



ORCHID NEWS

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The President's Corner

Letter from the President:

IT'S SHOW TIME! As I'm sure you are all aware, our annual orchid show and sale is this coming weekend. Many of you have signed up to help and we really appreciate that - we can't have a show without volunteers! If you have not signed up for a specific task and would like to help, please feel free to just show up! Set-up begins on Friday, Oct 6th at noon. On Saturday, things start early with breakfast at 7:00 a.m. and judging immediately after that. We could use a few more clerks (clerks assist the judges - it's easy and fun and you can learn a lot!). If you can help with that we will be grateful. After that there is opportunity at many different places. Again, if you aren't signed up, just show up! (and it doesn't have to be at 7:00 a.m. - come any time). Sunday, the show goes from noon

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until 4:00 p.m. You don't have to stay for the entire time - we welcome your help whenever you can spare some time.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, Oct 11th and I know it's going to be a good one. Please join us!!

I hope to see everyone at the show and the meeting!!

Deanna Day, President
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The Vice President's Corner

Letter from the Vice President:

Fall is here, cool nights and still warm days, enjoy a while longer!

All eyes are on our show this coming weekend. It will take all hands to pull this off. Thanks to all who signed up to make this a success.

If your orchids are still outside, now is the time to start a 'bug' treatment (I alternate with two different (chemical) treatments a week apart. Once inside the greenhouse, I use insect foggers to get the 'bigger' critters that may have hitched a ride, noticed some stinkbugs on the orchids already!) they will all need to come inside soon. Of course, there are some exceptions, some cold lovers who can stay out just a while longer. Thinking of Cymbidium, some dendrobiums, some coelogynes, some lady slippers and probably others I am not aware of since they are not in my collection.

Our upcoming meeting will of course have a review of our show with possibly some ideas for next year's!

We will continue with our series of members talking about how they grow their orchids. I will end the series for this year with talking and showing pictures of my greenhouse and outdoor summering area. If other members want to share their growing space and experience, please let us know and we can schedule you for next year's meetings.

This year is slowly but surely nearing its end. We have somewhat of a surprise for November and in December we have our Christmas get together and installation of the new officers.

See you on the 11th of October!

Anne-Marie Blancquaert, Vice President
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KOS October Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month

Date: October 11, 2023

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

Format: In-person

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

September Meeting Minutes

KOS Meeting Minutes, September 13, 2023

Attendance: Approx. 26 members attended.

Welcome to guest Colleen Ryan.

August meeting minutes approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report - No report available.

Old Business:

1. Vice-President Anne-Marie thanked Janet Crafts for ordering new name tags for several members of the club.
2. Vice-President Anne-Marie commented on the Orchid Fest last weekend. She and Stephen Benjamin were given awards for several of their plants and the get together overall was very successful.

New Business:

1. Vice-Pres. Anne-Marie announced that member Carol L. broke her foot and she asked J. Crafts to send her a get well card.
2. The KOS SHOW DATES ARE 10/7 & 10/8. Mark your calendars! J. Smith & S. Benjamin reviewed info about the upcoming show and the need for all members to help as much as possible. We will distribute the yard signs and copies of the flyers tonight for members to utilize to promote the show. Signup sheets are available for members to participate and sign up for various events.
3. Vice-Pres. Anne-Marie announced that we have been invited to the Columbus, Ohio show on Oct, 27-29. S. Benjamin is attending and will set up our club display. Would any members be

available to assist and go to the show? Contact Deanna or Stephen if interested.

4. A selection of unused PVC pipe 3/8" size is available to any member that would like some. These were originally slated to replace our current wooden backdrop to be used at our show. Contact S. Locascio.

SHOW & TELL conducted by Pam LaRocco

RAFFLE

Adjourn - 8:30pm

Sal Locascio, Recording Secretary

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Show & Tell Winners - September 2023

Topmiller:

1st Place: Paph. Concolor 'Yellow Bird' x Paph. thaianum

- Anne-Marie Blancquaert

2nd Place: C. Valda x Br. Nodosa

- Jim Lardner

Fanelli:

1st Place: Phal. Joy Spring Canary

(Parents: Phal. Buena x Phal. Yungho Gelb Canary)

- Jennifer Coy

2nd Place: C. eldorado

(species)

- Stu Fleischaker

EDUCATION: Growing in Leca

By Pam LaRocco

I am sure you have heard that 1) education is a key to success and 2) doing the same thing over and over expecting different results is the definition of insanity.

We must learn and then apply what we have learned. I personally love to experiment, so this concept is right up my alley! However, I am convinced that it could be your new lane too.

I love a good program. Ray Barkalow on growing in Leca was the best! He is the best in the orchid world at growing by this method. But for many of us, programs can be like drinking out of a fire hose. At First Ray's website, all the info is in writing but many of us just do not have the patience and confidence to read and apply it all. So, I would like to take this year to break down this process, piece by piece. Information like this is too good to miss out on and waste.

Why try it? I am with you. Why? I would never suggest that you try something on anything that you are growing well. My husband always says, "If it's not broken, don't touch it." However, I bet that just like me, you have got an orchid you are killing. If you continue as you are, it is going to be dead! Maybe it is a whole genus that gives you fits? I have an awful time with oncidiums and just have not been able to get my paphiopedilums watered correctly since changing growing media. I tried Leca --- IT'S WORKING! You cannot overwater. So here we go.

Finding Pots

Step 1:

We are not talking flower pots. More correctly, start collecting containers. Cheap and easy, right? Here are some suggestions: 32 oz containers (Deli, yoghurt) 16 oz clear plastic Solo cups, Starbucks Vente clear plastic coffee cups, Lg and XL clear cold drink cups (kind you get at a gas station), Lg Cool Whip containers, dishwasher soap pod containers, Folger's plastic coffee containers, and so many others.

Step 2:

- Take a permanent marker. Measure up 1 inch from bottom and draw a line
- Drill or melt 2, ¼ in diameter holes about ½" apart on the line

You are ready to go! Anne-Marie will have sample pots and the "hole maker" she uses at the October meeting for you to see. That is the end of our first installment on growing in Leca. Stay tuned for more.

TEASER: We will give you a plant that grows well in Leca, the pot, prepared media, and help you pot it up at the NOVEMBER Meeting. This will be for a yearlong 2024 Club Project, focused on successfully learning and implementing a new growing technique. That is right, it is free to members. Come join the fun! Get your dues for 2024 in soon.



**Kentucky Orchid Society's
34th Annual Orchid Show and Sale**

October 7, 2023

October 8, 2023

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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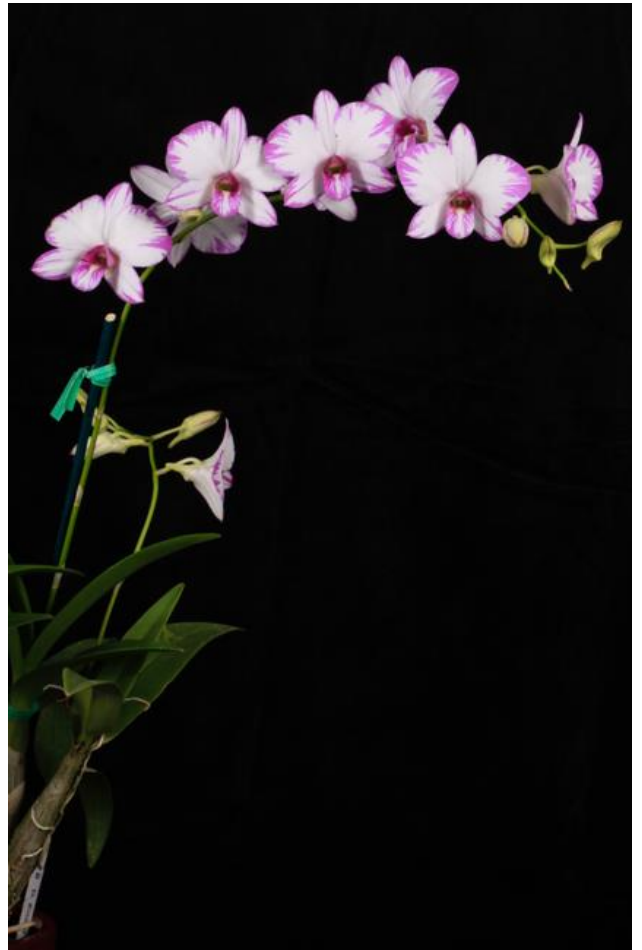
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or visit www.kyorchidsociety.com

September Show & Tell Gallery

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







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