

Orchid Newsletter

Lincoln Orchid Society

Lincoln Orchid Society LOS; 933 S. 9th St.; Lincoln, NE 68508; 476-3877

Meeting:

March 30 - "Repotting Orchids and Home Made Hangers" Learn when to repot your orchids, selecting the proper media, plus a hands on demonstration to show you how to do it yourself and tips to simplify the process. Second program: learn how to make hangers, so you can have them ready when you move your orchids outside during the Summer months.

- **New Growers' Group** - 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/s.
- **Refreshments:**
- **Monthly Plant Raffle** - Ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants donated by members.
- **Plant Talk** - Members display orchids in flower and explain how they grow them.
- **Program:**
- **Potting Media** - Standard or Seedling Mix, one gallon bag for \$3.00 contact Tim Jenssen; Chilean Sphagnum also available for \$5.00 (compressed block 2.5"x4"x5", expands when moistened).

Current Yearly Membership: \$5 (Includes monthly newsletter)

- New Members receive a free orchid plant.
- LOS offers free membership to anyone 18 years of age or younger.

Location: Meetings held at Madonna; 5401 South St.; Lincoln, NE the last Wednesday of each month at 7:15 p.m.; Agee Room located on the lower level, South of the Main Entrance.

Lincoln Map and Building Floor Plan http://www.madonna.org/about_findus.htm

LOS Calendar of Events, 2005:

Program:

January 26 - "Preparations for the Orchid Show"

February 23 - "Plant Names and Buying Plants"

March 30 - "Repotting Orchids and Home Made Hangers"

April 27 - "Putting Plants Outside" plus Plant Sale

May 25 - "Native Orchids" by Tim Janssen

June 29 - "Orchids of Madagascar and Thailand" by Chuck Hanson, owner <http://aridlands.com>;
LOS Member

July 27 - "Picnic and Auction" at home of Dwight and Beth Languis

August 31 - "The Internet - Orchid Information" by Richard Sukovaty

September 28 - "Growing Orchids Under Lights" AOS Video

October 26 - "Indoor Lighting" discussion by members

November 30 - "Pot Luck Dinner and Gift Exchange"

December 28 - No meeting

Refreshments provided by:

January 26 - Rich Sukovaty and Tim Elario

February 23 - Tami Weissert and Tom McDonald

March 30 - Anne Pamperl and Dwight Languis

April 27 - Bobby Welch and LaFern Zentz

May 25 - Allen Bean and Pat Pickenpaugh

June 29 - Helen Kubicek

August 31 -

September 28 - Miranda Harkrader and Marty Haferman
October 26 -

Inclement Weather Notice:

Meeting cancellations due to adverse weather conditions, contact Tim Janssen 476-3877

Officers/ Contact Information:

Meeting Co-ordinator: Tim Janssen

Secretary, Treasurer: Miranda Harkrader **Current Account Balance:** \$2,045.43

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

AOS Representative: Tim Janssen

Newsletter Editors: Dwight and Beth Languis

Publicity: Dwight Languis

Web Master: Sam Fifer

LOS Web-site: <http://www.psfdev.com/los>

Sam Fifer has added new links to our interactive web-site: 2005 Omaha Orchid Show Pictures - photographs of the LOS display at the GOOS Show. Our web-site features many links: AOS Culture Sheets (how to care and rebloom your variety of orchid), information to Orchid Societies, Sources for Plants, Flasking, Orchid Supplies and Potting Materials.

New Meeting Location:

Location: Meetings still held at Madonna; 5401 South St.; Lincoln, NE the last Wednesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. [New room location](#), Agee Room located on the lower level. Park at the South end Vistors Parking. Lower Entrance located South of the Main Entrance to Madonna on the East side of building. Use stairs or ramp to enter lower level and proceed to Agee Room adjacent to Lower Entrance.

Large Raffle and Auction of Plants Planned at Mar. 30 Meeting:

There were many plants were included at our last meeting. Many more will be included this month. All of these were donated to LOS by Elizabeth DaSilva. Selected plants will be auctioned, with other plants to be raffled. Ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants!

LOS Display at Event Center Show

March 18-20 Husker Lawn & Leisure Show <http://www.huskerlawnshow.com> ; Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln <http://www.lancastereventcenter.com/> 18th 5-9 PM, 19th 10 AM - 7PM, 20th 10 AM - 5PM; Fee \$3.00; 420-5678

March 20 at 3:30 PM Orchid Seminar, "Introduction to Orchids" at the show by Dwight Languis
LOS Display Coordinators: Tim Janssen and Dwight Languis

The LOS Booth is number 304 located in the Areana area. Enter the building through Main Entrance (North side of building); then use the left doors to enter the Arena area. Proceed to the second aisle and turn right, our booth is second from the end. KLKN-TV Channel 8 has been heavily advertising the show and the ad features attractions to the Show with Growing Orchids as the highlight of the seminars. A good turnout at our booth and seminar is expected!

LOS Display Awarded at the GOOS Orchid Show

The Greater Omaha Orchid Society hosted their 18th Annual Spring Orchid Show at Crossroads Mall in Omaha Nebraska during the weekend of February 26-27. The show featured many displays of flowering orchids by 8 vendors and 3 orchid societies, and 3 related artistic displays. LOS entered a display, larger than fifty square foot, and was awarded second place (red ribbon). In behalf of the society, we wish to thank the members for their participation with the LOS display! Dwight Languis served as show spokesman for the KLKN-TV Channel 8 interview spot on the Noon News with Stacey Kulow (Midday Anchor) on February 25 promoting the Orchid Show. Congratulations to members of our society who received ribbon awards for their plants! A complete listing of member participation, plants entered, and awards received can be reviewed on our web site: <http://www.psfdev.com/los/shows/05/>

Special Plant Sale, April 27

LOS Members donate those extra plants: orchids, tropicals, or perennials! Mark the plant with variety name, describe characteristics (flower color, height, etc.), culture requirements (moisture needs, sun or shade), and selling price. Proceeds to society treasury.

Orchids for Sale, Local

Mel Bates, a member of LOS, has *Bletilla striata* (Chinese Ground Orchid) for sale. This specie of orchid is native to China, Taiwan, and Japan. Hardy to US zone 5 and zone 4 in a protected area. Flowers look like a small (1.5 inch) lavender *Cattleya* blossoms on spike with 6-10 flowers. The plants flower in May for about 3 weeks on 15-24 inch plants with prominently pleated medium green leaves. Mel grows them near the front door of his home, which is a protected Southern exposure. He has potted these up and are currently leafed out, purchase for \$10.00 each. Contact: Mel Bates; 5500 'X' St.; Lincoln, NE 68504; (402)466-4458

Orchid Collection Reduction Sale

Members of the Denver Orchid Society, Rick and Gail are reducing their orchid collection to a more manageable size. Selling 300+ orchids, all are species. 303-642-7936 or rick@mric.net
<http://magnoliaroad.net/~gail/orchids.htm>

PBS NOVA Special, Orchid Hunter

Take time to visit the PBS interactive web-site featuring the NOVA series documentary. One obsessed man (Tom Hart Dyke) battles vicious kidnappers, brutal killers, and uncharted jungles to find an undiscovered flower. What is the science behind the orchid's seductive powers? To uncover their secrets, NOVA travels along with Tom to the jungles of New Guinea, visits the largest orchid "factory" in the world, traces orchids back to the extinction of the dinosaurs, and interviews with Susan Orlean, author of the best-selling book, *The Orchid Thief*. VHS \$19.95
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/orchid/>

LOS Supports Sunken Gardens Project

The membership approved the purchase of a brick to be marked with LOS, at our last meeting. The brick cost \$250.00 and helps with the cost of renovation project. The Sunken Gardens of Lincoln will see its first major renovation since its completion in 1931. The only Nebraska garden listed in the "300 Best Gardens to Visit in the United States and Canada" in the National Geographic Guide to Public Gardens! Visit the web site for the History, many Photographs, and how you can help support the renovation project and ongoing maintenance of the gardens.
<http://www.lincolnsunkengardens.com/> Sunken Gardens of Lincoln
<http://www.lincolnsunkengardens.com/pic/rw1.gif> Panorama photo of Garden

Questions & Answers: (Send your questions to mailto:DBLANGUIS@juno.com?subject=LOS_Questions we will send an answer to your message and publish it in the Orchid Newsletter)

1) Q. I can not find a culture sheet for my orchid, is it a hybrid? **A.** Guidelines have been established for commercial growers to identify plants. The first name is the genus and is always capitalized, if space is limited on the label an abbreviation of the plant name will often be used. The second name is the key to your question: if it is capitalized - it is a hybrid, if it is lower case text it will be a species. Some times there are typographical errors and labels on older plants will not match current names assigned by botanist; which is concern by many growers, as DNA testing reveals how plants are related and with the results some plants will be reassigned to a different genus or genus with a names. To verify your orchid, match the first name to the list at Orchid Genus Names. <http://retirees.uwaterloo.ca/~jerry/orchids/names.html> The list also has abbreviations for genus names and will state if the plant is naturally occurring genus (species). The first column, CLASS, is the judging class for this genus according to the Mid-America Classification. This will help you determine what tribe your plant belongs; example: *Laelia* belongs to the *Cattleya* tribe, so you will be able to the *Cattleya* AOS Culture Sheet as a guideline for growing *Laelia* hybrids. Awards from national societies are also listed. The best resource for

culture of species orchids is Jay Pfahl web site: Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia <http://www.orchidspecies.com> The home page explains the icons (symbols) used for culture: light, temperature; and if the flowers are fragrant and season of bloom. The list is in alphabetical order, match the genus name to the index. The the web pages are extensive - you have to do a lot scrolling or better use to EDIT function of your browser (top of screen on Internet Explorer or Netscape) click FIND, enter the second name; this will find your plant on the web page and its exact culture needs. Synonyms are also listed if the plant has been assigned a new genus name. Additional information on plant names: Taylor's Guide to Orchids by Judy White - 1996 or Basics on Orchid Names from the AOS <http://aos.org/aos/orchids/orchids.aspx?sec=9>

2) Q. I purchased an orchid that was growing in the plastic pot, which was then placed tightly inside a decorative ceramic pot. Will it survive that way? **A.** No, remove the plant in the plastic pot from the decorative container as they will restrict air flow to the roots, especially if placed on a flat surface, and the roots will die without sufficient air and potting media will also will not dry out causing the roots to rot. When displaying orchids most people do not like the visual aspect of plastic pots. Plants may be displayed for several days in a decorative containers without causing any problems. Use baskets or leave a space between the plastic pot and the inside of the decorative container to improve air flow to roots. To stabilize plants and keep them from falling over they do need to be tight in the container/s and sometimes clipped to them; keep the plant almost dry and remove as soon as possible.

Articles of Interest:

Monthly Calendar of Requirements for Orchids: great resource for new growers to learn culture and seasonal requirements for maintenance of their orchid collection. Information for many types of commonly cultivated orchids.

American Orchid Society AOS, Monthly Do List

<http://aos.org/aos/orchids/monthly.aspx?sec=18>

Mid-America Orchid Congress - Newsletter is posted at <http://midamericanorchids.org>

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>

April 13 - Annual Repotting Session and Moving Plants Outdoors

May 11 "Growing Orchids in Soil Culture" by Chuck Hanson

June 12 1:00 PM Annual Picnic at Arid Lands Greenhouses

July 13 To be announced

August 10 "Native Orchids" by Tim Janssen

September 14 "Pests & Diseases" and "Preparing Your Plants for a Winter Indoors"

October 12 "Companion Plants" by Dave Taylor

November 9 "Growing Under Lights"

December 14 "Holiday Party"

Area Events, Orchid Related: <http://aos.org/aos/events/shows.aspx> (Complete List)

Mar. 12 - May 8 Powell Gardens; Kingsville, Missouri. "Gardening Without a Garden", Conservatory Display. Fabulous orchid collection will be joined by other Bromeliads and succulents in dish gardens, troughs, hypertufa containers and hanging flower gardens on colorful arches. Classes and activities on select weekends.

<http://www.powellgardens.org/default.asp?page=WhatsHappening>

March 25-27 Heart O'Texas Orchid Society Show, Zilker Botanical Gardens Center, 2220 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX. Contact: Geoff Frost, 1011 Strickland Dr., Austin, TX 78748; (512) 280-2271; geoffreyfrost@yahoo.com

April 2-3 Houston Orchid Society Show, Reliant Park Convention Center, Kirby Dr. & South Loop, Houston, TX. Contact: Don Ghiz, 3217 Amherst St., Houston, TX 77005; (713) 661-1885; Doninhouston@aol.com

April 9-10 Illinois Orchid Society Show, Chicago Botanic Garden; 1000 Lake Cook Rd.; Glencoe, IL; Contact: Lois Cinert, 595 Sharon Way, Bolington, IL 60440; (630) 739-1068

April 15-17 Orchid Society of the Ozarks Spring SWROGA Meeting & Show. Contact: Tom Larkin, 9790 Larkin Lane, Rogers, AR 72756; (479) 925-2228; wiplarks@cs.com

April 20-24 Orchid Society of Minnesota presents 'Minnesota Orchid Fever'; American Orchid Society Members Meeting and Mid-America Orchid Congress Show; Sheraton Bloomington Hotel; Bloomington, MN; free shuttle to Mall of America. Contact: Kent Peterson 651-483-3935, peter75@comcast.net Many speakers and vendors, see web page for details. Fee \$5 & \$30 for lectures. http://www.orchidsocietyofminnesota.com/orchid_show/

April 30-May 1 Three Rivers Orchid Society Show; Franke Park Pavillion#1; Franke Park Zoo; Ft. Wayne, IN. Contact: Rose Poehler, 6322 S. 800 E-92, Fort Wayne, IN 46814; (260)625-4780; ronandrose@intergate.com

May 21-22 Kentucky Orchid Society Show. Contact: Jo Boudinot, 1576 Beech St., Radcliff, KY 40160

Oct. 21-23 Mid-America Orchid Congress, Kings Island Resort & Conference Center; Kings Mills, Ohio

July 31 Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day; Camp Dodge, 7700 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston, IA. Contact: David Brightwell, 5726 NE 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50213; (515) 289-2853. Preregistration Fee: \$25.00, \$30.00 at door.

<http://www.centraliowaorchidsociety.org/speakers.html>

Sept. 23-24 13th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival, 8 AM to 5 PM daily

<http://www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com/>

Oct. 21-23 Mid-America Orchid Congress, Kings Island Resort & Conference Center; Kings Mills, Ohio

March 24-26, 2006 Greater Omaha Orchid Society; Mid-America Orchid Congress Show; Marriot Hotel Regency Court; 10220 Regency Circle; Omaha, NE; Roberta Ginavan (712)487-3085 ginavan@gte.net

Area Events: Additional Lists <http://www.visitnebraska.org>

http://www.kfor1240.com/lincoln_events/

New <http://www.kolnkgin.com/community> <http://www.lincolnkidsinc.com/>

Horticultural Classes Available:

Finke Gardens & Nursery 500 N. 66, Lincoln NE 466-1995 <http://www.finkegardens.com> Classes are at no cost except as noted and are held at 10:00 AM in the classroom East of main retail store.

<http://www.finkegardens.com/3/article.asp?id=55>

March 19 "Temperennials" with Harlan Hamernik of Bluebird Nursery

March 26 Growing Small Fruits

April 2 New Trees, Shrubs and Perennials

April 9 How to Be Successful with Rhododendron and Azaleas

April 16 Combining New Annuals

Campbell's Nurseries 56th & Pine Lake; 423-1133 "Gardenfest" Celebration of Spring. Seminars free, no reservation required. (Editors note: only seminars listed, additional events on their website.) <http://www.campbellsnursery.com>

April 2, 11 a.m. "Gardening 101"

April 3, 1 p.m. "Gardening 101"

April 9, 11 a.m. "Spectacular New Shrubs"

April 10, 1 p.m. "Spring Tune-Up for Ponds"

April 16, 11 a.m. "The Pleasures of Perennials - What's New?"

April 17, 1 p.m. "Gardening for the Senses - Fragrance, Texture and Color"

April 23, 11 a.m. "Terrific Trees - New Ornamental, Shade and Evergreen Varieties"

April 28, 6 p.m. "Colorful Container Gardening"

March 17-20 Husker Lawn and Leisure, Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln
<http://www.lancastereventcenter.com/>

April 23 "Spring Affair", Nebraska State Fair Park, Lancaster Building, Lincoln. Free, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (402)472-2971 Plant sales, programs and demonstrations. <http://springaffair.unl.edu/>
Free admission and seminars.

Beef Pit

10:00 AM "Restful Outdoor Space" Todd Morrissey, Metropolitan Community College

11:30 AM "Healing Gardens" Bryan Kinghorn, Kinghorn Gardens

1:00 PM "Interesting Plants" Harlan Hamernik, Bluebird Nursery

UNL Building

10:00 AM "Structure in the Garden" Richard Sutton, UNL

11:30 AM "Children & Wildlife: Spaces to Play" Susan Schoneweis, UNL

1:00 PM "Changing Old Landscapes to New" Justin Evertson, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

2:30 PM "Anything and Everything" Panel Discussion with local experts; Moderator: Jim Locklear, NSA

Harlan Hamernik, Co-owner of Bluebird Nursery, Inc.

Gladys Jeurink, Lancaster County Master Gardener (LOS Member)

George Edgar, Lancaster County Master Gardener

Hardy Orchids for Sale

Blettila alba Photo: <http://www.bluebirdnursery.com/productimage.asp?partno=BLETIN4>

Blettila striata Photo: <http://www.bluebirdnursery.com/productimage.asp?partno=BLETST3>

Spiranthes cernua var. *odorata* Photo:

<http://www.bluebirdnursery.com/productimage.asp?partno=SPIROD3>

May 3 Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St., Omaha NE 68108, 402-346-4002; Ron Morgan, Internationally recognized floral designer, demonstration and tips held from 10 AM to Noon followed by a luncheon. Fee

<http://www.omahabotanicalgardens.org/RonMorgan/> <http://www.ronmorgandesigns.com>

OCGC BUS TOUR TO KC

The Omaha Council of Garden Clubs Bus Tour to Kansas City is scheduled for June 11, 2005. Sites included: The Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Country Club Plaza (lunch on your own), Kaufman Gardens (a must see for gardeners), Loose Park (roses, roses, roses!), Moffet Nursery & Garden Center (St. Joseph, MO), an evening meal is included in the trip price of \$50.00 The bus departs at 6:45 a.m. from Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St., Omaha NE. Payment is due no later than June 1, send to: Bob Langabee, Treasurer; 507 N. 3rd Street; Bellevue, NE 68005; 402-734-4218

Horicultural Societies:

Flower Arrangers Club - Anderson Library, 3635 Toulzalin Ave., Lincoln; 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., Lincoln; 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM.

Plant Sales April and May at 6:30 PM

April 11 - "Container Gardens", Speaker Gladys Jeurink (Master Gardener and LOS Member)

May 9 - "Plant Propagation"

June 13 - Annual Garden Tour

Lincoln Gladiola Society - 489-5264

Lincoln Iris Society - Antelope Park Church of the Brethren, 3645 Sumner St.; Last Monday at 6:30 PM; 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, 488-0174

Nebraska Herbal Society - 5901 'O' St., Lincoln; East door, room E11; 4th Saturday at 10:00 AM, 435-0640 or 477-6787

Nebraska Nutgrowers Association - 472-3674

Nebraska Statewide Arboretum - 472-2971

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 Meets at 1:30 PM on the first Sunday of each month. Dues: Individual \$15, Family \$20; <http://www.river-city-cactus.org>

April 2, 9:00 AM Field Trip to Des Moines Botanical Center and Harvey's Nursery in Adel, Iowa.

July 16-17 Annual Show & Sale at Crossroads Mall; 72 & Dodge; Omaha, Nebraska. No admission fee. Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun, Noon-6pm; Vendors are Crumps, Shoal Creek Succulents, and Arid Lands.

UNL Garden Friends; P.O. Box 81501; Lincoln, NE 68501; 472-2679 meets annually, next 2006 <http://bga.unl.edu/Friends/GFindex.cfm>