

plants for everyone who attended the banquet.

In the absence of Royal Barber, OSGKC's outgoing President, Doug Martin, announced this past year's award winners. Congratulations to the following:

Orchidist of the Year: Mark and Joy Prout

Vanda Alliance: Joyce and Tom Moulis

Phragmipediums and Paphiopedilums: Monica McNamara

Oncidium Alliance: Patty Robinson

Dendrobium Alliance: Ron Daly

Cattleya Alliance: Ron Daly

Other genera: Doug and Beth Martin

Awards are based on the outcomes of OSGKC's monthly judged shows. At year's end, each member's accumulated points are tabulated, according to the following point system:

1 pt = each blooming plant submitted for judging

5 pts = first place

3 pts = second place

1 pt = third place

10 pts = Plant of the Month

A member with the highest number in each category is granted the annual award.

Orchidist of the Year goes to the grower with the highest total overall points.

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Upcoming Regional Shows and Events

February 18 and 19, 2006

Missouri Orchid Society Show and Sale

Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, MO

Saturday, Noon - 5 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

March 25 and 26, 2006

Greater Omaha Orchid Society Show and Sale

Omaha Marriott Hotel
10220 Regency Circle,
Omaha, NE



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Letter from OSGKC President: Dan Schlozman

Dear Members:

Again a happy New Year to all of you. I'm looking forward to the coming year and hope to carry on with the themes that have been developed by prior presidents.

We are reaching a genuine level of sophistication and success in show displays. This, of course, is reflected in the high quality of plants at our monthly judging. Our membership is growing at an amazing rate, thanks to the efforts of our membership chairman. Our auctions have been a huge success as has hospitality and information dissemination via the newsletter and Web site.

I'm hopeful we can pursue other avenues of basic growing education on a monthly basis that is brief and similar to the upcoming program. I would very much like to see our library enhanced more and perhaps look into presenting

some book reviews on books surrounding various orchid topics.

I hope to bring these issues up at our next executive meeting and to report to you in a preliminary fashion at our next meeting.

Happy Growing,

Dan

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[Dan also reports that this year's slate of committee chairs will be announced at the January meeting.]



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OSGKC's Monthly Meeting:

Roeland Park Community Center
4850 Rosewood, Roeland Park, KS

Beginners' Group: 1:00 p.m.

Regular Program: 2:00 p.m.

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OSGKC Next Monthly Meeting
January 2nd ~ 2 p.m.
Roeland Park Community Center
www.osgkc.org

Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City
Office of Newsletter
7337 Terrace
Kansas City, MO 64114

Officers and Chairs: Reports

Mentor Program

Chair: Monica McNamara
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Like many of our orchid plants, the various Mentor and Focus groups are dormant during this time of year.

Seed Sowing and Growing, led by Fred Bergman, has concluded, but will start up again next year if there are members who are interested.

Cattleya, led by Ron Daly, has also ended, but will resume again sometime in the new year.

Monica says that other focus groups can be organized as members express interest. Mentoring partnerships continue to be arranged upon request. Monica will bring forms to the January meeting requesting that members volunteer to serve as mentors for the 2006 year.



2006-2007 OSGKC officers:

President: Dan Schlozman
Vice President: Monica McNamara
Secretary: Susie Hanna
Treasurer: Paul Kreutzer
Board Member at Large: Frank Serra

A Look Forward:

Monthly Meetings ~

General information:

The OSGKC meets on the second Sunday of each month. The exceptions are April and May, which are held on the first Sundays. Beginners' groups gather at 1:00 p.m. and regular meetings are at 2:00 p.m. The society meets at the Roeland Park Community Center, 4850 Rosewood, Roeland Park, KS. For directions to the center, visit our website : www.osgkc.org.

Next month's meeting - January 8th

1:00 p.m. - Beginners' group, led by Fred Bergman. Attendees will develop a list of topics they want to discuss during future 2006 meetings.

2:00 p.m. - Regular meeting. The society will host an Orchid Clinic and Q/A Session. In addition to blooming plants, Mark Prout, Program Chair [mprout2@comcast.net, 816/478-7087], invites members to bring problem plants. [To avoid contaminating other plants, it's a good idea to enclose sick orchids in a plastic bag.] A panel of experts will examine the plants and offer diagnoses and possible remedies. Members will also have the opportunity to share their own remedies and tips.

Because the meeting includes no guest speaker, members wishing to bring plants to sell or donate to the silent auction are welcome to do so. The society receives 10 % of each plant sold.

Future programs for 2006:

Feb. 12: TBA

Mar. 12: Bryon Rinke on Pleurothallid Alliance

April 2: Growers' Tour

May 7: TBA

June 11: TBA

July 9: TBA

Aug. 13: TBA

Sept. 10: Alan Koch

Oct. 8: TBA

Nov. 12: TBA

Dec. 10: Banquet



Member Profile: Julie Morrison -- Q and A

Q. How many years have you been raising orchids?

A. 4 years

Q. How many orchids are in your collection.

A. Do any of us really want to admit it? Or dare say, fearing our significant others will hear? It's probably close to 125 now.

Q. What is the predominant type(s) of orchid you raise.

A. Cattleya alliance mostly, favoring Brassavola types and blues.

Q. Give a brief description of their growing environment.

A. They mostly grow window sill and under lights(at Monica's) in the winter and outside in the summer.

Q. Name one to three orchids in your collection that is a/are particular favorite(s). Tell why.

A. First, my Brassavola Cucullata because it grows so well and the shape of the flower is amazing. The fragrance is

unmatched. 2) Bl. Richard Mueller X Blc. Waianae Leopard because it is one of my first orchids and is fragrant all day long. Flowers last a long time. 3) Bc. Maikai "Mayumi" for the color and the fragrance.

Q. Share with readers your best orchid-culture tip(s).

A. Read and network with people about specific orchids. Knowing where they come from in nature will often give clues to why one isn't doing well in your collection. Above all, don't fret over them too much!!!!

5. What do (or did, if you are retired) you do in life (career/work) to support your orchid addiction?

A. I am an at-home mother with two small children, Erin (4) and

Abby (6 mos.). We have two greyhounds: Ciara (10) and Fergus (4). My husband Chris and I have volunteered for REGAP (Retired Greyhounds



Julie and her daughter, Erin

As Pets) for 9 years. We foster greyhounds before they go to their forever homes. We recently sent home our 58th foster "baby". In order to support my orchid addiction, I also do greyhound sitting in my home.

A Look Behind:

Last month's meeting - December.

On Dec 11th, 29 people attended the OSGKC Annual Banquet at Deer Creek Golf Club. A wonderful dinner was prepared by one of our members, Tony King, the club's chef.

Special thanks to Tom and Barbara Larkin for donating

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Looking for information about orchids?

Favorite orchid resource: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/>

[Jay Pfahl's site has a wealth of material. Scroll down the page to find links to photographs and in-depth information about an extraordinary array of specific orchids, their culture and care.]

If you have a favorite source of information (website, book, article, etc.) about orchids let me know and I will pass the word along to our members via the newsletter.

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