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# ORCHID NEWS

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## The President's Corner

*Letter from the President:*

I'll start by saying thank you to Sal for opening his home to us for the summer picnic. About 25 people attended and I think everyone had a good time. The food was great - thanks to all who brought a dish to share. We made a little money for the club at the orchid auction (Linda will report on it at the meeting) and lots of people got a new plant or two. I apologize to those of you who got caught in that awful traffic jam! I know some of you just gave up and turned around and went home. Unfortunately, there's nothing we can do about traffic.

Our upcoming meeting is on Wednesday, August 9 at All Peoples Unitarian Church. We begin at 6:15 with The Plant Doctor and Beginner's Corner. I hope to see all of you there!

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Believe it or not, we only have 2 more meetings before our annual Orchid Show and Sale! It hardly seems possible, but here we are. Our show is one of the most important events we do and, as you know, it takes a village! Every single member can contribute something! Jan Smith and Stephen Benjamin are the co-chairs of this event and we will be hearing from them from now until the show. See details in their article. Please reserve the dates - October 6, 7, & 8 and plan on helping.

Just a reminder to our members who may be interested, Ohio Valley Orchid Fest is August 25-27 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Kettering, Ohio. It's about a 2 ½ hour drive. It's lots of fun - you may want to see if you can get a group together and all ride in the same car.

See you at the meeting on August 9!

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## The Vice President's Corner

*Letter from the Vice President:*

As I write this message, outside it is in the nineties and how will our orchids residing outside take this heat?

We have indeed entered the dog days of summer, a bit earlier than in past years if memory serves me right. This too shall pass.

In August we continue our series of members presenting their way of growing orchids. Jan Smith will tell us about the construction of her greenhouse, the trials and tribulations attached to any construction project (as many of us know, having gone through a remodel at some point in

our lives) and the final product resulting in great blooms and plenty of space for more plants!

For September our meeting will be consumed with the preparations for our orchid show in October. We may still be a little rusty, but with last year's great success, I'm sure we can duplicate this again this year.

July's party, hosted by Sal looked, judging from the photographs, a big success. We missed it (last opera in Cincinnati) and will again miss the August meeting. If all goes well, we will have arrived in Milan the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup>, attending the Pesaro Rossini Festival and a visit to mother (who got to be 94 in July) in Belgium.

Our orchids at summer camp will need some tender loving care in these hot days, cooling them down with a water spray will help. Remember, the majority of what most of us grow, come from warmer climates, hence may feel right at home and enjoy this, hopefully, brief 'situation'!

Have a great meeting and see all of you in September.

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President  
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## KOS August Meeting

*Second Wednesday of the Month*

Date: August 9, 2023

Time: Social time 6:15 to 6:30, business meeting 6:30 to 7:00, speaker at 7:00

Format: In-person

Location: All Peoples Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Rd, Louisville, KY 40222

# July Meeting Minutes

*KOS Meeting Minutes, July 22, 2023*

No minutes this month due to the KOS summer picnic.

## 2023 KOS Orchid Show & Sale

*By Jan Smith & Stephen Benjamin  
October 7-8, 2023*

Our 2023 Orchid Show and Sale is fast approaching! I hope everyone is ready to pitch in and make this show another successful one for KOS. It takes assistance from everyone to put on a wonderful show. Set up for the show will be on Friday, October 6. Judging will occur on the morning of October 7 and the show will be open to the public Oct 7 & Oct 8.

Stephen has been working on procuring judges and vendors for the show. We have a good number of judges now. Thus far we have vendors including Natt's Orchids (4 tables), Ecugenera (4 tables), Mei Ling (1 table), Sue Philips (1 table), Anything Orchids (3 tables), and Little Frog (2 tables). You will recall that Sue has orchid pottery for sale and that Mei Ling sells clothing and other orchid related items. The other vendors all sell plants. We still have two tables available, and hopefully they will fill as well.

We have invited orchid societies from Memphis, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Dayton, Columbus, and expect to hear back from them within the next few weeks, as they discuss setting up a display with their members.

At the next meeting, there will be opportunities for you to sign up to sponsor an award for our

show. Each judging category gives a "best of class award", requiring a \$25 donation to offset the cost of purchasing the award. Many of the awards will be compots of Phalaenopsis crosses from Tom Harper. These were given last year and the winners seemed quite happy with them.

We will need people to help with set-up on Friday. On Saturday, you can plan to be a clerk during the judging portion, and on both Saturday and Sunday, we will need volunteers to staff the welcome and information tables, sell raffle tickets, and work in the kitchen. On Sunday we will also need help in dismantling the show.

We will be asking people to sign up to bring a dish for the potluck that we serve to judges, vendors and workers on Saturday and Sunday. KOS will provide the meat for the meal and we rely on your expertise in the kitchen for the salads, veggies, and desserts. We are known in the orchid community for our outstanding hospitality and good food!

Of course, you should begin grooming your plants for the show. As you see buds developing, stake those spikes, remove the dead leaves, and watch diligently for/treat unwanted visitors. Good looking plants are the cornerstone of a successful display.

Please plan to attend the August and September committees as we firm up our plans for the show.

Jan and Stephen



# KOS Summer Picnic Gallery

Kentucky Orchid Society members and visitors attended the annual KOS Summer Picnic on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Sal for the photos!





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