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# ORCHID NEWS

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## The President's Corner

*Letter from the President:*

Thanksgiving is behind us but only the day itself. We still have much to be thankful for. I want to be certain that each of you knows how grateful KOS is for all your involvement. This is a volunteer organization and without your time and energy we wouldn't accomplish anything or have nearly as much fun! Thanks so much for all you do - each and every one of you!

We haven't had a Holiday celebration in several years so the December meeting (Wednesday, December 14) should be fun. This meeting will be a little different because we have no Show & Tell (please do not bring your blooming plants) and no raffle. The meeting is reserved for the presentation of awards, a recap of our

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accomplishments in 2022 and socializing with our members. You are welcome to bring a guest.

- We would like to have an approximate head-count for the event. Please RSVP to my email with your count. ([deanna7736@yahoo.com](mailto:deanna7736@yahoo.com))
- We will provide Turkey and Ham as the entree and if you are able (don't feel obligated), please bring a side-dish, salad or dessert. Jennifer Coy has graciously volunteered to coordinate this, so please let her know what you will bring ([jennkoi@hotmail.com](mailto:jennkoi@hotmail.com)).
- The celebration will start at 6:15
- Jan Rager has graciously volunteered to do table decorations - Thanks Jan! I'm sure she would welcome help.
- We will be handing out our "Club Project" plants at the meeting. Each year we give every member a young orchid plant to take home and raise. The first person to get theirs to bloom has major bragging rights! Be prepared to take your plant home. We also have some project plants left from 2022. If you did not get one (especially new members) please let me know and we'll bring it for you.
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, text or email me.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** it's that time of year again! Time to pay your membership dues - a mere \$25 per year! Please bring your money to the meeting or feel free to send a check to Linda Solley-Kanipe or you can also pay by Venmo.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Anyone who joined in October or later does not pay dues for 2023, they are included in your 2022 membership.

**RSVP:** One more time - please let me know if you will be attending the Holiday Celebration! Feel free to contact me with questions.

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I am sad to announce the passing of Wayne Roberts of Roberts Orchid Supplies. I have attached a link to his obituary. We sent condolences to his family.

<https://chroniclet.com/news/333779/wayne-elton-roberts/>

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## The Vice President's Corner

*Letter from the Vice President:*

This will be a short letter as we are getting ready to leave tomorrow (29<sup>th</sup> Nov) for a visit home with mother. Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends and are getting ready for Christmas and New Year!

Our yearly Christmas dinner will gather all of us for dinner and companionship, again something we have not done since 2019. A relaxed evening without raffle and Show & Tell, concentrating on each other.

Hope to see all of you on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December!

Happy orchid growing!

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President

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# Minutes

## KOS MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2022

Attendance: Approx. 30 members. Welcome visitors and new members Jennifer, Sherri and Heather.

Meeting Minutes: Approved by membership  
Treasurers Report: Approved by membership

### Old Business:

1. President Day thanked all of the members that helped make our show a great success especially Catherine Lockett and Dick Humke for help with the church and Jan Smith and Steve Benjamin for chairing the event and David Easley for providing food and helpers both days. Many thanks to the setup/teardown teams welcome table workers, Kitchen staff and all the other volunteers.

2. President Day thanked Linda Solley-Kanipe & Sal Locascio for spending the day (Sat. 10/8/22) working the Belknap Fall Festival Booth and promoting the club during the event. Our Booth was well received.

### New Business:

1. Pres. Day announced openings for the 2023 slate of officers. The Slate consists of President Deanna Day, V.P. Anne-Marie, Recording Secretary Sal Locascio, Treasurer Linda Solley-Kanipe, and Corresponding Secretary Janet Crafts. A vote was held and the officers were confirmed for 2023. Congratulations to all candidates.

2. Christmas Party - Members approved holding a Christmas Dinner/Awards banquet at the

December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. The club will supply a Honey Baked Ham and members will use a sign-up sheet for pot luck side dishes and desserts. Jen Coy will issue an email sign-up sheet for members to list what they will bring. Early Headcount 35 members. Jan Rager volunteered to do table decorations and Sal Locascio and Philomena will help as the table setup crew. All others that would like to volunteer are welcome. We will have access to the Church as early as 4:30 PM on the day of the Holiday Party.

3. V.P. Anne-Marie introduced Tom Sampliner as our guest speaker. His topic was "The Orchids of N. Thailand during the Dry Season". Thank you Tom

PLANT RAFFLE - Held for the members.

SHOW & TELL - Pam LaRocco announced winners. See Photos of your plants in the gallery below.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!!!

Adjourn.

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# Kentucky Orchid Society 2023 Club Project Plant

*By Stephen Benjamin*

Each year the Kentucky Orchid Society buys small batch of orchid plants (all of one kind), and each paid member is encouraged to collect one and grow it up. First person to bloom it and sends a picture, wins bragging rights and a small prize. Well, I just picked up the plants for our club project for 2022-2023, and I will work diligently to get them potted up tomorrow (day before Thanksgiving). I have already prepared the pots (6 oz plastic cups), secured a label to each one, and now just need to stuff the plants in with a little sphagnum moss. This potting is not meant to be permanent but can probably last maybe 6-8 months if needed. Best thing to do is repot it this coming spring with your mix in a more robust pot and make a new label.

Phalaenopsis like to be warm with bright indirect light, such as shears or in the shadow of other plants. Morning sunlight proves to be best for most Phals, and they can even take some direct sun early in the morning. Phals are also very easy to grow under lights. Phals also like to be a little moister than many other orchids, so just before they dry out, water them thoroughly. Fertilizer should be regularly applied, mixed into the water, but at a reduced rate from the “recommended” on the label, maybe 1/3 to 1/4.

What we are getting this year is Tom Harpers cross # TH 19-06, and it is called Phal. Quirin Cramer. It is a cross between Phal. Mambo ‘Jungo’ x Phal. Ambonosa ‘yellow’ . These will be smallish plants with yellow flowers with warm color tones, red-mahogany barring, and it will be fragrant. The flower stalks will be successive, so when a flower drops off, a new one will take its place. As the plant gets older, you may also get multiple spikes and maybe branching. There are only three species in its background, those being: amboinensis, venosa and mannii. See below:



Thanks,  
Stephen

PS- Jeanette and I will be mounting ours.

## November Show & Tell Gallery

Kentucky Orchid Society members and visitors brought their flowering orchids for Show & Tell. Thank you to Stu Fleischaker for taking these beautiful photographs of the orchids.













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