



ORCHID NEWS

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The President's Corner

From the President:

Happy Independence Day (even though it's already happened). July, and this year even June, has brought us some very hot weather. If you're like me, you have your warm growing orchids outside. The American Orchid Society tells us that warm growing orchids like a temperature range of 55 to 90 degrees F. In practice, most will tolerate a few degrees more or less, but this probably depends on factors like air movement and humidity. It hasn't felt like humidity has been an issue - it seems like there is plenty of that! I think the term "warm growing" must refer to jungle-like conditions and it sure feels like we've got that! Orchids are adaptable. I hope any of yours that are living

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outside right now are adapting well to our Kentucky and Indiana summer!

Our July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12 at Sojourn East Church on Rudy Lane. The meeting will begin at 6:30 with the plant doctor and social time and the business meeting will start at 7:00. Please bring your blooming plants for Show and Tell. We would appreciate help setting up, so please come early (6:00 pm) if you can assist. We will have snacks. Vice President Anne-Marie Blancquaert will tell you about our speaker.

I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Deanna Day, President

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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President June 2022:

The year is at its midpoint which means summer is at its warmest and for a little while the gardens are at their nicest! This may be of short duration if we don't get rain soon! The 'dog days of summer' are upon us, from 3 July till 11 August because of star alignment, are known to be the hottest of the year.

All my orchids are finally outside at summer camp. My husband and I finished building a shade house (which Walter refers to as the orchid 'outhouse'!) in a side yard strip of one of our gardens, more on that in another write-up! Time now to do a thorough cleaning of the greenhouse

and disinfecting of the water collecting system. An empty greenhouse is a sad sight to see! But it holds so much promise for the fall!

A friend of ours took a hiking trip in early June to some state parks in Minnesota and sent me a picture of what he called the Minnesota State flower. What he sent me was a picture of *Cypripedium acaule* while *Cypripedium reginae* (showy lady slipper) is the state flower from MN, small mistake to make in the excitement of finding such a treasure! This is the flower that got our July speaker into orchids according to her bio!

Coincidence?

Teresa Huesman's Bio

*My orchid journey began when I was hiking in Tennessee and I saw my first *Cypripedium acaule* blooming. I didn't know what it was or its name and little did I know that this discovery would start me on my orchid quest to learn more.*

*I joined my first society in 2011 to learn more about native orchids and came home with 6 *Phalaenopsis* plants.*

I started going to orchid meetings, shows and I would sit in on AOS judging. In 2015 I joined the Cincinnati Judging Center and became a student judge and in 2021 I became an Accredited Orchid Judge. I'm currently the President of the Native Orchid Preservation and Education Society and the Vice President of MVOS.

I continue to strive to learn more about native and nonnative orchids.

Her talk will be about Pleione orchids, some of you may not be familiar with them but they are very interesting and lovely little gems!



Cypripedium acaule in Minnesota State Park June 2022

Since Teresa is a judge and not a grower/hybridizer/business owner, she will not be bringing orchids for sale. We can slowly build up our finances with an eye on Orchid Fest and our own fall show with the many vendors we will meet there!

Looking forward to seeing all of you again in our new meeting place, in our regular (although only for the second time) meeting room with a format more reminiscent of before covid times!

Anne-Marie Blancquaert.

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Minutes

KOS MEETING MINUTES

June 14, 2022

Attendance: Approx. 25 Members. Welcome to New Member Joanna Vasquez.

Minutes of last meeting - Motion to approve by the membership.

Treasurers Report - Motion to approve by the membership.

Old Business:

1. L. Solley recapped Locust Grove Show. The club earned approx. \$900 from our sales. L. Solley thanked all the many members that contributed there time over the weekend that made the show a success. We were left with only 10 orchids out of the 100 we ordered for sale at the show.
2. C. Cates is working on finishing the Directory. If you have not paid your dues please do so soon.
3. Pres. Day sent around snack sheets for members to sign up for future meetings.

New Business:

1. Pres. Day sent best wishes to Board member J. Crafts who underwent surgery today and could not attend the meeting.
2. Reminder that Roberts Supply is closing get your orders in soon.
3. Reminder that members will assist other members that have a hard time making it to the meetings. Call ahead for help.

4. S. Benjamin reminded us of the August 26-27 Orchid Fest in Kettering, Ohio featuring speakers and orchid sales from 13 vendors. Speakers are R. Parson & M. Gerritsen. Registration for the weekend event is \$55. Go to www.ohiovalleyorchidfest.com to enroll.

5. Also we are just about to begin the early preparations for our show on 9/30 (setup) thru 10/2. Keep thinking about how you would like to volunteer to help. We will need every member of the club to help out and make it a success. We will have 5 plant vendors and 3 non-plant vendors this year.

6. Pres. Day announced that J. Smiths' plant that got awarded last year and given the name 'Zora Lee' was published in the June issue of Orchids in the section of '2021 Awards'. Cattlianthe Ladybug 'Zora Lee' AM/AOS (Rojo x Guarianthe aurantiaca) 81 points. Exhibitor: Janet Smith; Photographer: Richard Noel. Cincinnati Judging. Congratulations Jan.

7. Ann Marie introduced Russ Vernon speaking on "How not to grow your Phals!" Thank you Russ on a great presentation!

8. Plant raffle.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Show & Tell

Show & Tell was cancelled this month due to a change in the meeting location.

CORRECTION to the May Show & Tell winners:

The 1st Place Topmiller winner, Phalaenopsis Unknown - green/white lip, was submitted by Heidi Boel.

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