

Kalamazoo Dunes Orchid Society

April 2017 Newsletter



Meetings

KDOS usually meets at 2:00pm on the 1st Sunday of the month, in Conference Room #2 at the Bronson Athletic Club, 6789 Elm Valley Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Meetings are open to the public and visitors are always welcome. The meeting times may vary by a week around holidays.

Contact Us

Our website: <http://dkos.proinnovation.com>

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Next Meeting:

April 2, at the BCA
2:00 p.m

Program: Webinar-
Spotted and Splash Cat-
tleyas with Fred Clarke of
Sunset Valley Orchids

Please bring plants for
auction after the presen-
tation.

Our treasurer, Keith
Dixon, will collect the
annual membership dues,
\$20, for anyone wishing
to join

Please remember to let
us have ASAP any change
of personal contact. We
are in the process of
updating our membership
list for 2017.

Refreshments will be
provided by Jenny Welsh
and Agnes Wong



Upcoming Events

Date:	Event:	Place:	Program:
April 2, 2017 2pm	KDOS April Meeting	Bronson Athletic Club 6789 Elm Valley Drive Kalamazoo, MI 49009	Webinar- <i>Spotted and Splash Cattleyas</i>
May 6, 2017	KDOS Orchid Sale	Bronson Athletic Club, 6789 Elm Valley Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009	Sale
June, 2017 TBA	KDOS Potluck Picnic	TBA	Picnic
June 17-18, 2017	Great Lakes Judging Center- 2017 Education- al Seminar - Dendrobi- ums and Cymbidiums	Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Building 4800 E Huron River Drive Ann Arbor, MI 48105	Judging and Seminar



Notes From Our March Meeting:

March Presentation- *Psychopsis* by Sandra Dixon Mast Greenhouse Sale- March 11, 2017

Fundraiser

Picnic-

Looking for volunteers, possibly may have it at Haven Church

KDOS Spring Orchid Sale

Our spring orchid sale, to be held as before at the Bronson Athletic Club, is planned again for May 6. Volunteers will be able to sign up as we get closer to the day of the sale.

New Meeting Site

Haven Church, 5350 N Sprinkle Rd., Kalamazoo, MI

Membership voted to move to new site starting in September, 2nd Sunday (after Labor Day)

March Show and Tell Winners:

Special Award- big cymbidium- John Coble

1st Place- Deb Allwine

2nd Place- Deb Allwine

3rd Place- Dea Bishop

Refreshments provided by

Dar Snyder and Luba Schram



Photo by Dea Bishop



Our March Show and Tell Table

On *Psychopsis* by Sandra Dixon

Psychopsis (Pyp) (named after goddess Psyche – the wife of Eros, who had had butterfly wings)

They are also called 'Butterfly' orchids. There are only 4 species, found around Trinidad, Central and South America: *Pyp krameriana*, *Pyp papilio*, *Pyp sanderae* and *Pyp versteegiana*.

They grow epiphytically on tree trunks and branches in wet rainforest and also at dry upland forest. This will allow them to dry quickly, as they don't like their 'foot' wet for long periods. They also like good air movement, as they can display 'themselves' elegantly like butterflies! The flower, when opened, last about 10 days, variable in color and size from inflorescence to inflorescence, and from blooming to blooming. The interval between flowerings is about 15 days, if nothing changes in the environment. Don't cut back the inflorescence as new flowers will be back in the next flowering cycle. Dried inflorescence can be cut, as it is obviously spent.

Culture can be a challenge as there are 'many recipes' to follow. The advice of an expert who has got several CCM/AOS is: '... to grow them 'tight'!' That means, repot them only when there is no obvious space for them to grow. If you keep them at high environmental humidity (~80% RH) and leave them to dry between waterings, the potting media will not break down too quickly, and your plant will be happy. Fertilize same way as other *Oncidium*. Keep them at intermediate temps, and if you 'play' with light intensity, you will see differences in the size of the flower: bright light= smaller flower and vice-versa.

I have not tried them in Orchidata® as indicated above: my plants are growing in the original bark material since 3-4 years ago!

Give it a try! And... Good Luck!

All these 3 plants 'missed' the presentation (and some other 6)! Please note the size of the flower on the pic at right corner: it always displays coalescent brown markings and lateral sepals are so big that they frequently 'drop' along sides. It is perceived as not attractive as the other ones, under this aspect, but it is, surely, displaying similar size as the 'lip' does!



Photos by Sandra Dixon

Officers

President: Sandra Dixon

Vice-president: Mary Beth Montague

Secretary: Vince Whitmore

Treasurer: Keith Dixon

Trustees:

3 year, Larry Galdes

2 year, Kathie Staunton

1 year, Deb Allwine

Activities Committees

AOS Related Subjects: Greg Filter and Deb Allwine

Shows: Larry Galdes and Deb Allwine

Programs: Mary Beth Montague and Sandra Dixon

Refreshments: Ginnie Hessler

Website: Julie Renner and Vince Whitmore

Treasurer's Report

Income* \$1,823.95

Expenditure** \$1,249.00

Savings A/C \$1,425.68

Checking A/C. \$6,780.08

CD 103 \$571.78

CD 105 \$569.62

* Income: Auction - \$ 182.00

Coffee - \$5.00

Mast sale - \$1,636.95

**Expenditure: Mast Orchids - \$1,124.00

AOS Fees - \$125.00