



ORCHID NEWS

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The President's Corner

From the President:

It's hard to believe it's August already and 2022 is more than half gone. I hope everyone is staying cool and having a good summer.

Our August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9 at Sojourn East Church on Rudy Lane in St. Matthews/Windy Hills. We will begin at 6:30 with the Plant Doctor, Beginner's Corner and Social time (you choose). Then we will proceed with 7:00 business meeting, 7:40 educational speaker (Eric Sauer presents "Buying Orchids - How to know what you're going to get"), 8:30 Show & Tell and Plant Raffle and 9:00 adjourn. Due to the recent increase in Covid cases, Jefferson County is now in the red zone. Consequently, we respectfully ask that everyone wears a face mask, and we will not be serving

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food at the meeting. We will still have Show and Tell and the Plant Raffle so bring your blooming plants and plan to purchase those raffle tickets! Hope to see you all there!

Just a reminder that our 2022 Orchid Show is scheduled for October 1&2. Our September meeting will be dedicated to the final preparations and organization of this event and we will need help from each and every member. Please plan on spending the weekend with us as a volunteer to make this annual event a success.

Deanna Day, President

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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

August, what to expect this month for our orchids? We've had some rather hot days in July already, are more to come? Around here August can be pretty hot but then some orchids love that and many will start setting spikes!

For those of us who have their orchids outside for the summer ('summer camp') it can be a tricky month. Hot, dry, no wind meaning little air circulation, blazing sun all conditions that most of our orchids do not like. We may need to give mother nature a hand with more frequent misting/watering and certainly need to hold off on fertilizing. Heat stressed plants should not be fertilized as this only adds to more stress. Check the leaves and if they feel warm, some gentle misting is in order.

Shade cloth is a must if no large trees are available.

As the flower gardens are passing their peak, the vegetable gardens are coming into their own. Lots of produce is ready to be picked and preserving/pickling will be in our near future.

After this month we will have a hiatus of two months without a speaker, as we have to plan for our October show and review the results that same month.

This month we have Eric Sauer, president of Miami Valley Orchid Society (MVOS) as our speaker. Most of us do know him from the many Zoom meetings/speakers we have shared during the covid times. Since Eric has a business, specializes in orchids from Ecuador (esp. Maxillarias) but not exclusive, he will bring some plants for sale to the meeting. His talk will cover many aspects of orchid growing however he will not discuss particular genera. He will help the beginners in selecting what is right for their growing conditions and give us more advanced growers some 'points for thought', as many of us (me included) have fallen in the trap of trying to grow/bloom an orchid because we were enticed in a publication we read or a unique looking flower, however our growing situation is totally not suitable!

Ending on a more somber note, because of the county being in the red category for covid, we again have to insist on wearing a face mask inside during the meeting and we will not be able to share food.

Happy orchid growing!

Anne-Marie Blancquaert.

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Eric Sauer's bio:

Title: **Best Practices buying orchids: You can know what you're gonna get!**

Eric is a registered Landscape Architect and has been growing orchids for over thirty years specializing in South American species. He has spoken internationally and across the United States. Eric recently had culture chapters published by Guido Braem in his books, *The Genus Paphiopedilum* and *The Genus Phragmipedium*. He also has several of his Maxillaria photos published in Eric Christenson's book *Maxillaria, an Unfinished Monograph*. Eric has received over 85 awards from the American Orchid Society and has three orchids named after him, including two species from Ecuador. Email at: eric@rvorchids.com.

Minutes

KOS MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2022

Attendance: Approximately 25 Members. New Member Heather Pollard, Visitors Donna Metcalf, & Jennifer Coy - Welcome

Meeting Minutes: Approved by membership.

No Treasurers Report although a payment was made to the judging Center of \$150.00.

Old Business:

1. S. Benjamin reminded all members of the August 26-28 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.

2. C. Cates is working on finishing the Directory. If you have not paid your dues please do so soon

New Business:

1. Steve Benjamin announced that 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. Vendors are: Natts Orchids, Orchid Outlet, M. Ladeau, Ecugenera, and Phal Wholesaler from Atlanta. The 3 non-plant vendors will be Orchidware clothes from Mei Ling, Orchid Pots from Sue (our member) and Gwen Hartman Orchid Collectables.

2. Ann Marie introduced Teresa Huesman from Cinn. Orchid Club speaking on "Pleione Orchids!" Thank you Teresa on a great presentation!

PLANT RAFFLE: Winners were drawn for members.

SHOW & TELL: Winners were selected.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Show & Tell Winners - March 2022

Topmiller:

1st Place: Phalaenopsis Unknown - Yellow-pink striped - Heidi Boel

2nd Place: (*paphiopedilum concolor* Yellow Bird x *Thaianum 'Perfecto'*) - Anne-Marie Blancquaret-Bruyninckx

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Fanelli:

1st Place: *cattleya tigrina* - Steve Benjamin

2nd Place: *oncostele* [Ons.] (syn. *colmanara* or Colm.) Wildcat 'Rainbow'

(Ons. Wildcat (Ons. Rustic Bridge x Onc. Crowborough (1965)) - Jan Smith

July Show & Tell Gallery

Kentucky Orchid Society members and visitors brought their flowering orchids for Show & Tell. Thank you to Stu Fleischaker for photographing the orchids.













Kentucky Orchid Society's 33rd Annual Orchid Show and Sale

October 1, 2022

October 2, 2022

10:00 am—5:00 pm

12:00 pm—4:00 pm



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

330 N. Hubbards Lane, Louisville, KY 40207

FREE ADMISSION AND DAILY SEMINARS

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