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## Fall Auction Cancelled

Report from Monica McNamara

**I**t is regrettable that the only viable date for the Fall Auction is too close to our November MAOC Show. Given the time constraints, it is sensible to cancel the Fall Auction this year and direct our time, energies and efforts to make the MAOC Show a great success! We will then plan to utilize our success and exposure with the show to plan, advertise, and execute our best-ever Spring Auction!!

Members are reminded that the October and November meetings do not have a scheduled speaker who will be selling orchids. Members may bring plants to these meetings for sale to other members, with 10% of any sale going to the Society.

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## A Look Ahead: October 14th meeting

Report from Mark Prout

**T**he October program, as mentioned at last meeting, will be the nitty gritty on the November Expo and Sale.



## Fertilizer - Nitrogen Phosphorus Potassium

From Orchids magazine, March 2007

**T**he three numbers on fertilizer bags or boxes are in the order of N-P-K (nitrogen phosphorus potassium). Please note that the P is in the form of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> that contains 43 percent elemental P. Whereas the K is actually K<sub>2</sub>O that has 83 percent elemental K. Naturally, a large third number gives you a high proportion of K. Read the label under nitrogen. Manufacturers are required to tell their customers the percentage of each N form: nitrate, ammoniacal N or urea.

If you use the 'full rate' (1 teaspoon per gallon) of the 20-20-20 (20 percent N - 4.3 percent P - 86 percent K), you will be applying about 200 ppm N, 43 ppm P and 166 ppm K.

## September - Orchid of the Month

Cynoches Jean E. Monnier, owned by David Sosland

Thanks to Tony King for the photograph.

OSGKC's Monthly  
Meeting:  
October 14, 2007

Broadway United Methodist Church  
74th Street and Wornall Road  
Kansas City, Missouri

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

*Letter from OSGKC  
President Dan  
Schlozman*

I'm looking forward to the October meeting with great anticipation. As clearly, with each passing month, the orchids will be more plentiful. Slipper and Phal season along with many other genera are now firmly upon us.

I regret that we cannot have the much anticipated Fall Auction, but after a lot of discussion, it just wasn't feasible, owing to scheduling and time for Mid-America planning.

A consolation prize is the auction to take place at Mid-America, which should be excellent.

Also, I'm looking forward to the nominating committee's report regarding the 2008 slate of officers.

See ya in October

Happy growing

*Dan*

Terrence Thompson led the beginners' meeting, talking about Paphs. and Phrags, and the growing and blooming conditions that he has experienced.

Mike Wheeler needs people for the October meeting to bring goodies.

An auction is slated for October, organized. Monica McNamara will provide details soon.

Cindy Hodd reported that the budget was in line for the rest of the year.

Tony King asked that any one who has pictures of orchids for the Society's web site should e-mail them to him.

Paul Kreutzer said it is time for renewals for membership for the 2008 year.

The program for the September meeting was a Question and Answer on how your plants did over the summer and any problems or pests that you have encountered this year., along with a best practices for your orchids.

No speaker has been slated for the next meeting. This time will be put to use for Show Prep for the OSGKC/MAOC November Show.

The Plant of the Month was exhibited by David Sosland

*submitted by Tony King*

## *A little orchid trivia*

*From Dot Henley, Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society*

According to legend, the way to recover from a rattlesnake bite is to make the snake bite himself, then follow him as he leads you to a *Goodyera pubescens* [a.k.a., The Downy Rattlesnake Plantain], which he will begin to eat to save himself. Take the

Plantain away from the snake and eat it so you will be saved. Source: Glicenstein, L. AOS Slide Program 213. *Orchids of Lower 48.*



*Goodyera pubescens*

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### *Beginners' Group*

In October, Mark Prout will join the beginners' group and describe how he grows his orchids making it possible to collect the most points for miscellaneous plants.

*Fred Bergman*

### *Membership report*

It is membership renewal time. Visit the OSGKC web sit for the renewal form.

<http://www.osgkc.org/Memberform.doc>

*The Membership Committee*

### *A Look Behind: OSGKC Meeting -- September 9th, 2007, Minutes*

The show committee met and talked about the show trophies, publicity with the coupon, bookmarks, and getting two articles in the KC Gardener.

We need volunteers for the hospitality, potting booth, auction and show set-up. Any willing people should e-mail me @ [cheftonyking@yahoo.com](mailto:cheftonyking@yahoo.com).

There were no secretary minutes from the last meeting. Jason Thoren will take over until the end of the year.

We need four members for the Mid-America Orchid Congress' Sunday meeting in November. If there are more members who want to attend the MAOC meeting, we will appoint four to be the voting group at the next meeting.

The treasure's report was given by Paul Kreutzer, who reports that there is plenty of money.