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Alan received his Bachelor of Science from California State University Sacramento in botany and went on to Pepperdine University to get his Masters. He is recognized as an expert in the Brazilian Cattleya alliance and a trendsetter in miniature Cattleya breeding.

Alan has been published in *Orchids* and *Orchid digest*, as well as in many international orchid journals and in proceedings of World Orchid Conferences. He is an internationally known and popular speaker on the orchid "circuit." Alan is a past member of the AOS Judging Committee and the Research Committee, and a current member of the AOS's Special Funding Committee and auctioneer *par excellence*. He is an Accredited AOS Judge and past chair of the Pacific Central Judging Center. He is currently the Vice Chair and Training Coordinator for the new Sierra Nevada Judging Center in Sacramento. Alan also served two terms on the *Orchid Digest* Executive Committee and Board of Directors and is one of the current Directors.

Alan lives with his wife Cheryl and their two sons, Matthew and Mark in Lincoln, California.

"I am very excited about the future of the AOS as we strengthen the bonds between members, leadership and the industry as a whole," says Alan. "By working together I can see our membership growing along with the orchid industry."

[Program description and biography provided by Alan Koch. An email was sent to all members on August 21 with a list of plants for sale through the company.]



September Auction - con't from pg.2

Plants should be healthy, pest-free and preferably blooming. If plants are not in bloom, you are encouraged to provide a color picture of the bloom to be included with the plant at the auction. Doug Martin can provide assistance regarding photos, if contacted at least one week prior to the auction.

Sellers should plan to check-in no later than 1p.m.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Monica McNamara at [mmorchids@everestkc.net](mailto:mmorchids@everestkc.net) or 913-851-8709 if you can help us at the Fall Auction.

We are also in need of members to bring FOOD AND BEVERAGES to help sustain our energies during this fun, fast-paced and dynamic event! Contact Cindy Hobbs at [tincan1201@aol.com](mailto:tincan1201@aol.com) or 913-268-9013 to coordinate this effort.

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you are interested in participating. *Hospitality:* Holly Hall and JoAnne New provided refreshments. *Nominating Committee:* The Nominating Committee for the election of new officers is Doug Martin, chair, Jason Ward, and Mike Wheeler. They will report to the club in November.

*Plant of the Month:* Plant of the Month was *Habenaria rhodocheila* grown by Fred Bergman.

*Point and Comment:* Ron Daly shared his system of labeling plants with different colored tags to indicate the year they were repotted.

*Book Review:* Dan reviewed the book, *Astonishing Stanhopeas*, by Barney Greer from Australia. This book can be read in about one hour and is a good starter book on the subject. This book is also missing from the library, so if you have it, please contact Dan.



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#### 6. Other places to hold meetings.

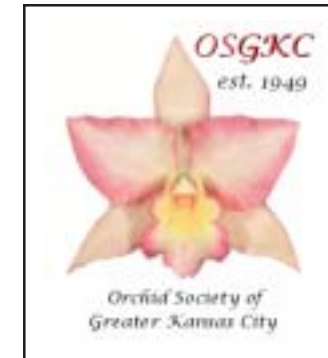
Dan has looked into the Jewish Community Center. Another community center (Overland Park) is available. Both would cost more. Dan is looking at a country club possibility.

7. **Raffles.** Fred suggested that raffles may need more funds to obtain blooming plants for each raffle, if proceeds do not cover. Dan transfers president's discretionary fund to that purpose.

8. **Member Dues.** In order to publish yearbook in a more timely fashion, Paul recommended invoicing members. EC prefers email "invoicing" dues reminders beginning in October with early 2007 cutoff.

9. **Budget.** Clarified that the budget is on a calendar year and that recent budgets have been done for current calendar year in progress. Charter calls for budget to serve as target with Budget Committee recommending mid-year corrections as needed.

10. **Yearbook Ads.** Fred you are you are recommends sending yearbook to lapsed members as well as to vendors to show them they have an ad. We could also solicit ads as we seek more auction donations.



# OSGKC News

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## A Look Forward:

*OSGKC September 10th Program: Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids*

September's OSGKC meeting is "Understanding the Brazilian Cattleya Alliance." The talk covers the great diversity in the Cattleya alliance found in Brazil and how to succeed in growing them. This is not a travel-log but a look at the species and the many hybrids made from them. It covers where they grow in nature and how to use this information so that you will have success in your home or greenhouse. I will cover the species that are a challenge to even the most experienced grower as well as the ones that are suited for the novice.

#### Program Speaker

Alan Koch owns and operates Gold Country Orchids in Lincoln, California, where he specializes in miniature and compact Cattleyas. His love affair with orchids likely first began in 1960, when he picked a few *Calypso bulbosa* flowers and brought them home to his mother. He has been intrigued by their beauty ever since.

Alan started growing orchids in 1969 with three Cymbidiums given to him by an aunt. While in college he became interested in other orchids and discovered to his great joy that many would grow outdoors in Southern California.

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## Fall Orchid Auction September 16th

#### When:

1:00 to 1:30 p.m. - Set-up and Viewing  
1:30p.m. to 4:30p.m. - Auction

**Where:** Roeland Park Community Center ~ Multipurpose Room  
4850 Rosewood, Roeland Park, KS

by Monica McNamara

The Fall Auction is a special, multipurpose event that is open to the general public. It provides an opportunity for OSGKC members to sell or donate their plants, supplies, books and other orchid-related items. The selling member will receive 75% of the sale and 25% to the Society. Members may also designate 100% of proceeds of an item to the Society. OSGKC donates 10% of the Fall Auction

proceedings to an orchid-related charity and the remainder goes toward OSGKC activities and funds special events like this auction.

This Fall Auction inventory includes select orchids donated by Whippoorwill Orchids and Windy Hill Gardens. Watch for an e-mail in the coming weeks with more details on these plants!!

#### MEMBERS' PLANTS

Members who want to sell plants or other items in the Fall Auction MUST contact Monica McNamara at [mmorchids@everestkc.net](mailto:mmorchids@everestkc.net) or 913-851-8709 by SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10 with the number of plants and other items they intend to bring. Members are asked to limit the number of orchid plants to 20 ORCHIDS PER MEMBER for sale in this auction. As we have had past difficulty with too many plants at an event that had dissatisfying results for many members, Monica will be monitoring the number of proposed sales plants for this event and may adjust the number limitation during the week prior to the auction as needed.

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#### OSGKC's Monthly Meeting: September 10, 2006

Roeland Park Community Center  
4850 Rosewood  
Roeland Park, KS

Beginners' Group: 1:00 p.m.  
Regular Program: 2:00 p.m.



*Letter from OSGKC President:*

*Dan Schlozman*

It is now two days since our last meeting and excellent speaker. Since then, I have received two suggestions regarding alternate venues and am enthusiastically reviewing them. A lot happened at the last meeting; and if any of you are confused or have any concerns about the events, please feel free to contact me.

Meanwhile, happy growing

*Dan*



**Committee Reports:**

*Beginner's Program:* Fred Bergman reported that the group discussed pesticides, and he also showed an inexpensive conductivity meter from Harbor Freight (\$19.95) that's as good as more expensive meters.

*Program:* Mark Prout stated that future programs are: September Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids; Marge Fromm of the Omaha Zoo, November, on the zoo's orchid conservation project; December is the holiday banquet.

This month's program was a slide presentation by Lucinda Winn, J & L Orchids, "Good Things Come in Small Packages," a look at miniature orchids that might do well in the climate of the Kansas City area.

*Membership:* John Mallery said we have taken in no new members in the past month.

Paul Kreutzer suggested at the Executive Committee meeting that members be invoiced by email for annual dues.

*Website:* John Mallery requested regular input from members to keep the website updated, with news, announcements, plant of the month photos, auction information, etc.

*Mid-America:* Vivian reminded members that the next Mid-America meeting is August 25-27 in Lexington, KY.

*Budget:* Cindy Hobbs reported that the budget committee is going to reconvene to revise the budget that will begin in January. The normal procedure for developing the budget is to propose a budget by mid-year that will begin in January of the following year. If anyone has any suggestions for the budget, please contact Cindy.

*Shows and Exhibits:* Cindy Hobbs said the next exhibit for OSGKC will be in St. Louis at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Set up is on September 29 during the day, and the show runs September 30 and October 1. Cindy needs assistance with the set-up and tear-down. If you are interested in helping, please email her at: cindy.e.hobbs@embarq.com. An added bonus to the St. Louis show are the Dale Chihuly glass pieces on display throughout the gardens.

*Publicity:* Jason Ward said the September auction will be publicized in the KC area.

*Auctions:* Monica McNamara said that the Executive Committee decided at their last meeting to propose three auctions for 2007. A Spring and Fall mini auction where members can sell plants with 75 percent of the sales going to the seller, and 25 percent to OSGKC. The Summer auction will be a fund-raiser for the Society with 100 percent of the sales going to OSGKC. Sellers will be asked to bring no more than 20 plants to each auction. Deb Pate suggested the club consider a 70-30 percent split for all three auctions, but Monica said that wasn't economically feasible. From the mini auctions, the Society has received \$300-\$400 in sales, whereas the Summer auction generates \$2,000-\$3,000.

The Fall auction is scheduled for Saturday September 16, with preview and check-in of plants from 1 to 1:30, and the auction from 1:30 to 4:30 at the Roeland Park Community Center. Sellers are asked to contact Monica a week or more before the auction to tell her how many plants they plan to bring. There will also be a \$5 table. Orchid-related supplies and accessories may also be offered for sale. Flyers to advertise the auction were passed out to members to post in the area. Volunteers to help with the auction are needed, including people to bring refreshments. Please contact Monica.

*Raffle:* This month's raffle plants were provided by J & L Orchids and Tony King.

*Mentor Program:* Frank Serra reported that the mentor program is in operation. Pick up forms and give to Frank if

*A Look Behind: OSGKC Meeting - August 13th, 2006, Minutes*

Dan Schlozman, President, called the meeting to order on August 13, 2006.

**Old Business**

The Society is in need of an alternate meeting site. The current location at the Roeland Park Community Center will not be available the second Sunday in October, so OSGKC will meet the third Sunday that month, on October 15. Anyone who has a suggestion for other meeting locations for 2007, please contact Dan.

**New Business**

The July 2006 minutes were approved. Paul Kreutzer, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$13,041.17, not including show funds. The treasurer's report was approved.

Dan reported that at the recent Executive Committee meeting, the group discussed and is proposing changing the club's bi-laws to indicate that the vice president of the society is next in line to become president. Dan recommended that the vice-president's title be changed to president-elect. He said that many clubs do this to provide continuity, and to make sure that the president has experience with the workings of the club before taking office. This will be voted on at the next regular society meeting.

*Member Profile: Lance Jesse -- Q and A*

Doug and Beth Martin and Deb Pate will provide refreshments for September's meeting

**Q. How many years have you been growing orchids?:**

A. I became interested in Orchids somewhere in the mid eighties. At that time the Orchid Society was meeting at the garden center at Loose Park near the Country Club Plaza. This was only a few blocks from my home, and I just dropped by one Sunday afternoon to see what was going on. There were beautiful plants on display and interesting people. I was hooked.

**Q. How many orchids are in your collection?:**

A. I have probably around 50 orchids, mostly in the cattleya family, but also some Phals and Oncidiums.

**Q. Give a brief description of their growing environment:**

A. I grow on an old fashioned sleeping porch on the south side of our house. It is a room with windows on three sides. I have a small exhaust fan in one of the windows, and additional fluorescent lights for added light. I take most of the plants outside during the summer where they sit on the East side of my house under a 50% shade cloth.

**Q. Name one to three in your collection which is a/are particular favorite(s) and why:**

A. My favorite orchids are the ones that bloom regularly for me. I like Brassavola nodosa for its wonderful fragranc, and I like Ascosenda Yip Sum Wa for its color and frequency of bloom. I also have some lost-tag plants that always seem to bloom well, but I have no idea what they are. I like them anyway.

**Q. Name one to three in your collection that, despite your best efforts, has/have proven particularly difficult to grow:**

A. The orchids I have found most frustrating are the terrestrials. I can keep them going for a while, but they always seem to go down hill over time. Maybe I'm not watering them correctly?

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

A. A growing tip that I would share is to keep your media free draining and to watch your watering. If you have a lot of light and good air circulation you can water often, otherwise you are better off holding back on the water.

**Q. What do/did (if retired) you do in life to support your orchid addiction?:**

A. When I'm not tending orchids, I help run our family Greeting Card Business, or I'm out in the field gathering seeds of native plants for the Kansas City Wildlands restoration efforts, or I may be fishing, or working on my prairie restoration project in the Ozarks.



*August 1, 2006 OSGKC Executive Committee Minutes*

The Executive Committee met August 1, 2006. Present at the meeting were Dan Schlozman, Fred Bergman, Doug Martin, Monica McNamara, Frank Serra, and Mark Prout. The following items were discussed:

- 1. Auctions.** After much discussion, the Executive Committee (EC) decided to recommend to members that we: a) hold three auctions in 2007, b) solicit more donations from members and more vendors for the main "all-for-the-society auction", c) publicize all three equally. Monica will discuss at the next regular meeting.
- 2. Provision for president-elect.** Dan recommends that title of vice-president be changed to president-elect to indicate society's intent that this office is to be the next president, insuring continuity and a stronger society. EC concurs with Dan's recommended charter change language. This will take a constitutional and bylaws change.
- 3. Nominating committee.** Dan asked Doug Martin to chair the nominating committee for 2007 slate. He will announce other appointees at the August meeting.
- 4. No judging update.** Continue per current system through 2006 before seeking feedback from members.
- 5. The Budget** requires adjustment to reflect increased costs for guest speakers if the society is to meet the standards of past program slates.

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