



**Orchid News**  
**Kentucky Orchid Society, Inc.**  
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***It is time to pay your dues!! See Linda Solley-Kanipe.***

**February 2019 Speaker:** Dr. Larry Zettler  
Orchid conservation afar: from Illinois cornfields to remote sites in  
Madagascar, Palau and Cuba

Wednesday, February 13, 2019  
Immanuel United Church of Christ  
2300 Taylorsville Road  
6:30 pm, Social hour, 7:00 pm Meeting

## **From the President**

Hi Everyone,

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our February meeting. Remember, we have a social 1/2 hour between 6:30-7:00. The meeting starts promptly at 7:00.

Went to a wonderful Sarasota Orchid Show!!! Also, spent a considerable amount of time chasing down the Ghost Orchid which does grow in Florida.

At our meeting we will concentrate on the Louisville Home and Garden Show which will be held March 1-3. We'll discuss the orchid shows being held in Indianapolis and Cincinnati. Hopefully we'll have a lot of participants for both of these shows.

So get out your thinking caps, make a list of any questions you might have about the Home and Garden Show. With all this dreary weather it'll be so nice to see all the beautiful colors in the gorgeous Hawaiian Orchids. Aloha

Stay warm!!!!

Ruth Schneider, President  
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## From the Vice President

Hello All,

I hope everyone is keeping warm and toasty in spite of the terribly cold weather. I guess I shouldn't complain today, since it is sunny despite being 11 degrees out there!

We have some exciting things to look forward to at KOS. Our upcoming meeting will feature a presentation by Dr. Larry Zettler of Illinois College on saving orchids in the wild. I have posted his bio and more details about his presentation on our website. Check it out!

March is quickly approaching and we are gearing up for the Home and Garden Show at the Fair and Exposition Center on March 1-3. We have ordered 200 orchids for KOS to sell at the show! Many of you have kindly agreed to help unpack the orchids and then store them for a few days. Many have also volunteered to help set up and manage the booth during the show. I will be discussing this in more detail at the next meeting.

I have a request for all society members. We are in need of pots in which to display orchids at the Home and Garden show. These do not need to be traditional orchid pots. I know most of us plant lovers have received orchids or other plants in ceramic or plastic display pots. I'd like to request that you bring a few for donation to the society. We will display the orchids we have for sale in them and we will sell orchids with them. We found at Locust Grove last year that a simple pot will increase the price that we can get for the orchid by \$10-15. They stabilize the orchids we have in the display, improve the appearance of our display, and increase our profit! Please bring 2, 3 or more to donate to the cause. Any size is appreciated! If you bring them to the February meeting, I'll make sure that they get used in the Home, Garden and Remodeling show! There is a pic below of some I happen to have. We can *all* help to make this show a profitable one for our society.



For our next monthly meeting, in March, we are going to share our secrets on growing orchids in a new way. This program started with a suggestion from one of our members submitted at our Christmas party. The request was to have members who had been growing for awhile describe how to grow various types of orchids. I have decided to try a "speed dating" platform. This is something popularized in the late 90's to allow eligible singles to meet a large number of potential partners in a short period of time. We will use it to allow a large number of members to learn about several types of orchids from our "experts" in a short period of time. It's an experiment I hope works!

We will have 5 tables set up with about 10 seats at each and an "expert grower" at each. Members will take a seat at one of the tables and a 12 min. presentation/Q&A period will ensue. At the "bell" announcing the end of that round, the groups will move to the next table and the presentations will start over again with the new group. It should last about an hour and should allow each of us to "pick the brain" of the presenters. Hopefully, the small group setting will encourage questions and we will all learn some secrets!

I'll see you all on Wednesday, February 13! Keep warm.

Jan Smith, Vice President

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## Minutes

The KOS monthly meeting held at the Immanuel United Church of Christ @ 7:00 pm.

The KOS Treasurer's report was not presented and the upcoming budget was not reviewed. The Board changes, expenses and donations were discussed.

Orchid donations were lauded.

Discussed the need for volunteers for the KOS participation in the Home and Garden Show, March 1-3, were discussed. We will need volunteer help with unpacking orchids, and plant sitting volunteers to house the sale plants for approximately 1 week. We need volunteers to work the Home & Garden Show from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm, Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 am – 4:00 pm on Sunday, 3 people per shift. Taxes will be included in the plant price and 1 person each day will be available for charge sales. We will also have 3 parking passes to share with workers during the show. More info to follow.

Dick Humke and Catherine Luckett will co-chair the KOS Orchid Show this year, September 27, 28, and 29, 2019.

Our speaker for the evening was Jan Yates from the Cincinnati Judging Center to discuss how to setup an orchid show display. It was very informative and we all learned a great deal. Thanks Jan.

## Show & Tell Plants:

### Standards:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Unknown *vanda* - David Seligson

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Unknown *dendrobium* - Heidi Boel

3<sup>rd</sup> Place *Paphiopedilum* Yerba Buena (*Paphiopedilum* Sanacderae x *Paphiopedilum* Diversion) x *Paphiopedilum* Yosemite - Dick Humke

### Miniatures:

1<sup>st</sup> Place *Masdevallia striatella* - Dick Humke

2<sup>nd</sup> Place *Dendrochilum wenzelii* - Jan Smith

**Plant Raffle:** Was held for those present this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be February 13, 2019.

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## February Refreshments

Sweet – Pam La Rocco

Savory – Philomena Derencourt

Surprise – Joan Masters

Ice/drinks – Gloria Teague

# KOS Show & Tell





*Photos courtesy of Jan Smith*

