should be excellent!

Carla sent me photos of my yard with flowering trees in bloom a few days ago, so I know that spring has arrived in the Bluegrass. There isn't anywhere more beautiful! It made me a little homesick!

See you in May!

Here is our Zoom link:
Topic: KOS March Meeting



Time: Mar 11, 2026 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4911551123?pwd=ZnV2b3VFR3dSYUFnUlcwU2hEVjR2UT09&omn=87623537915>

Meeting ID: 491 155 1123

Passcode: 021021

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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

Ever wonder how to make your plants bloom better? Or wish you could look at your plants and just know what they need? Our speaker for the month, Chris Satch, is talking to us about "Orchid Physiology- Interpreting how they grow so you can grow them better." It will help you be able to understand what each part of the plant does and how it grows so that when it does something, you can understand it. He will also talk about bloom triggers to help your plants bloom more and better.

Christopher Satch is a Professor at the New York Botanical Gardens, as well as the CEO and Founder of NYC Plant Help, a horticultural consultancy for indoor and outdoor growers in the greater New York area. Having been featured on NPR, the Wall Street Journal, Architectural Digest, and more, Christopher breaks down the science behind growing plants and explains how plants grow in human-understandable terms. Having specialized in plant physiology and

pathology, you can ask him any orchid growth, flowering, or culture question, and he will know the answer. He is a member of the AOS Education/Tech Committee, has participated in the rewrite of the care and culture sheets for AOS, and grows over 200 plants on windowsills, in terrariums, and more in his tiny Manhattan apartment. His favorite orchids are Cattleya species, Catasetiinae, Miltoniopsis, Lepanthes, and anything else that's either odd or fragrant.

Show up for the meeting to hear this fascinating topic and see how you can get your plants to do better. Also, he has offered to do a plant doctor before the meeting start at 7pm. He said to bring in any sick plants you may have questions on and he can diagnose them for you if you wish. Can't wait to see you at the meeting!

Jennifer Coy, Vice President

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KOS April Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month

Date: April 8, 2026

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:

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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.

April

Sweet: Danette Willias

Salty: Maddie Morris

Savory: Jen Morris

March Meeting Minutes

KOS Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2026

Meeting started at 6:34pm.

No new members or visitors present

Jan made a correction to the past minutes: The KOS Show will be on Sept 26, 10am-5pm and Sept 27, 12pm-4pm. The new flier for the show was done by Jan as well.

Minutes were approved.

No treasurer's report: Linda was absent.

Old Business:

- Orchid Digest: Pam was absent and Jan brought a few copies of the magazine.
- Orchis magazine-AOS: Anne Marie was absent.
- Zoo orchids: no updates.
- Dues: Members were encouraged to get their project plant if their dues were paid. The official membership list will be sent out soon for 2026. Members should advise of any corrections on contact info to Jan.

- For the KOS Show in September, the chairs had a meeting already and have agreed to train co-chairs. Each committee chairman has been sent an e-mail asking if they will serve again this year and if they request a helper from a new member.
- We sent out the invitations to the vendors and so far Lady Orchid House, Nats, Windy Hills have confirmed attendance.
- Update about the Oct-March meeting date and time change: We don't have a definite answer. We will update when we hear back from the Church.
- We still need someone to take over the KOS Facebook account.
- Kentucky Plant Show: Owensboro Convention Center, March 28. We will sell Dens, Catts, Oncidiums, Pinguiculas.
- Name tags: if anyone needs any, please reply to the email sent.

New Business:

- Waterfront Botanical Gardens: KOS will present three educational presentations on orchids. May 14 on general care and culture, June 15 on Oncidiums and September 16 on semi-hydro potting. Need volunteers for the last two classes as they will include potting of orchids. Will also need plants as examples and to promote KOS.
- GCOS Show March 21-22: KOS will put in a display. Steven will take plants. Make sure your plants are groomed and include your name on the bottom of the pot.
- Indianapolis Show will be April 24-26. Will need a set-up and a tear down crew to help.
- Paristown Garden Show will be on April 19th. Will need volunteers to promote the Society and sell some pings.

- Speaker for the April meeting will be Chris Scratch, NY Botanical Gardens professor: Orchid physiology- understanding them so you can grow them better.
- Shirts from Oaks with the KOS logos: we are asking around to see if people are interested in getting them.
- Show and Tell: Steve and Pam were absent. The places were decided by votes from the members.
- Speaker: Debra Boersma: “Small but mighty”- Tolumnias.
- Raffle was held.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

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Upcoming Events

Paristown Garden Show - April 19

- <https://thefleurdeflea.com/index.php/special-events/garden-show>

Central Indiana Orchid Society Spring Show - April 25-26

- <https://centralios.org/upcoming-events/>

Locust Grove 2026 Gardener’s Fair - May 9-10

- <https://locustgrove.org/event/2026-gardeners-fair/>

Kentucky Orchid Society Show & Sale - September 26-27

Historic Locust Grove’s 2026 Gardener’s Fair Save the Dates- May 9-10

Again, this year, KY Orchid Society will participate in the Locust Grove Gardener’s Fair. We will have a booth where we will sell orchid plants and distribute information and chat with anyone who stops by our booth. If you have not been there, it is a lovely event with many different vendors; selling garden-type items, as well as plants and even food. If you have been, you know how much fun it is.

I will have sign-up sheets at our next KOS meeting, April 8th for members and guests to volunteer to work in our booth. If you can’t be at the meeting and want to volunteer, you can email me at lindasolleyk@hotmail.com.

Recent Events

Greater Cincinnati Orchid Society Orchid Show - March 21-22, 2026

We had a good show display again this year. The competition was fierce. We did not take home any trophies for our society, however, our individual members did rather well. We brought home 39 ribbons on 45 plants! The registration sheet with ribbons listed for each plant is available on request.

Congratulations to all!

AOS trophy did go to MVOS (Miami Valley Orchid Society). Best of show went to GCOS.

- Anne-Marie

PS. Thanks to Danetta, Stephen, Carla, Larry and Walter for help with setting up and breaking down the KOS display.



Kentucky Plant Show in Owensboro - March 28, 2026

Several of our members went to the Kentucky Plant Show in Owensboro, KY and sold dendrobiums, cattleyas, and pinguiculas. Thank you to those who made the trip from Louisville.



Kentucky Orchid Society Show & Sale Flyer

Here's a preview of the flyer for the KOS Orchid Show & Sale happening later this year

KENTUCKY ORCHID SOCIETY

2026
show & sale



- AOS judged show
- orchids for sale
- free admission
- daily seminars
- potting table
- daily raffle

SEPT 26 10-5

SEPT 27 12-4

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
330 N Hubbards Lane

find us online at kyorchidsociety.com

March Show & Tell Gallery

Thank you to the members who brought their blooming orchids for Show & Tell and to Stuart Fleischaker for taking pictures of them!





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