



February 16, 2025 OSGKC Meeting Minutes

2:15 The meeting was called to order by the president, Anh Rongish. 40 attended in person and 7 via zoom.

Thanks to Jeannie Smith for organizing hospitality and thank you to everyone who brought food.

The minutes of the January meeting were posted on the website. Mark Clements made a motion to approve, and the motion was seconded by Roy Thomas. The minutes were approved unanimously by all attending.

Old business: Chrystal gave a report regarding the St Louis show and thanked those who were there to set up and tear down. Our group received seven blue ribbons, four red ribbons and four white ribbons. Our President, Anh, was recognized for receiving a certificate of horticultural merit at the St Louis show. Justin Jenkins received two trophies, and certificates for best of Class and best orchid in Cattleya Alliance.

Katerina reminded us that the membership dues are due ASAP.

New Business: Mark Clements, librarian, spoke about the books our society has in their library and our new light meter, which is available for checkout. Ariel or Susie will be posting more information on the light meter and how to sign up for checkout.

Kristy Spoke about the March 29th “Orchard Delerium” exhibit at Powell Gardens. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kristy.

Anh reminded us that the annual orchid auction will be April 13. There are flyers for you to pass out to any group that would be interested.

Chrystal spoke about the show in Fayetteville with setup February 27th. The show will run from Feb. 28 to March 2nd. She also discussed upcoming shows:

Springfield March 14 -16.

Omaha March 21-23.

Tulsa March 28- 29

Oklahoma City May 2-4

Iowa October 1-Nov.2.

Scott gave us the treasures report our current balance is: \$29,965.53

Susie Informed us that we will have a special “pop up” program on April 6th.

Janna Butcher Will be speaking to us about artificial lights on Google Meet at 2:00 PM

3:10 Program. **Peter Lin, Big Leaf Orchids “Novelty Phalaenopsis, How to grow them, new trends and popular hybrids.”**

Our speaker, Peter Lin, talked about the difference between the plants we buy at the grocery store and species and hybrid phalaenopsis. Store bought plants are clones and are selected for their attractive flowers, their fast-growing ability, and the fact that the flowers can last two to three months.

Species phalaenopsis are native orchids found in the wild. Currently there are 80 different Phalaenopsis species. Hybrids grow faster than species and there are many different varieties. Our speaker also discussed at some length temperature, humidity, repotting, fertilizing, and pests and diseases. The entire talk will be posted on Google Drive, and the link will be sent to club members.

Our next meeting will be March 9th at the Merriam Community Center.

