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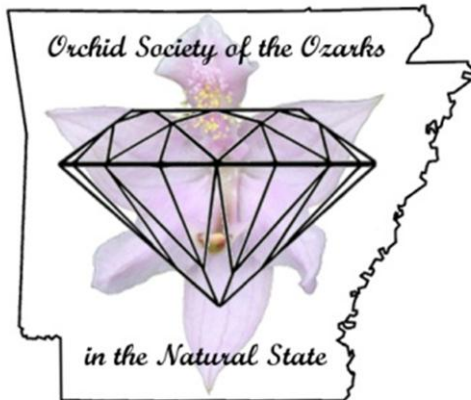
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A Belated Wichita Show Report

The weekend of April 27, the Kansas Orchid Society hosted the spring meetings of both the American Orchid Society (AOS) and the Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association (SWROGA) in Wichita, Kansas.

OSO was well represented with an exhibit by Suzanne Hobbs and Sarah Waddoups, and an additional educational exhibit by Sarah. Suzanne and Sarah received three AOS awards. Doug and Beth Martin (whose home society is the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City, but who are also OSO members) had another exhibit showing their remarkable temperate terrestrial orchids and received two AOS awards for *Cypripediums*.

There was an abundance of great speakers. Dr. Leonid Averyanov was the keynote speaker. Dr. Averyanov has studied the orchids of Vietnam extensively. His presentation on their ecology was fascinating, and the pictures of rare species, many found and described by Dr. Averyanov, had everyone craning to see. Other speakers included Dr. Raymond A. Cloyd, Robert Fuchs, Patricia Harding, Norito Hasegawa, Bryon Rinke, and our speaker this month, Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids.

Most of you are probably aware that Oak Hill Gardens, of Dundee, Illinois, was recently sold. That means the Wichita show was our last time to buy orchids from Greg Butler, the face of Oak Hill at shows for years now. Oak Hill has been a major source of orchids for us, and we've enjoyed visiting their greenhouses during several Chicagoland orchid festivals. We'll miss Greg's smiling face, somewhat snarky humor, and discussion of topics from orchid gossip to college football. We wish Greg, Liese, Hermann, and Dorothy the best in whatever they choose to do, even if that's

Stimulating interest in Orchids and their culture as a nonprofit, educational organization ...

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nothing. We also wish Oak Hill continued success with the Franz family and look forward to seeing new faces at shows soon.

Speaker Bio – Alan Koch

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleya's. Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with 3 Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college, he became interested in other orchids and discovered many would grow outdoors in Southern California. He has moved five times as his orchid obsession has led to the need for more growing space. With the last move, he purchased 10 acres of land in Lincoln, California for his 300,000 orchids.



He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trend setter in miniature Cattleya breeding. Alan has been published in the Orchid Digest, and the American Orchid Society magazines. He has also been published in the proceedings of the World Orchid Conference. He is an internationally known speaker. He is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee, and the Research Committee, as well as an Accredited Judge and is Vice-chair and Training Coordinator for the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center. Alan also served two terms on the Orchid Digest Executive Committee and Board of Directors, and is one of the current directors, as well as a Trustee for the AOS.

Don't Get Burned ... Sarah Waddoups

Sometimes we learn as much from seeing mistakes as we do from seeing perfectly grown plants. So, here is an example of what NOT to do. Both of these phals got too much light and quite literally have a sun burn. Each year I take all the plants out and scrub the glass, the brick walls and the floor of my greenhouse/sunroom. This year, I accidentally left a flat of phals too far out on the porch and they got scorched. There is no way to "fix" these leaves, but the plant is still alive and eventually its new leaves will hide these ugly ones.

The same thing can happen if you grow in a windowsill. Sunlight's direction and intensity will change throughout the year. Plants under lights can also get burned. Prevention is the best cure; sadly aloe and ocean potion don't work on orchid leaves.



Thanks to Shari Loftis for these pictures from the May meeting!



Notes from your Program Chair – Sarah Waddoups

June 24

Growing Forward: Growing Orchids in the Home – Our guest speaker will give us some pointers on how to successfully grow orchids in your home. This will be a great chance to learn new tips and tricks. All members are welcome, not just our newer growers. (You could get two programs for one meeting.)

Program: Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture, Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids - We are thrilled to welcome Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids as our speaker for the June meeting. Alan will be speaking to us about "Species Habitat & Hybrid Culture." I had the opportunity to hear this program in Wichita and couldn't take notes fast enough. This program is heavy on orchid culture and provides great information for everyone from the expert to the novice orchid grower. Alan provides insights into the natural habitat of a wide variety of species and then converts that into cultural information and tips for both species and their hybrids. It was very informative and entertaining.

Pre-orders will receive a 20% discount, and of course you also don't have to pay the shipping costs. Visit www.goldcountryorchids.com and enter discount code GCOD at check out.

July 22

Growing Forward: Planning Session - As we briefly discussed at the May meeting, our Growing Forward sessions are intended to provide information tailored to the newer orchid grower. (It is also a great "back to basics" for more experienced growers.) Our Growing Forward needs a re-boot. This month, we invite anyone who is interested in Growing Forward to attend and give us some input on what you would like to see in this portion of our meetings.

Program: Getting to the Root of Things - Don't you think new roots are thrilling? Well, okay, maybe not quite as exciting as say a new flower bud. This month, our program will focus on the importance of learning what your orchids roots are telling you. You can catch many cultural problems early by paying attention to the plant's roots.

August 26

Growing Forward: TBA

Program: TBA

September 16: The 16th Annual OSO Auction

Please note that as usual the auction is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month. There will be a plant preview beginning at noon, with the auction beginning at 1 p.m. We anticipate another year of fantastic plants. Do I hear five dollars?

(There will be no Growing Forward this month. As those who have attended in the past will attest, the auction is quite a lot for one afternoon.)

Upcoming Shows Around Our Region

July 13-15

Baton Rouge Orchid Society Show, Baton Rouge Garden Center, Baton Rouge, LA

July 22-29

Los Orquidistas de Borinquen Inc., Centro Ecuestre de Trujillo Alto, Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico

October 26-28

Fall Mid-America Orchid Congress, Independence, MO, hosted by the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City

SWROGA Fall Show, Barnwell Center, Shreveport, LA, hosted by the Shreveport Orchid Society

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Like us, post your pictures or comments, join the community. Recently pictures from the AOS Members Meeting in Wichita have been posted. Join in!

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Orchid Web Site of the Month: <http://www.goldcountryorchids.com/>

Our web site of the month for May is that of our speaker, Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids in Lincoln, California.

Check out Alan's web site and catalog!



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Sarah's Musings!

Well, summer is officially in full swing. I swear it rained yesterday simply because the humidity was too high for any more water to remain in the air. If you grow in your home, be sure to watch your plants and water more frequently; the air conditioning can really dry out your home.

This month we have a fantastic speaker: Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids. I heard him give this program in Wichita and couldn't take notes fast enough. It should be one of the highlights of the society's year. Get those pre-orders placed and bring a notebook.

Sarah



What's Ahead

June 24, 2012 - NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd., Springdale, AR

Growing Forward: 1 pm – Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids

Meeting: 1:30 pm

Program: Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids, "Species Habitat and Hybrid Culture"

July 22, 2012 - NTI, 709 S. Old Missouri Rd., Springdale, AR

Growing Forward: 1 pm – Planning Session

Meeting: 1:30 pm

Program: "Getting to the Root of Things"

Back Porch

There are thousands of groups that discuss orchids on the Internet and Facebook – the problem is finding the good ones! Your editor is a Facebook holdout, but Cathy has found several Facebook orchid resources she likes. Here are two:

The Coalition for Orchid Species:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/cospecies/>

And the American Orchid Society Facebook group (this is the group that helped identify Maggie's mystery *Dendrobium* during our show last spring): <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/52597049839/>