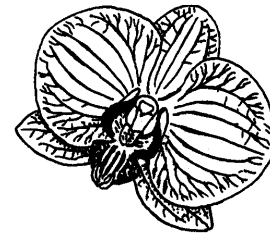




# Orchid Newsletter

Lincoln Orchid Society, INC.

Lincoln Orchid Society LOS; P.O. Box 5501; Lincoln, NE 68505-5501  
Orchid Culture and Conservation, Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge.



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**MEETING: JANUARY 31** (Meetings last Wednesday of each month)



### Inclement Weather Notice:

Meeting cancellations due to adverse weather conditions, contact Allen Bean.

**LOCATION:** Nebraska Heart Institute, Medical Office Building; 7440 S. 91st St. (Handicap Accessible Facility)  
( Southeast Lincoln, between Pine Lake Road and US Hwy. 2, access via S. 84th St. or US Hwy. 2 )  
Maps, two links on page: <http://www.nebraskaheart.com/Locations/>

### Parking:

- Handicap accessibility with parking close to door, South of entrance and drop off area in front of building.
- Main parking West side of street before main parking area for hospital.

**SPECIALTY GROUP at 6:30 PM**, Class Room 1; Coordinator Allen Bean

Discussion topics to help new or novice orchid growers with the basics of growing and flowering their orchids.

**Schedule:** January, April, July, and October.

**Jan. 31, Discussion:** Repotting Orchids, lead by Tim Janssen

(This group meets only 4 times a year, so do not miss the opportunity, next meetings: April, July, & Oct.)

**GENERAL MEETING at 7:15 PM**, Class Rooms 2-3

**Programs:** "Orchid Show Basics", Getting plants ready for Orchid Shows and

"How to Purchase Orchids", How to select plants at Orchid Shows; by Rich Sukovaty

### NEXT MONTH:

**February 28 - Program:** "Growing Media", old and new media types; by Chuck Hanson, owner of OrchidRenaissance.com of Glenwood Iowa. He grows his orchids in in-organic Media: Pumice or Dyna-Rok. Learn the benefits of using this type of media for orchids.

### TRANSPORTING ORCHIDS:

With cold temperatures prevailing, extra caution is needed if you plan to bring plants to meetings and society events. Exposure to severe cold could kill your plant, even brief temperature extremes can cause flowers or buds to drop. Place plants inside an insulated container (Thermos or Igloo, Ice Chest) or cardboard box enclosed with a plastic bag and sealed with a twist tie. Warm your vehicle prior to placing the packaged plants inside.

### 2007 ORCHID CALENDAR FOR SALE AT MEETING:

**On Sale for \$10.00 each.** Our society has purchased Orchid World calendars from World Orchid Society and previously sold last year for \$13.00. These normally retail for \$14.95 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. Contains 24 pages, 12 color photographs, shrink-wrapped with heavy card stiffener. **Pictures:** Blc. Theresa Winkelmann, Dendrobium chrysotoxum, Dendrochilum wenzelii, Miltoniopsis roezlii, Vanda Sansai Blue, Odcdm. Tiger Butter x Oda. Wearside Pursuit, Miltassia Shelob 'Tolkien', Lycaste Auburn' Santa Barbara' FCC/AOS x Lycaste cruenta, Paph. hainanense x wolterianum, Dendrobium thyrsoflorum, Stanhopea Ronsard, Cattleya Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' AM/AOS.

### BOOK FOR SALE AT MEETING:

Our society has purchased books: "Your First Orchid" published by the AOS for sale \$10.00. Ideal reference source for the new or novice orchid grower.

**FLOWERING ORCHID PLANTS AND MEDIA SALES AT MEETING:** Chuck Hanson will be selling plants, an assortment of orchid varieties. Also available, Media for Desert Orchids: diatomite (Dyna-Rok) and Pumice.

### RAFFLE PLANNED:

(If you have any that are not flowering for you or know of anyone who discards them after they finish flowering please consider having them donating to LOS for the raffle. They do not need to have name tags or be in good condition, we will revive them. The raffle plants are a valuable educational tool for growers to try varieties of orchids that are new to them and diversify their collection plus find a new home for the plants with a grower that may be able to provide the conditions needed to re-flower them.)

Only **current members** of the society may purchase a raffle ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants! Plants located on the table to the left at the front of the meeting room.

**November, 9 Plants donated by:** Society, Lorna Kissling, Chuck Hanson, and Spencer Trowbridge.

**Plants donated this month by:** LaFern Zentz and society.

### MEETING, ACTIVITIES:

- **"Plant Talk"** - Members display orchids in flower and explain how they grow them/s
- **"Questions & Answers"** - New Members & Guests are encouraged to bring in their plant/s for identification to assist with determining culture requirements or answering questions regarding their plant.
- **Refreshments:** ( Served in Class Room 1 )
- **Plant Raffle** - Ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants donated by members.
- **Program**
- **Potting Media and Supplies:** ( To purchase contact Marty Haferman )
  - **Standard or Seedling Mix** - one gallon bag for \$3.00
  - **Coconut Husk Chips** - one gallon bag for \$3.00
  - **Dyna-Rok, Fine Grade** - one quart bag for \$3.00
  - **Pot Hangers** for 3-4 inch \$1.00, 6 inch ( 18 inches long ) \$1.50

### LOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2007:

**Meetings always the last Wednesday of each month.**

**"Specialty Group"** - Meets: Jan. April, July, & Oct.; Meeting Room 1 at 6:30 PM

**"General Meeting"** - Meeting Rooms 2 and 3 at 7:15 PM

#### Programs:

**January 31** - "Orchid Show Basics", Getting plants ready for Orchid Shows and

"How to Purchase Orchids", How to select plants at Orchid Shows; by Rich Sukovaty

**February 28** - "Growing Media", old and new media types; by Chuck Hanson, owner of OrchidRenaissance.com of Glenwood Iowa

**March 28** - "Questions and Answers", Paradigm Gardens; 8949 J St. # 5; Omaha, NE 68127; 339-4949;

<http://www.paradigmgardens.com>

**April 25** - "Summering Orchids Outside" by Melvin Bates and Dwight Languis

**May 30** - "Picnic", "Repotting Seminar", and Perennial Plant Sales (Meeting NOT at NHI)

Mahoney Park in Northeast Lincoln, entrance at North 70th St. and Fremont St.; Shelter # 2

**June 27** - "Orchids of Costa Rica", DVD by Keith Plank

**July 25** - Orchid Plant Auction and "Orchids, Eric Young Foundation", PBS video.

**August 30** - "ABC's of Phalaenopsis Orchids", species and hybrids, slide Program from Orchids by Hausermann

**September 26** - "Getting Orchids Ready for the Winter", pest control.

**October 31** - "Phragmipedium", Slide program from AOS.

**November 28** - "Pot Luck Dinner and Gift Exchange"

**December 26** - No Meeting

**Events:** (Details in Area Events listed below.)

**Feb. 17, 1 PM** Orchid Seminar: "Questions and Answers";

Finke Gardens & Nursery 500 N. 66, Lincoln NE 466-1995

**Mar. 16-17** Husker Lawn and Leisure, Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln;  
(LOS will have a display at the show.)

**Mar. 31- Apr. 1** Twentieth Annual Spring Orchid Show, Greater Omaha Orchid Society; Lauritzen Gardens,  
Omaha Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St., Omaha NE; Daily - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM;  
Admission \$6.00 to Gardens and Show. Contact: (402) 734-4112 <http://omaha-orchid-society.org>  
(LOS will have a display at the show.)

**June:** LOS, Orchid Growing Area Tour/s

**Nov. 10-11 (Tentative)** Third Annual Fall Orchid Show, Lincoln Orchid Society

**REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:** (Three volunteers to provide refreshments at monthly meetings.)

If you would like to help contact Richard Sukovaty

Jan. 31: Gloria Plank, Richard Sukovaty

Feb. 28: Greg Arp, Allen Bean, and \_\_\_\_\_

Mar. 28: LaFern Zentz, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Apr. 25: Nancy Pittman, Allen Busch, and \_\_\_\_\_

Jun. 27: Marianne Grandstaff, Jan Learned and Jane Delano

July 25: Lelia Coyne, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Aug. 29: Merri Skrdla, Anne Pamperl, and \_\_\_\_\_

Sep. 26: Klyda Steele, June Ryan, Lorna Kissling

Oct. 31: Arline Fowler, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICERS/ CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Board of Directors, 8 Members:** Allen Bean, Rich Sukovaty, Miranda Harkrader, LaFern Zentz,  
Nancy Pittman, Greg Arp, Melvin Bates, and Beth Languis.

**Officers:**

1) **President, 9/05-9/07:** Allen Bean

2) **Vice President, 9/05-9/07:** Rich Sukovaty

3) **Secretary, 9/05-9/07:** LaFern Zentz

4) **Treasurer, 9/05-9/07:** Miranda Harkrader

5) **Board Member, 9/06-9/08:** Nancy Pittman

6) **Board Member, 9/06-9/08:** Greg Arp

7) **Board Member, 9/06-9/08:** Melvin Bates

8) **President - Retired, 9/05-9/07:** Beth Languis

**Past Presidents:** Don Steinegger, Beth Languis, Dave Taylor, Tim Janssen

**AOS Representative:** Dwight Languis

**MAOC Representative:** Allen Bean

**Web Master:** Rich Sukovaty

**Newsletter Editors:** Dwight and Beth Languis

**Historian/ Librarian, 2007:** Rich Sukovaty

**Program - Coordinator, 2007:** Rich Sukovaty

**Publicity:** Dwight Languis

**Courtesy Committee - Coordinator, 2007:** Jan Learned

**Membership, Coordinator:** Dwight Languis

**Refreshments Committee - Coordinator, 2007:** LaFern Zentz

**Show Chairman, 2006:** Lorna Kissling

**Specialty Group - Coordinator, 2007:** Allen Bean (Focus on New Growers, Meetings Quarterly)

**Ways & Means - Coordinator, 2007:** Marty Haferman (Sales: Potting Media and Supplies)

**TREASURY REPORT:** (Jan. 7, 2007)

**Beginning Balance:** \$3,719.26

Expenses, Bank Fee: \$5.00

Expenses, Calendar Order, 50; Allen Bean: \$504.00

Expenses, H&R Group Order; Dwight Languis: \$695.04

Expenses, Show; Villager: Room rental and catering: \$2,612.89

**Income Total:** \$427.14  
Income, Bank Interest (12/06): \$1.14  
Income, Membership: None  
Income, Orchid Plant Sales: \$65.00  
Income, Raffle (11/06): \$27.00  
Income, Sales(11/06):  
    Calendars: \$226.00  
    Plants, Orchids: \$65.00  
    Pot Hanger Sale, LOS: \$3.00  
    Potting Media:  
        Coconut Husk Chips:\$3.00  
Income, Show; Reimbursements - Membership food: \$52.00

**Ending Balance:** \$329.47

**Outstanding Expenses, Total:** \$808.84

    Newsletter: 4-11/06, Show Expenses, Park Reservation, Garden Club - Dwight Languis: \$690.84  
    Web-site Fees - Rich Sukovaty: \$118.00

**Outstanding Income, Total:** \$20.00

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING SCHEDULE:**

#### **NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

**Monday Feb. 5, 7:30 PM** at Anderson Library, 3635 Touzalin Ave.

### **BOARD DECISIONS:**

- Appreciation Certificates (AOS), 2007: certificates to be presented Lorna Kissling and Jean Arp.
- Donation: Lincoln Garden Club for 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of Gladys Juerink
- Dues: Membership dues will not be increased.
- Group Orders:
  - Orchids: only one plant order in Spring, discontinue Fall order due monthly plant sales and LOS Show.
  - Pots: Investigate interest of membership in group order of clear pots.
- Membership Support: Beginning prior to January meeting the Board will telephone membership to inquire of needs and as a courtesy reminder of our meeting date.
- Newsletter: Approve editor request, change e-mail format to PDF; Jan. & Feb. send both, beginning March PDF only.
- Satellite Meeting Locations: Establish society policies and support for membership meetings outside Lincoln area.
- Show: LOS Show 2007 approved, date and location tabled to Show Committee; Lorna Kissling Show Chairman.  
    Review report on Lancaster Center for show, decision: location not acceptable at this time.
- Volunteer needs to be published.

**LOS WEB-SITE:** <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org>

Our web-site is updated monthly with new edition of Newsletter, society activities, including pictures of meetings and flowers grown by our membership. Additional information posted, past Newsletters plus additional pictures of displays and Orchid Shows are included.

**Membership Form:** web posting as a PDF file <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/member.html>

**Newsletter:** our monthly *Orchid Newsletter* web posting as a PDF file, requires Adobe Acrobat (free software) to read.

Request your **FREE** e-mail subscription to the Newsletter or submit questions to our society through the "Contact Us" link <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/contact.html>

**Open Request to Membership:** If you have pictures of past LOS Displays or Events, Rich would like to add these to our web-site. Please transfer them to a CD marked with your name. If the file name does not identify the picture contents please include a text document to list file name and picture contents. Your CD will be returned.

**LIBRARY:** [Contact Rich Sukovaty to check out items from the LOS Library.](#)

The society has a number of orchid books, plus current and past issues of *Orchids* (Monthly Magazine of the American Orchid Society). See section below **Articles of Interest: Orchids - Articles** for listing of articles included in each monthly issue. Current members of the society may check these out of the library and return them at the next monthly meeting.

#### **Library Contents:**

See your 2005 October Newsletter, also posted on our web page.

**COURTESY COMMITTEE:** Committee to send cards and extend other courtesies for events affecting members. Please inform our Coordinator, Jan Learned 466-9754; when you, your family, or if you know of another member in our society that has a major event in their life.

- Gladys Juerink celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on January 19.

**CAR POOL AVAILABLE:**

If you find it difficult to travel for any of the events of the society: meetings, orchid displays, seminars, or the new orchid show; please let us know as we value your attendance and will provide transportation for you.

Contact: Allen Bean

**NAME TAG AND ATTENDANCE REMINDER:**

Members and Guests attending meetings please fill in a Name Tag and register your attendance prior to the meeting. Guests attending for the first time will need to register. If you have attended a meeting in the past please verify that all contact information is correct and then mark your attendance.

**ORCHID SEMINAR, FINKE GARDENS & NURSERY:**

**Feb. 17, 1:00 PM** "Questions & Answers" by Dwight Languis with LOS; Finke Gardens & Nursery 500 N. 66, Lincoln NE 466-1995. How care for your new orchid or gain insight for choosing the right plant to expand your collection.

**SOCIETY GROUP PURCHASES:** This offer is extended to **current society members.**

**Clear Orchid Pots:** A sign up list will be at the January meeting to investigate interest of membership for a group purchase of Clear Orchid Pots. These are beneficial to new and novice grower as one can observe roots and media to monitor plant health, determine: watering needs and when to repot plus allows light to roots.

**Orchid Plant Order:** This year LOS will be placing only one Spring Plant Group Purchase. Group order will allow you to purchase many of the orchid varieties that are not locally available and the size of plant that you want. Vendor and ordering information will be included in the **February Newsletter**, this will allow you to order a catalog or check the vendor's web pages to make list of plants you would like. Plants will not be in bud or flower unless you select a flowering size plant and in season.

- If you have a favorite vendor to be considered for the Group Purchase, please contact any Board Member **before February 5**; currently: Carmela Orchids <http://www.carmelaorchids.net/> and Exotic Orchids of Maui <http://www.mauiorchids.com/>

**Catalogs and Order Forms will be available at March 28 meeting for those without Internet**

**Order Deadline: March 28**, Funds are not required when order is placed, final cost will include shipping charges, and you must be able to pick up and pay for your plants at the next meeting, April 25.

**ROAD TRIP:**

A sign up list will be at the January meeting to investigate interest of membership for planning a road trip to Powell Gardens Annual Orchid Show in Kingsville, Missouri. The trip would include a guided tour of the Powell Botanical Gardens and facilities by Dave Bird, owner of Bird's Botanicals (vendor at our show); he was previous Curator of Powell Gardens and Des Moines Botanical Center. Followed the tour we will have the opportunity to see his Orchid Cave where grows his orchids for Bird's Botanicals. On way the back home we will visit ViCli Orchids. We will also have the opportunity to purchase plants from both vendors. The society has in the past sponsored two trips to Powell Gardens, the first in 1998 and the second 2001. Previously we rented vans and everyone donated for rental and gas, about \$20 each; departure Saturday at 7:00 AM, everyone brought snacks for the trip down, and meal on the way home at Cracker Barrel in St. Joe Missouri would be on your own expense. Arrival back in Lincoln about 8:00 PM. Actual departure date will be determined by date that would accommodate schedule to most of those interested, so check your calendar for openings between the show dates listed. If we get sufficient interest in the trip, it may open to others outside of our membership.

**Mar. 10 - May 6** Powell Gardens Annual Orchid Show, Kingsville, Missouri <http://www.powellgardens.org/>

See charming display of stunning orchids and magnificent hydrangeas in Powell Gardens' glass-topped conservatory, accented with Victorian garden furnishings. Additional information about the Orchid Show posted at later date but browse web-site for facilities and exhibits until updated. Open daily 9 AM to 5 PM. through March 31; 9 AM to 6 PM after April 1 We may want to consider Saturday, April 21, as members of the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City will be on hand throughout the weekend to answer your questions.

**March 1-April 30 ORCHID ALLURE:** A Botanical Arts Exhibit by Cynthia Padilla

**Excerpts from Crosspost - Passion in Kansas City - David Bird Article; article:**

[http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2007/jan/25/orchid\\_obsession/?living](http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2007/jan/25/orchid_obsession/?living)

"David Bird...subterranean orchid lair in Kansas City, Mo. Under hundreds of feet of solid rock, burrowed into an elaborate maze of caves, Bird has created a haven...Bird's Botanicals. ... thousands of orchids...Kansas and Missouri... varieties of native orchids (20)..."

Bird has traveled to Australia, New Zealand, Germany and Hawaii just to purchase orchids, but he frequents Costa Rica and Ecuador to collect orchid species. Bird's obsession began at 16, when his parents took him to Hawaii...a more than 30-year journey in the world of orchids. The hybrids he has created have been named for the women in his life: the Linda Bird for his wife and Vashti for his oldest daughter. Bird uses only fans and the natural temperatures of the cave to regulate the room, which fluctuates just 6 degrees."

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

We need your help filling the positions, if interested or for additional information contact any Board Member. Sign up lists at meeting.

- 1) **Open Request to Membership:** Distribute Posters of LOS Displays and Seminars plus GOOS Show.
- 2) **LOS Booth & Display, Chairman and Staff (Husker Lawn & Leisure Show):** FREE Gate passes will be given to persons Volunteering to staff the show.
- 3) **LOS Display Coordinator (GOOS Show):** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:** three volunteers per month to provide refreshments at monthly meetings.  
See openings listed above.

**ENTERING YOUR PLANTS IN LOS DISPLAYS:**

If you would like your plants included in the **LOS Displays (Event Center or GOOS Show)**, start planning now by following these steps:

**A) Plant Preparation:** Clean the plant, stake spike and support flowers prior to opening. Remove supports, if not needed just prior to show. Details: <http://www.homes2sell.com/ozone/grooming/groomed.htm> or see 'Growing and Displaying Orchids - A Step by Step Guide' by Wilma Rittershausen, Smithmark 1993; available at Lincoln public library. This will ensure the flowers are at their best. Reserve your best plants for the GOOS Show.

**B) Register Your Plants:** Inspect your orchid collection and write down the names of the plants with flowers and those forming buds. If in doubt that it will open, better to include in your list as we will use to print show labels. Plants without name tag (plant label) can be in the display but will not be judged and we still need to know genera: Cattleya, Dendrobium, etc. The exact plant name as it appears on the plant label is needed to make Show Labels to identify the plants in the display and register the plant for judging (GOOS Show). Send the list of your plants with flower color for Cattleya or Phalaenopsis (not required for Dendrobiums or Specie Orchids)

**B) Entry, Deadlines:**

Show Name:	1) Meeting:	2) Postal Mail:	3) E-mail:	Set Up:	Show Dates:
Husker Lawn and Leisure	Feb. 28	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 15, 4 PM	Mar. 16-17
Greater Omaha Orchid Society	Feb. 28	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Mar. 30, 5 PM	Mar. 31- Apr. 1

1) Provide a copy of your list at the meeting **Feb. 28**

2) Postal mail, postmarked by date listed to Dwight Languis; 14510 Ivanhoe St.; Waverly, NE 68462-1367-02.

3) E-mail by date listed to [DBLANGUIS@juno.com](mailto:DBLANGUIS@juno.com) (e-mail preferred method)

**NO telephone requests!**

**C) Identify Your Plants:** It is very important for you to write your name or apply mailing label to back or bottom of pot to identify your plant, and keep a list of all of your plants as we often get plants of the same variety and almost identical features from two or more members.

**LOS DISPLAY AT EVENT CENTER SHOW:**

**March 16-18** Husker Lawn and Leisure Show, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual, <http://www.huskerlawshow.com> ; Lancaster Event Center, 4100 N. 84 St., Lincoln <http://www.lancastereventcenter.com/> 16th 5-9 PM, 17th 10 AM - 7PM, 18th 11 AM - 5PM; Fee \$3.00; 420-5678 This will be the third year our society has been invited to the show. We will need volunteers to staff our booth during the show. Sign up list at meeting. Gate passes will be given to persons volunteering to staff the show at set up, see the show for free for helping LOS. Additional details in February Newsletter and meeting.

**Set-up:** you must bring your plants to the Events Center **Thursday March 15, 4-7 PM** and be able to pick up your plants

at the close of the show **Sunday March 18 at 5:00 PM.**

**Featured Events:**

More activities for Children and more than 168 exhibitors.

Friday Night: 1,500 FREE admission tickets at US Bank locations, 96KX Remote Broadcast 4-6PM

Saturday: "Backyard Farmer" Panel Discussion 1:00 PM

"Mad Science" Presentation 11:00 AM, 3:00 PM, and 5:00 PM

Sunday: "Mad Science" Presentation 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM

**ORCHID SHOW, GOOS:**

**March 31 - April 1:** Twentieth Annual Orchid Show, Greater Omaha Orchid Society, (New date and location). Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St., Omaha NE; Daily - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Admission \$6.00 to Gardens and Show. Contact: (402) 734-4112 <http://omaha-orchid-society.org> (LOS will have a display at the show.)

**Set-up:** You must bring your plants to our meeting **March 28** or set up **Friday March 30, 5:00 PM** and be able to pick up your plants at the close of the show **Sunday April 1 at 4:00 PM** or make special arrangements to bring them back by contacting any Board Member. GOOS and LOS members will be there to help unload and direct you to display areas. GOOS provides food and refreshments. Learn how to enter your plants for judging. If possible please complete the Entry Tags for your plants; if you reregistered your plants for the LOS Display, we will supply you the necessary information. Preview displays and orchids for sale.

**Sales, Preview** - After the displays are set up you can pick out the best of the sales plants and put your name on them, put them under the sales table and purchase them the following morning.

**Judging** - Saturday at 6:30 AM. Breakfast will be provided. Learn orchid varieties and qualities to look for when purchasing your orchids, when you help on the judging teams.

**ROBERT NAGEL, PASSES AWAY:**

Diana Plahn, Chair of the Mid-America Judging Center reported that Robert Nagel passed away December 8. Mr. Nagel was a judge with the Mid-America Judging Center in St. Louis and held the chair position in the past. Diana reported that he always helped student judges, treated them with respect and was there to lend a hand.

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS, ARCHIVE:**

Questions on Orchids? Visit our list of frequently asked questions, link listed below, find the article and visit the Newsletter Index list; articles in the 'Question and Answer' section of each edition and included in the Postal Edition Newsletter, January 2006. [http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/pdf/Newsletter/Newsletter\\_Index\\_2005.pdf](http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/pdf/Newsletter/Newsletter_Index_2005.pdf)

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS, CURRENT:**

Send your questions and we will send you a reply and publish it in the Orchid Newsletter

Submit Your Question/s: to our society through the "Contact Us" link

<http://lincolnorchidsociety.org/contact.html>

Mail to: Lincoln Orchid Society LOS; P.O. Box 5501; Lincoln, NE 68505-5501

**1) Q.** *My vanilla orchid appears to be forming buds and was interested in the process of producing vanilla?*

**1a) A. Vanilla:** These plants (vines) must be large and have sufficient light to flower. Most growers do not have the space or light requirements to flower them. The following web-sites will provide the information you requested. We will have this available at our meeting for our members without Internet access or visit your public library.

History, culture, process of making vanilla. <http://www.shanks.com/subpage.wwi?pageid=5>

Pictures 100 (this will verify if your plant is forming buds). <http://sdahldtp.com/vanilla.htm>

**CULTURE SHEETS:** how to care and re-flower commonly grown varieties of orchids. **PDF or HTML**

**AOS Culture Sheets PDF** <http://www.theaos.org/aos/orchids/orchids.aspx?sec=29>

**HTML** [http://www.taygeta.com/aos\\_culture.html](http://www.taygeta.com/aos_culture.html)

**Phalaenopsis (Moth Orchid)**

These are direct links to the index pages above, so you will not have to navigate through them

**AOS Culture Sheets PDF** <http://www.theaos.org/aos/uploadedfiles/docs/culturephals.pdf>

**AOS Culture Sheets HTML** <http://www.taygeta.com/phalaenopsis.html>

**Detailed Requirements by Genus** <http://www.orchidculture.com>

**Free List of above link for examples** <http://www.orchidculture.com/COD/FREE/index.html#Sheets>

**Specie Orchids:** Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia <http://www.orchidspecies.com>

**ARTICLES OF INTEREST:ARTICLES OF INTEREST:**

**ORCHIDS - Articles, Monthly Magazine of the American Orchid Society AOS:** ([Contact Rich to check out from the LOS Library](#))

**August 2006 Issue:** The Orchids of Cuba, Encyclia Enthusiasts, Orchids in Art - Pleurothallis gargantua, A Rare Form of Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi, Sophronitis sincorana, Orchid Checklist - August Recess, Growing with Orchids - Green Without Envy, Connoisseur's Collection - Pescatoria cerina, Orchid Portrait, The Society Page - Keeping It Fun, Proceedings of the 18th WOC Conference, In Memoriam: Mary Noble McQuerry.

**September 2006 Issue:** H. Patterson & Sons (The Family Behind Orchidhaven), Cattleya dowiana, Introduction: What the Future Holds, A New Species of Stomatostylis, Capillital Extrusion From Maxillaria nardoides, Encyclia rosaries, Orchid Checklist - September: The Stolen Month, Growing with Orchids - Nine Ladies Dancing, Orchid Portrait - Cattleya Species Parents, CITES Update, Diatomite: Mineral Salt Retention and Removal, Orchid of the Month: Jewel Orchids.

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**Monthly Calendar of Requirements for Orchids:**

**Monthly Checklist, January - February**

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay ...

Cattleya

Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

Cymbidium

We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

Lycaste

The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

Odontoglossums

Odontoglossums and their Intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on *Odontoglossum* breeding, the new Intergeneric hybrids made using *Oncidium* and *Brassia*, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

#### Paphiopedilum

The standard *Paphiopedilum* insigne-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a *Paphiopedilum*, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.

#### Phalaenopsis

Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of *Phalaenopsis* at orchid shows and sales.

#### Zygopetalum

For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

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#### **Mid-America Orchid Congress** - <http://midamericanorchids.org>

• Newsletter, July 2006: <http://midamericanorchids.org/MidAmerican/MidAmNewsJul2006.pdf>

MAOC Fall Show, Report of MAOC Spring Show, Entering Your Orchids In A Show, Congratulations to Lowell Jacks, Future Mid America Congress Dates, Officers and Committee Chairpersons, MAOC Fall Registration Form

#### **Greater Omaha Orchid Society GOOS:** Mailing address: GOOS; P.O. Box 241871; Omaha, NE 68124

Meets the second Wednesday of each month at Douglas/ Sarpy County Extension Office; 8015 West Center Rd.; Omaha. Beginners' Group meets at 7:00 PM, Monthly Meetings start at 7:30 PM. Membership: \$15 Single, \$20 Family.

<http://omaha-orchid-society.org>

**Feb. 14** Program: "Bulbophyllums" by Dave Taylor

#### **AREA EVENTS, ORCHID RELATED:** [http://aos.org/aos/events/documents/ShowSchedule\\_009.pdf](http://aos.org/aos/events/documents/ShowSchedule_009.pdf) (List)

**Feb. 1-4** Omaha Home & Garden Expo/Lawn, Flower & Patio Show; Qwest Convention Center; 455 N. 10th St.; Omaha, Admission: \$6.00, Parking \$6.00; Th. 5-10 PM, Fri. 11 AM - 10 PM, Sa. 11 AM - 9 PM, Su. 11 AM - 5 PM;

402- 346-8003 **GOOS will have plants & bark for sale.** <http://www.qwestcenteromaha.com/>

**Feb. 3-4** Orchid Growers Guild Orchid Quest; Alliant Energy Center; Madison, Wisconsin. Contact: E. Malter, 3914 Cherokee Dr., Madison, Wisconsin 53711; 608-238-5871; [egadzicki@charter.net](mailto:egadzicki@charter.net)

**Feb. 10-11** Prairie State Orchid Society Show and Sale, Washington Park Botanical Garden, W. Fayette & Chatham Rd., Springfield, Illinois., Contact: Mitzi Vasconcelles, 2109 Fairway Dr., Springfield, Illinois 62704; 217- 787-9039;

[mvasconcelles@aol.com](mailto:mvasconcelles@aol.com)

**Feb. 17, 1 PM** Orchid Seminar: "Questions and Answers"; Finke Gardens & Nursery 500 N. 66, Lincoln NE 466-1995

**Feb. 16-18** Batavia Orchid Society Show, Charlestowne Mall, 3800 E. Main St., St. Charles, Illinois, Contact: Wilda Kintop, 328 S. Harrison St., Batavia, Illinois 60510; 630-879-2811; [wildakintop@comcast.net](mailto:wildakintop@comcast.net)

**Feb. 24-25** Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show, Michigan State University, Plant and Soil Science Conservatory, SW Corner of Bogue St. and Wilson Rd., East Lansing, Michigan. Contact: Pete Porciello, 515 N. Putnam Unit H, Williamston, Michigan 48895; 517-655-1311; [pporciella@voyager.net](mailto:pporciella@voyager.net)

**Mar. 16-18** Husker Lawn and Leisure, Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln; LOS Display

<http://www.lancastereventcenter.com/> <http://www.huskerlawnshow.com>

**Mar. 19-24** International Orchid Conservation Congress; Jardin Botanico Lankester. Contact: Carlos Ossenbach, P.O. Box 136, 1150 LaUruca; San Jose, Costa Rica; [caossenb@racsa.co.cr](mailto:caossenb@racsa.co.cr)

**Mar. 23-25** Illowa Orchid Society; 32nd Spring Show, Putnam Museum and IMAX® Theatre, 1717 W. 12th St., Davenport, Iowa. Contact Karen S. Pedersen, 2520 E. Hayes St., Davenport, IA 52803; 563-441-0824 [kspedersen@mchsi.com](mailto:kspedersen@mchsi.com)

**Mar. 31- Apr. 1** Twentieth Annual Spring Orchid Show, Greater Omaha Orchid Society; Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St., Omaha NE; Daily - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Admission \$6.00 to Gardens and Show. Contact: (402) 734-4112 <http://omaha-orchid-society.org>

**Apr. 27-29** Illinois Orchid Society, **Spring Mid-American Orchid Congress**, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL. Contact: Lois Cinert, 595 Sharon Way, Bolingbrook, IL 60440; (630) 739-1068; [geolocin@earthlink.net](mailto:geolocin@earthlink.net) <http://www.midamericanorchids.org> Registering for the conference: <http://www.iosoc.com>

**Speakers:** Patricia Harding, co-author with Carl Withner of one of his Cattleya series, The Debatable Epidendrums. • • • Patricia will speak about Huntleya, and related genera.

- Hadley Cash, from Marriott Orchids, who recently published an overview of his Paph breeding program in Orchid Digest, will speak on that topic.
- Dr. Eric Christenson, noted author and taxonomist, will have two lectures, one on Maxillaria, and the other on his work in Peru with David Bennett, on a modern inventory of orchids in Peru.
- Alfredo Manrique, of Centro de Jardineria Manrique, one of two nurseries in Peru authorized to grow and sell Phrag kovachii. This is quite a timely addition to our list of speakers. Seedlings of Phrag kovachii are now becoming available for sale in the United States, and we will have an opportunity to hear the saga of this new, wonderful flower from one who is deeply involved in its distribution and conservation.

**May 2-6** Fort Worth and Greater North Texas Orchid Societies Show and **AOS Members Meeting**, Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, TX. Contact: Ronnie & Jerry Brandenburg, 11045 Swaffar Dr., Dallas, TX 75228; (972) 279-4075; [roneidab@aol.com](mailto:roneidab@aol.com)

**June:** LOS, Orchid Growing Area Tour/s

**Sept. 12, 7:30 PM** Greater Omaha Orchid Society; Douglas/ Sarpy County Extension Office; 8015 West Center Rd.; Omaha. **Guest Speaker: Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids.**

## 2008

**Feb. 27- Mar. 2, 2008** 19th World Orchid Conference hosted by the South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS) and the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society (FLOS) at the Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami Beach, Florida. Having hosted the 11th WOC in 1984 in Miami, the local societies are looking forward to bringing this event back to South Florida for a spectacular and successful conference. Held once every three years in a different international location, the World Orchid Conference is the largest and most prestigious gathering of orchid enthusiasts, growers, hybridizers and scientists. In addition to educational and scientific seminars, the conference also features a spectacular orchid show with displays from orchid growers around the world. The first WOC was held in October 1954 in St. Louis, Missouri. Since then, WOCs have been held in Honolulu, London, Singapore, Long Beach, Sydney, Medellin, Frankfurt, Bangkok, Durban, Miami, Tokyo, Auckland, Glasgow, Rio de Janeiro, Vancouver, Shah Alam and Dijon. Contact: Robert F. Fuchs, Cochair; 28100 Southwest 182nd Ave.; Homestead, Florida 33030; [WOC19@aol.com](mailto:WOC19@aol.com) or Col. Kenneth M. Kone, Cochair; 5571 Northeast 26th Ave.; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33308; [kenkone@earthlink.net](mailto:kenkone@earthlink.net) ; Web site: <http://www.19woc.com>

**AREA EVENTS:** Additional Lists <http://www.visitnebraska.org> [http://www.kfor1240.com/lincoln\\_events/](http://www.kfor1240.com/lincoln_events/) <http://www.kolnkgin.com/community> <http://www.lincolnkidsinc.com/>

**Feb. 12, 7:00 PM** Garden Club of Lincoln; Culler Middle School Cafeteria; 5201 Vine Street, Lincoln  
Program: "Flowering Trees, Shrubs and More, My Favorites," by Bryan Poppe, Landscape Designer, Campbells

**March 21 – April 18, Wednesdays, 4-7 PM** "Sex in the Garden: Garden Plant Breeding," offered by the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A course that teaches traditional, fundamental plant breeding concepts and introduces students to plant propagation and biotechnology. Students gain "hands-on" experience working with pollination schemes, and case studies in breeding ornamental and vegetable plants are discussed. The course may be taken for noncredit professional development, as well as for regular academic credit at UNL. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.agronomy.unl.edu/prospective/distanceed.html>, or contact Cathy Dickinson, [cdickinson2@unl.edu](mailto:cdickinson2@unl.edu), 402-472-1730. If you are interested in enrolling in the class for noncredit professional development, you can purchase the registration online through the ADEC eStore at: <https://estore.adec.edu> Fee:\$50 (Includes parking permit.)

**HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES:**

**Flower Arrangers Club** - Anderson Library, 3635 Toulzalin Ave., 1st Tuesday at 1:00 PM, 488-3081

**Friends of Maxwell Arboretum** - 484-8032

**Friends of Wilderness Park** - 477-8282

**Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society** - 796-2191

**Lincoln African Violet Society** - Christ United Methodist Church, 46th & A St.; 2nd Tuesday at 7:15 PM, 770-2925

**Lincoln Garden Club** - Culler Middle School Cafeteria, 52nd and Vine St.; 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM;  
Dues: Individual \$8, Family \$10

**Lincoln Gladiola Society** - 489-5264

**Lincoln Iris Society** - Antelope Park Church of the Brethren, 3645 Sumner St.; Last Monday at 6:30 PM; Dues:  
Individual \$6, \$4 for each additional; 423-7172

**Lincoln Rose Society** - Antelope Park Shelter House, North of Auld Recreation Center; 3rd Monday of February, March,  
May, September, and October at 7:00 PM, 486-1420

**Nebraska Herbal Society** - 5901 'O' St., Lincoln; last Saturday at 10:00 AM, 476-1635

**Nebraska Nutgrowers Association** - 472-3674

**Nebraska Statewide Arboretum**, P.O. Box 830715; Lincoln, NE 68583-0715; Membership: \$35, 472-2971  
<http://arboretum.unl.edu>

**River City Cactus and Succulent Society** - Papillion Public Library; 320 N. Washington St.; Papillion, NE 68046; 402-  
597-1584 or [cactus@river-city-cactus.org](mailto:cactus@river-city-cactus.org) Meets at 1:30 PM on the first Sunday of each month. Dues: Individual \$15,  
Family \$20; <http://www.river-city-cactus.org>

**UNL Garden Friends**; P.O. Box 81501; Lincoln, NE 68501; 472-2679 meets annually  
<http://busfin.unl.edu/UNLBGA> <http://bga.unl.edu/Newsletter/index.cfm>