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# ORCHID NEWS

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## The President's Corner

*From the President:*

KOS members,

I know we're all excited that Spring is here! Every day I go out to the garden and look at my Cypripediums (I have 3 varieties) and Bletillas (I have 2 varieties and a new one ordered!) to see if they are poking their heads out of the ground! And, they are!!! I'm excited to say that I have several in the house that are going to bloom, too. One which I've had for almost 5 years that has never bloomed, now has several buds! I couldn't ask for a better Spring! I hope all of you are having Spring bloomers, too. Remember that we want to see your pictures for Show and Tell so please submit them to Jan Smith and Debbie Hanna. The photos will be shown and discussed

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at the Zoom meeting during the Show & Tell portion of the meeting and also appear here, in the KOS newsletter.

We are hoping that we can begin meeting in person very soon. There will be more information about that coming along, but for now we are still meeting on Zoom. The April meeting will be held on the 13th starting at 6:15 pm with social time and the business meeting at 6:30. Our Vice President, Anne-Marie will tell you about the speaker (see her message below).

Here is the link for the meeting:

KOS Admin is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: KOS Admin's Zoom Meeting

Time: Apr 13, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 491 155 1123

Passcode: 021021

I really would like to see all of you at the Zoom Meeting!!

Deanna Day, President

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## The Vice President's Corner

*From the Vice President:*

April, spring has sprung and life is returning to the gardens! The snowdrops are finishing, crocuses are in full bloom as are the hellebores. The daffodils are putting on a show as is the forsythia. Hyacinths and trilliums are waiting for a few more nice days to start their blooming! Some spiraeas and flowering quince are about to burst in bloom as well! Nature at its best!

In the orchid world, we are all busy transplanting and many of us are getting plants ready for show. After these long two years of inactivity, we may all be a little rusty and may need some help and coaching of how to prepare our plants and fill out forms. Luckily, we do have the expertise within our society and people willing to help. Many thanks to Pam and Stephen to help us prepare for 'show' success.

We also submitted the order to our last vendor (Sam Tsui), from now on we will purchase orchids at shows and occasionally still at the grocery store!

As of this writing the hardy (perennial) orchids have not shown signs of life, before long also they will pop up.

Our speaker for this month is Dr. Clark Riley, who has been growing orchids for many decades but also has some local connections. Hails from Madison Indiana and got part of his degrees from the University of Kentucky. He will talk to us about: 65 Years of Orchid Growing Mistakes (Including the Top Ten Mistakes - and how to fix 'em).

# Minutes

## Brief Bio:

Clark Riley has been an active orchid grower since 1957. At the age of six, he got his first plant, a probably-collected Yellow Lady slipper (*Cypripedium pubescens*) from a perennial nursery. The plant died a miserable death in a short time, but not before blooming and cementing a love of orchids that has lasted over half a century. He has labored ever since to make amends by promoting the sound cultivation of Lady slippers. He grows a wide range of orchids, including several thousand terrestrials, hardy species, and lady slippers, Brazilian Laelias, and specialty Phalaenopsis, often from seed. He was the producer for the book and CD of Proceeding of the North American Native Terrestrial Orchid Conference. He is a member of the Maryland Orchid Society and the American Orchid Society. He can be reached at [dririley@aol.com](mailto:dririley@aol.com) or visit his web site at <http://cyps.us>.

More can be found at

<http://clarkriley.com/RileySp.html>

Some of you may remember his talk last January (13th) 2021 about Hardy Orchids. Since it was during the covid lockdown, we heard and saw him on Zoom from one of the Ohio orchid societies.

Happy orchid 'potting' everyone!

Anne-Marie Blancquaert.

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## *KOS VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES*

*March 9, 2022*

We had 30 attendees, plus new member Heather Pollard. The minutes of the January meeting were approved and seconded as presented in the newsletter. There was no Treasurer's report this month.

### **Old Business:**

1. Dues for 2022, \$25. President Day asked that we please send to Linda or pay on Venmo (@KOSadmin). 40 members have paid to date. Once paid you can pick up your club project plant from Jan or Pam.
2. Meeting Locations. President Day mentioned that her and S. Locascio & J. Crafts had viewed 2 places of interest last week. The most interesting was the All People location on Rudy Ln. It has a nice meeting area with a video screen, a kitchen with ice maker and no charge to use for monthly meetings. Storage is not available and there is not a PA subsystem. The Board will meet to discuss and present to the membership.

### **New Business:**

1. J. Smith & S. Benjamin met with Waterfront Botanical Gardens to discuss future events. It looks like they could not be ready for us until 2023 due to staff shortages.
2. President Day discussed attending the upcoming Cincinnati Show. S. Benjamin & P. LaRocco will set up our display and Jan Smith will collect plants in her greenhouse for the

event. J Smith and S. Locascio volunteered to return plants on close of show on Sunday.

3. Reminder that our annual show will be 9/30 - 10/2 2022 at St. Matthews Episcopal Church once more.

4. Our Vendor of the month is OrchidInn run by Sam Tsui. We will use his website to order, and Ann Marie will handle the orders.

5. President Day has listed dates for upcoming shows & Events:

- Cincinnati Show: April 9 & 10 - we will attend.
- Central Indiana Orchid Society show: April 23-24 - we will attend.
- Locust Grove Fair: May 13-15 - we voted to attend, L. Solley to chair. Kalapana Orchids is quoting in a week for our orchids.
- Home & Garden Show, Louisville: May 20-22 - we voted NOT to attend
- MVOS Orchid Fest: Aug. 26-27 -Virtual and live.
- Chicagoland Orchid Fest: Sept. 23-25- Virtual

6. Nopes has been accepted as an affiliated Society of AOS. D. Day has their schedule of events for 2022 and a membership form too. You can review on their website.

7. March Speaker: Shared with MVOS Maurice Harvey spoke on "Orchidariums, Globes, Terrariums and enclosed cases".

SHOW & TELL: P. LaRocco presented winners.

PLANT RAFFLE: 5 Winners were drawn this month. Pick up your plants at Jan Smith's House.

Meeting Adjourned.

Sal Locascio, Recording Secretary

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## Show & Tell Winners - February 2022

### Topmiller:

1st Place: (*cattleya*.Valda x *brassavol nodosa* ( *C cattleya* Valda (B. *brassavola* - Karen Bloom

2nd Place: *phalaenopsis* Unknown - Fuchsia - Sal Locascio

### Fanelli:

1st Place: *phalaenopsis* Unknown - White - Sal Locascio

2nd Place: (*potinara*) Martha Clarke 'Amazing' x *potinara* Star Fire ) (Rth. *rhyncattleanthe* Martha Clarke x *rhyncattleanthe* Star Fire 'Robin's Red' ) - Karen Bloom

# Register Your Orchid for The Show

*From Stephen Benjamin*

The show is coming, and you have a beautiful orchid to put into the display. What do you need to do to register it so that it gets judged properly?

- 1) Get a copy of the show schedule. Each show has their own schedule, but most of them will be very similar to the MOAC schedule. This schedule, registration document, deadlines and who is responsible for registration and collecting plants will be emailed out approx. 7-10 before the show.
- 2) Get your label out of the pot. (Put it back in the pot when you are finished with registering.)
- 3) Determine the name of your plant: Convention is First Name or initials on the tag is the Genus. Second name on the tag, if it starts with a lower-case letter, is the species. If it Starts with an upper-case letter, it is the Hybrid name. If there are two or more sets of names with "x" between them then each set is one parent of the hybrid.
- 4) Using the Genus name determine which part of the schedule your plant belongs to: Cattleya, Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, etc. The last couple of sections are for the miscellaneous plants and art.
- 5) Starting at the top of the proper section, read each class and determine if your plant fits that class. When you find the class that your plants fits, stop. You always use the first class that it fits in. If you are not sure, continue reading additional classes in case one fits it better. If nothing is better, return to the first one.
- 6) Plants that have no name tag, tag was lost, or is unreadable, generally can be entered. However, each society treats them differently, so read that specific show schedule.
- 7) Send the full name from your tag, a picture of your flowers (a good description will work), and the class number you determined to the person who is registering the plants. If you cannot determine what the class is send the above information to the person registering the plants and he/she will do the best they can to determine which class your plant belongs in.
- 8) BOX: Get the smallest possible box that will hold your plants. Put your name on your box. Box up your plants using some packing material to hold them steady. Attach a return mail label to the pot of each plant, and take to the person who is collecting the plants for the show by the date & time listed. Stake all spikes that are floppy for travel. Leave a note in your box if you want the stake removed before showing.
- 9) Some hints:
  - a. In many classes, the size of the flower helps determine class.
  - b. In Paphs, one group of classes asks for Primary Hybrids, these are hybrids where both parents were species.
  - c. If you want to check to see what's in a hybrid, or if a Hybrid has already been named you can go to: The International Orchid Register / RHS Gardening.

With the information in #6 above, the person registering the plant review and check your entry, this helps assure the plant is entered correctly. All registrations have a deadline, usually early evening on the Thursday before the show, so get this information to the registration person asap.

# Locust Grove Gardener's Fair - Saturday May 14 - Sunday May 15

*From Linda Solley-Kanipe*

After two years of cancellations, the Locust Grove Gardener's Fair is back!

The Kentucky Orchid Society will have a booth at the Fair, where we will be selling a nice assortment of orchids from Kalapana Tropicals in Hawaii. We will also be providing information to the attendees about how to care for your orchids, the Kentucky Orchid Society's organization and our upcoming Show in the fall. The hours for the Fair are 10:00 to 4:30 each day.

We need your help! We will be setting up for the Fair on Friday May 13 and breaking down Sunday after the event is over. There are multiple ways you can participate: helping us set up for the event on Friday, working a shift on either Saturday or Sunday and helping us break down the event on Sunday afternoon.

If you are interested in participating, let me know. Linda Solley-Kanipe - Locust Grove Gardener's Fair Chair. My email address is [lindasolleyk@hotmail.com](mailto:lindasolleyk@hotmail.com). My phone number is 502-648-6496.

## February Show & Tell Gallery

Here are the February Topmilller and Fanelli winners, along with a few other notable orchids from last month's Show & Tell. Check out the KOS website for the full gallery of Show & Tell submissions.



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Lc. Fire Dance - Sal Locasio



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Brsdm Nittany Gold 'Dr. John' AM/AOS - Jan Smith



Lc. Love Knot 'Blue Moon' - Jan Smith



Blc. Emma Pigors - Sal Locasio



Blc. My Orange 'NN' - Anne-Marie Blancquaert



Maxillaria sanguinea - Anne-Marie Blancquaert

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