

OSGKC Meeting Minutes 3-8-2026

2:15 The meeting was called to order by the president Anh Rongish. Thanks to Jeanne Smith for organizing hospitality, and thanks to everyone for bringing food.

Minutes from the February meeting were posted on the website. Nancy Kasperek made a motion to approve seconded by Jeanne Smith. Unanimously approved by all attending.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Jeanne Smith asked for volunteers to bring food for the upcoming auction and passed a signup sheet for volunteers to bring food to the meetings for the rest of the year. She also told us that at future meetings there will be birthday cake in recognition of the members celebrating birthdays every month.

Upcoming events:

Anh Rongish spoke about the Orchid Delirium event at Powell Gardens March 14, 2026.

Show Committee:

Beth Martin spoke about the Fayetteville show and told us our display plants won three Best of Class ribbons. The next shows are:

Springfield Mo, March 20-22, 2026

Omaha, Neb March 27-29, 2026

Annual Orchid Auction:

Our annual orchid auction is scheduled for April 26. Anh told us that this is our biggest fund raiser of the year. She will need help with pre auction prep, room set up, volunteers to check in customers, man the buy now tables, etc. There will be an online meeting on April 12 to discuss the auction.

Treasurer's Report:

Scott Howell told us we have a bank balance of \$32,350.

Program:

Helen Hull-Sanders with the US EPA spoke about "The Art of Identifying and Controlling Insect Pests." She discussed various insects and the damage they do. She defined a pesticide as any product that kills unwanted life. She advised us not to use a pesticide with a skull and crossbones since they are toxic and deadly. Her best advice...read the label!

