

# *Orchid Newsletter*

## *Lincoln Orchid Society*

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

### **Orchid Culture and Conservation, Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge.**

#### **Meeting:**

**May 25** - "Native Orchids" by Tim Janssen, Learn of the 17 specie orchids native to Nebraska and the conservation work being done by the Endangered Plants Laboratory at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Audibon Society, plus the Nebraska Game and Parks. The Zoo is working with the propagation and restoration of the Western Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera praeclara*), one of Nebraska's native terrestrial orchids and a species on the officially "threatened" list. Mr. Janssen has for many years, monitored the populations of native orchids located on Nebraska prairies and forests; plus worked with the organizations listed in their conservation efforts.

(If you will not be able to attend program this month, it be presented again August 10 at the Greater Omaha Orchid Society.)

- **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 Janssen

**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.,

**New room location, Agee Room** located on the lower level. Lower Entrance located South of the Main Entrance to Madonna on the East side of building. Access under Blue Green awning labeled "Rehabilitation Science and Engineering". Use stairs or ramp to enter lower level and proceed to Agee Room adjacent to Lower Entrance. Park at the South end of Visitors Parking Area.

**Lincoln Map and Building Floor Plan** [http://www.madonna.org/about\\_findus.htm](http://www.madonna.org/about_findus.htm)

#### **LOS Calendar of Events, 2005:**

##### **Programs:**

**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** - "Costa Rica" pictures by Gregg Arp; "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 and **OPEN**

**August 31** - Lorna Kissling and Arline Fowler

**September 28** - Miranda Harkrader and Marty Haferman

**October 26** - Diane Tharnish and Cerella Hawley

**Officers/ Contact Information:**

**Board of Directors, 8 Members:** Tim Janssen, Allen Bean, Miranda Harkrader, Marty Haferman, Rich Sukovaty, Dwight Languis, Beth Languis, and Don Steinegger

**Meeting Co-ordinators:** Tim Janssen 476-3877 and Allen Bean 465-5226

**Secretary, Treasurer:** Miranda Harkrader

**Account Balance:** \$2,061.36

**AOS Representative:** Tim Janssen

**Income, Plant Sales:** \$117.00

**Web Master:** Sam Fifer

**Income, Auction of Ludisa disolor to Chuck Hanson:** \$40.00

**Newsletter Editors:** Dwight and Beth Languis 786-2015

**Expences, Newsletter:** \$55.78

**Historian, Librarian:** Rich Sukovaty

**Programs:** Tim Janssen and Dwight Languis

**Publicity:** Dwight Languis

**By-Laws Committee:** Board of Directors

**Refreshments Committee, Co-ordinator:** Beth Languis

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

**LOS Web-site Updates:** <http://www.psfdev.com/los> Sam Fifer has added new links to our interactive web-site.

**LOS Displays:** <http://www.psfdev.com/los/shows/05/> A complete listing of member participation, plants entered, plant parentage, and awards received; plus photographs of the displays by Gloria Arroyo, Allen Bean, and Dwight Languis.

- Greater Omaha Orchid Society, 18th Annual Spring Orchid Show; February 26-27, 2005
- Husker Lawn & Leisure Show; March 18-20, 2005

**Culture Sheets from AOS:** how to care and rebloom your variety of orchid.

**Links:** information to Orchid Societies, Sources for Plants, Home Orchid Flasking, Orchid Supplies and Potting Materials.

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

**Extended Zip Code Needed:**

If you receive our monthly *Orchid Newsletter* in the **Print Edition**, paper copies mailed to your address; please provide your extended zip code to speed delivery by updating the information on the Attendance List at the next meeting or write to the return address on your envelope.

**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.

**Large Raffle and Auction of Plants Planned:**

Many plants have been donated to our society by Campbell's Nurseries, Elizabeth DaSilva, Marty Haferman, and Tim Janssen. Selected plants will be auctioned, with other plants to be raffled. Ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants!

**Special Plant Sale:**

The Greater Omaha Orchid Society ordered orchids from Carmela Orchids in Hawaii to sell to their membership. The orchids were supposed to be in spike or bud but instead many were already in flower when they arrived. Some of the plants will be flowered out before their next meeting, these plants will be offered to our membership at our meeting; see Chuck Hansen (LOS and GOOS member). A variety of hybrid orchids will be available, NO Phalaenopsis, all of the plants are labeled and be will sold for \$12.00 each.

**New Membership Bonus Plants:**

Last month our supply of a free orchid plant to new LOS members was depleted. Tim Janssen ordered plants from Carter and Holmes, Phal. San Luca '#1' x Dtps. Minho Princess. Some of the plants had previously flowered, so most of these should flower next Spring. The plants were potted by Tim Janssen and Dwight Languis, who also donated pots and New Zealand sphagnum. The plants will be available at our meeting, see Marty Haferman for your plant. If you will not be able to attend the meeting please contact Tim Janssen to make other arrangements.

**Future Plant and Potting Media Purchases:**

The Board of Directors would like your comments about future plant purchases. A number of options are available and we need your input for planning purposes. Members would like more choices of orchid varieties than what is currently available in the Lincoln area. A number of orchid growers offer discounts or wholesale prices to orchid societies, a vendor is selected and members can select plants from the vendors list. The Board is concerned that novice growers would select varieties that would not be compatible with their growing area. In the past our society ordered plants to have for sale at meetings. The varieties selected were easy to grow and flower for novice orchid growers. These were available to the membership for \$5.00 through the raffle. Some plants did not sell and were included in the monthly raffle for \$1.00 each. The plants were small and required 2-3 years to flower. If the price is increased to \$10.00 or \$15.00 flowering orchids would be available. Some one needs to care for the plants for several months until they are all sold or raffled.

We are currently sold out of Chilean Sphagnum, was available for \$5.00 (compressed block 2.5"x4"x5", expands when moistened). Local garden centers are now offering a similar potting media, Angel Moss - New Zealand Sphagnum. The Board would like to know if the society should still maintain an inventory for the membership. Just click the link below and send.

[mailto:DBLANGUIS@juno.com?subject=LOS\\_Purchases](mailto:DBLANGUIS@juno.com?subject=LOS_Purchases)

Dwight and Beth Languis; 14510 Ivanhoe St.; Waverly, NE 68462-1367-02; 402-786-2015

**Photo Journal:**

Tim Janssen and Marty Haferman will be taking pictures at the meetings to create a journal to document members and events at our monthly meetings. The journal will help members to know everyone in the society. If you do not wish to be included in the Journal please advise Tim Janssen and Marty Haferman.

**Orchid Seminar:**

Finke Gardens & Nursery 500 N. 66, Lincoln NE 466-1995 Class at no cost and are held in the classroom East of main retail store. **May 28** at 1:00 PM "Orchids Outside" & "How to Repot" by Dwight and Beth Languis with Lincoln Orchid Society

"Orchids Outside" - Learn what varieties and when to move your orchids outside for the Summer months. How to select locations, shading, and fertilizing plants.

"How to Repot" - Learn when to repot your orchids, selecting the proper media, and tips to simplify process.

**View Hardy Orchids in Flower:**

Members of our society have extended invitations to the membership to visit his home to see *Bletilla striata* (Chinese Ground Orchid) in flower. 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. Please call for appointment. Contact:

Tim Janssen; 933 S. 9th St.; Lincoln, NE 68508; 476-3877 [tejanssen@hotmail.com](mailto:tejanssen@hotmail.com)

Mel Bates; 5500 'X' St.; Lincoln, NE 68504; 466-4458; [mbates@hws.com](mailto:mbates@hws.com)

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

**By-Laws, Approval by Membership:**

By-Laws for our society have been written for our society. The document which governs our society is needed to acquire Not for Profit organization 501c3 status with the state of Nebraska. The draft copy is attached for membership review and will be slated for vote at the **June 29** meeting. Questions or comments should be sent to:

[mailto:DBLANGUIS@juno.com?subject=LOS\\_By-Laws](mailto:DBLANGUIS@juno.com?subject=LOS_By-Laws)

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**History** - This draft was created from the 2004 edition of the BY-LAWS for the Greater Omaha Orchid Society GOOS as the copy of previous LOS BY-LAWS from LOS Board Meeting of Feb. 28 2001 could not be found. The GOOS BY-LAWS were written by Rudy Novacek, attorney and member of GOOS, and where based on guidelines from the American Orchid Society AOS. The current AOS web site does not have this information posted but partial list can be viewed at <http://retirees.uwaterloo.ca/~jerry/orchids/coosjd.html> Society Officer Job Descriptions. The Denver Orchid Society BY-LAWS were used as a reference [http://www.denverorchidsociety.org/dos\\_constitution.html](http://www.denverorchidsociety.org/dos_constitution.html) The draft was reviewed, revised, and approved by the LOS Board of Directors. Code: ~~delete~~ addition ( Only "Honorary Member" of LOS is Sam Fifer, LOS Webmaster, for maintaining our web-site.)

**Volunteer Request:**

**Refreshments Committee:** We still have some openings to provide refreshments at the meetings. Sign up list will be circulated.

**Invitation to LOS Membership:**

**June 12**, Sunday at 1:00 PM. You are invited to attend the Greater Omaha Orchid Society, Annual Picnic and Auction to be held at Arid Lands Greenhouses owned by Chuck Hansen (LOS and GOOS member) owner <http://aridlands.com>. Directions from Omaha: I-80 east to I-29 South I-29 to Exit 35, US 34; Left on US 34, past the Glenwood exit 1/2 mile to Levi Rd.; Right on Levi Rd. 5 miles South to junction with Pease Rd. at the top of steep hill; Right on Pease Rd. 2.5 miles to 65364 **Map:**

<http://omaha-orchid-society.org/arid%20map.html>

**Special Programs of Interest to Everyone:**

We will be having two special programs at our meetings in June and August by members of our society! **June 29** - "Orchids of Madagascar and Thailand" by Chuck Hanson, owner <http://aridlands.com>; and **August 31** - "Costa Rica" pictures by Gregg Arp. They will be showing pictures of their trips to these countries. Invite your friends to enjoy the beautiful flowers and scenic views. We are expecting many guests from Horticulture Societies and the general public to attend. The agendas for these two meetings will be changed by having the program first to allow sufficient time for the programs.

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

**Q:** How do I choose a Thermometer and Hygrometer to monitor conditions where I grow my plants? **A:** These instruments are a basic requirement for growing any plant, indoors or outside. Microclimates exist within the home, greenhouse, or even outdoors; by monitoring your conditions you can make adjustments to keep your growing area within the ideal ranges for your plants. The choice of instruments is a personal one based on: availability, cost and ease of use. Inexpensive mechanical instruments are available at discount retail, hardware, or electronic stores and are sold separately or a combination of both. Monitor temperature and humidity at dawn and between 1-3 PM. Most plants need a difference of 10 degrees between day and night temperatures to grow and flower. Humidity decreases as the temperature raises and the humidity increases as temperature drops, most need 40-70% humidity. Plants outside can sunburn when temperatures exceed 80 degrees, especially with low humidity; increase shading and increase humidity by watering area near the plants. Plants should be watered in the morning and may require daily watering when temperature exceed 90 degrees. To easily monitor day and night temperatures choose a Minimum/ Maximum Thermometer as these record the high low and can be reset. Previously these were only mechanical types but electronic types were introduced several years ago. The electronic type now usually cost less than the mechanical type plus include additional features, typically an audio alarm. The disadvantage is the operating cost of replacing batteries and loss of function when battery dead. Therefore, a wired alarm system would still be preferred for a hobby greenhouse. A recent introduction are Wireless Thermometers which transmit (to 100 feet) the current temperature, record high and low temperatures, and include an audio alarm; plus additional features: battery level, humidity, atomic clock with alarm, and forecast weather. These can be a challenge to program and have the same disadvantages as other electronic types but with shorter battery life, especially on those which have a digital readout on the transmitter. The newest versions transmit at a higher frequency (433 MHz) which decreases the problem of building materials (especially foil faced insulation) blocking the signal. The meters demonstrated at the meeting: mechanical types were Taylor <http://www.taylorusa.com> the electronic types were ACU>RITE and RF-tech by Ravina Clock Company from Walgreens for \$29.99 (occasionally on sale for \$19.99). <http://www.walgreens.com> All of these are available locally or you can order from: Charley's Greenhouse and Garden; 17979 Sate Route 536; Mount Vernon, WA 98273-3269; 1-800-322-4707 <http://www.charleysgreenhouse.com> (they also have the wired alarm systems) or mechanical Minimum/ Maximum Thermometer for \$25.00 from Oak Hill Gardens (information below).

**Q:** Where do you get your wire pot hangers? **A:** I have tried a number types from several sources and prefer the type that clip to the pot. It does not require drilling holes in the pot, do not pull through the sides of the pot, plus they can be quickly and easily removed. The following vendor offers pot hangers made of heavier gauge wire and are galvanized to prevent rust: Oak Hill Gardens; 37W 550 Binnie Rd.; P.O. Box 25; Dundee, IL 60118; 847-428-8500; E-mail: [oakhillgardens@sprintmail.com](mailto:oakhillgardens@sprintmail.com) [http://www.oakhillgardens.com/htm/supplies\\_miscsupplies.htm](http://www.oakhillgardens.com/htm/supplies_miscsupplies.htm) Wire Hangers: Mini Hanger 2-3" pots .40 (I use on 4" pots), 18" Double Wire Hangers 6-8" pots .75, and 23" Double Wire Hangers 6-10" pots .85 (prices do not include shipping)

**Q:** What fertilizer should I use? **A:** Fertilization is a controversial issue among orchid growers. Many debate the merits of inorganic and organic fertilizers and some even question the need for fertilizer. Excessive fertilization will burn leaves and roots. Proper fertilization will enhance growth, flowering, and quality of flower: color, size, and increase flower count. Research has shown that if orchids are grown in tree fern, osmunda, peat, charcoal, or stone (which are slow to decompose or inert) a complete fertilizer with a 1-1-1 ratio should be used; Nitrogen-Phosphate-Potassium. Bark and bark mixes decompose rapidly because it supports high populations of wood decaying microorganisms. These microbes do not injure plants but compete for available nitrogen; therefore, a 3-1-1 ratio fertilizer is recommended to compensate. Fertilizers are available in soluble, dry or slow release formulations. Fertilizers with the same basic ratio may be

interchanged, but be sure to adjust for changes in concentration. If the recommended rate of 20-20-20 is 1 tsp./gallon to get the same ratio with 10-10-10 fertilizer the rate would be doubled or 2 tsp./gallon. Always follow label instructions! Soluble fertilizers are dissolved in water and applied in place of a normal watering. If the plant is very dry or during hot weather water first and wait about one hour before applying fertilizers solution. Most manufacturers recommend applying soluble fertilizers at monthly intervals. Many orchid growers prefer to use a weak solution weekly and flush the media every third watering or at least once a month to prevent fertilizer buildup. Organic or urea based fertilizers are acceptable for orchids where the media is allowed to dry slightly between waterings. Soluble or chemical based fertilizers will provide better results for orchids where the media is allowed to dry between waterings. The light requirement of the orchid effects the quantity of fertilizer used: High Light - use maximum recommend, Medium Light - use 50% recommend, and Low Light - use 25% recommend. Fertilizer recommendations will be reduced an additional 50% for plants grown indoors with natural light. Match the fertilizer type to the plants cycle: using a high Nitrogen or balanced ratios (depending on media) during active growth and high Phosphate when the is forming flowers. DO NOT APPLY fertilizer to plants during their rest cycle or when cloudy weather is forecasted! Orchids summered outside benefit with use of Slow release type fertilizers such as: Osmocote, Schultz MultiCote, Throw and Grow, and Pro-Gro. All of these products release nutrients very slowly, the rate of release being dependent on temperature and moisture content within the media. MagAmp 7-40-6 another slow release fertilizer is not effected by temperature and moisture content plus last 6 or 12 months by granular size (limited availability and order large quantity only). Although their initial cost is higher, one application every three to four months is adequate and plants will be continuously fertilized during that time. Many of the fertilizers are labeled for vegetables or a specific type of flowering plant, any of these can be used provided you follow the ratios and rates listed above. All of these are available discount retail, hardware, nursery and garden stores or mail order from any orchid vendor. Cymbidiums are heavy feeders use the rates listed and for other varieties of orchids use at 50% or 25% of the rate listed depending on its light requirement. Osmocote 14-14-14 maximum rates: 4"-1/2 tsp, 5"-1 tsp, 6"-1 1/2 tsp, 8"-1 Tbls, 10"-2 1/2 Tbls, 12"-4 Tbls nursery pots 6gal-2 tsp, 3gal-2 1/2 Tbls, 5gal-4 Tbls.

**Plant Names are Constantly Changing:** Illowa Orchid Society Newsletter May 2005, James Hall - Editor

#### **Rules for Naming Orchids Revamped**

A new naming system intended to simplify grex, epithet and cultivar naming has been introduced, updating the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants (ICNCP). Basic rules are as follows: epithets must start with a capital letter and are not to exceed 30 characters. There is no maximum number of words; until now, three words were generally considered the maximum. This ruling does not specify if spaces between words count as characters. The epithet cannot consist of a single letter, or solely a number, but a name like 'Nori's #5', would be permitted. To learn more, visit the International Society for Horticultural Science web site <http://www.actahort.org/books/413/index.htm>

#### **Tolumnia Comes of Age**

"Equitant Oncidium" hybrids will now be registered as Tolumnia, according to the RHS Orchid Hybrid registrar, Julian Shaw. This decision affects about 1200 previous grex registrations that are now in the genus Tolumnia and an additional 90 that are now in the nothogenus Oncidumnia (Oncidium X Tolumnia). Fortunately, Tolumnias do not breed readily with other genera of the Oncidium Alliance. Now that Oncidium onustum is Zelenkoa onusta, we are in for a deluge of new nothogeneric names! Ready again for more label changes?

#### **Yet ANOTHER Name?**

Just as we were trying to learn (much less pronounce) *Guarianthe* for many of the Central American Cattleyas, we received notice from the RHS Registrar that the genus *Epicladium* (Lindl.) Small was used first, and therefore has taxonomic priority. The genus name *Guarianthe* is not acceptable for hybrid registration. Now you can introduce friends to your newly named plants of *Epicladium aurantiacum* and *Epicladium skinneri*.

#### **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>

Not Printer friendly, to print: place cursor at beginning of text, hold Shift key down on keyboard, use mouse to scroll to end document and place cursor there, then release Shift key - text will highlight; right click mouse and click Copy; click on Windows Start tab, navigate programs, highlight 'WordPad' or any word processor program and click; after program opens, right click mouse and click Paste; click on the Printer icon to print page.

**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>

**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)

**June 4-5** Central Ohio Society Show; Franklin Park Conservatory; 1777 East Broad St.; Columbus, Ohio. Contact: Thomas Lucher; 1395 Grandview Ave., Ste. #10; Columbus, OH 43212; 800-633-7397; [tomloc@aol.com](mailto:tomloc@aol.com)

**June 14** Denver Orchid Society; Denver Botanic Gardens; John C. Mitchell Hall; 1005 York St.; Denver, CO; 7:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Darrin Norton owner of Mountain Orchids; 1658 Rt. 100; North Ludlow, VT 05149; 802-228-8506

<http://www.mountainorchids.com>

Specializing in miniature Cool Growing orchids: Masdevallia, Pleurothallids, Dendrobium, Oncidiinae, and Laeliinae.

Program: "The Dendrobiums, New Guinea Style", an in depth look into the many faces of the genus Dendrobium with the emphasis on the mid-upper elevation New Guinea sections. Plants for sale.

[http://www.denverorchidsociety.org/meeting\\_schedule.html#June](http://www.denverorchidsociety.org/meeting_schedule.html#June)

**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 8:00 AM

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

Speakers: Tom Harper owner of Stone's River Orchids of Franklin, TN. Jim Hamilton of Petit Plaisance of San Francisco, CA.

Programs: "Harlequin Phalaenopsis" and "Phalaenopsis Species" by Tom Harper.

Rare and Unusual Species" and "Easy to Grow Species" by Jim Hamilton.

Demonstration "Mounting Orchids" by Ron Ehlers.

**Sept. 19** Beaver Lake Nature & Garden Club; Beaver Lake Club House; 9410 Clubhouse Circle; 7:30 PM; **"Orchids"** by Roberta Ginavan with the Greater Omaha Orchid Society. Directions: Highway 75 to Rock Bluff Road (5 miles South of Plattsmouth or one mile North of Highway 1); turn East at the Shell gas station and BP gas station and follow Rock Bluff about a mile. You will

come to a large wooden sign that says "Beaver Lake", turn right and follow that road until you come to the clubhouse.

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

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

[http://www.kfor1240.com/lincoln\\_events/](http://www.kfor1240.com/lincoln_events/)

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

### **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>

**May 28** at 1:00 PM "Orchids Outside" & "How to Repot" Dwight and Beth Languis, Lincoln Orchid Society

**June 4** "Run for the Roses" Kim Todd, UNL Extension Horticulturist

**June 11** "Great Native Wildflowers" Harlan Hamernik, Bluebird Nursery

**June 18** "Annual Combinations, Revisit the Combinations" Luann Finke

**June 25** "Seasons of Color, Chart the color - fill in the holes" Kami Marsh, Finke Gardens Staff

**July 9** "Bonsai Project" Jan Beran, Finke Gardens Staff; \$25 project fee - see web-site for details

**July 16** "Fish in Your Garden Basics", plus question/answers, Gary Barth, former owner of Lincoln's "The Fish Store"

**July 23** "Inviting Butterflies to Your Landscape, Planting and Building Habitat" Kami Marsh, Finke Gardens Staff

**July 30** "Blowout Penstemon, Endangered Plant Work at UNL" Elizabeth Keep, Finke Gardens Staff

**August 6** "Horticultural How To's" Dividing perennials, pruning, fertilizing. Kami Marsh and Luann Finke

**August 13** "Miniature Gardens" Plant a miniature garden -see web-site for details. Kami Marsh, Finke Gardens Staff

**August 20** "Sea of Grass" Ornamental grasses for Nebraska. Kim Todd, UNL Extension Horticulturist

**August 26** "Weepers & Creepers" Accents & ground covers, how to effectively use them. Ben Fann & Luann Finke

**Household Hazardous Waste Collections** - Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Dept. (LLCHD), 441-8040

<http://www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/health/envIRON/pollu/waste/housewas.htm>

Collection for heavy metals, fluorescent lamps, solvents, pesticides (including those EPA banned), and PCBs. Call or view web page for complete list. Collections dates and locations:

**June 24** Union College, Parking Lot, 52nd Cooper, 3-7 PM

**June 25** Neb. Wesleyan University, Parking Lot, 56th and Huntington, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Sam Hill Gardens**, 9405 NW 112th St.; Malcolm, NE 68402; 402-796-2191; Located 1 1/8 mi. North of US Highway 34 on NW 112th Street, (Southwest of Malcolm). <http://www.samhillgardens.com> 'Daylily Daze', More than 6000 daylilies representing hundreds of cultivars in flower, free workshops, plant sales. Free Admission, Free Parking, No Pets Please. <http://www.samhillgardens.com/daylilydaze.html>

**July 6-9** 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

**July 10** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

#### **Calendar:**

**May 7-Oct. 29** Farmers Market, 7th & 'P' St.; Every Saturday 8:00 AM to Noon; Craft, Horticultural & Food Vendors; 435-7496

**June 4** Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Plant Sale; greenhouse on UNL East Campus; 10:00 AM-3:00 PM; 472-2971

Tour of the trial gardens at 1:00 PM by Bob Henrickson. Directions to Greenhouse: Take Huntington St. to 38th St. and turn South (North entrance to UNL East Campus); Go 1 block South and turn East, NSA banner is on greenhouse. Plant list at <http://arboretum.unl.edu/plantsales.html> or call the NSA.

**Aug. 3-7** Lancaster County Fair, Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln; 441-6545

<http://www.lancastereventcenter.com/fair.html>

**Aug. 27-Sept. 5** Nebraska State Fair, State Fair Park, Lincoln NE <http://www.statefair.org>

#### **Horticultural 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.

**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

Show: Southeast Community College; 8800 'O' St.; Lincoln; Cafeteria at 1:00 - 4:30 PM

**May 28** - Annual Iris Show

**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](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>

**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>

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## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I. Name

**Section 1.** This organization shall be known as the **Greater Omaha Lincoln** Orchid Society. **G. O. O. S. LOS**

### ARTICLE II. Objectives

**Section 1.** The object of our Society shall be to:

- a) Promote the growing of orchids.
- b) Encourage the advancement of orchid growing as a hobby.
- c) Enhance the beauty of our home environment.
- d) Exchange ideas, plants, and reading materials.
- e) Encourage and educate the public in the culture of orchids. and promote conservation of native specie orchids.

### ARTICLE III. Members

**Section 1.** On the recommendation of a member in good standing, payment of required dues, and an active interest in the objectives of our Society, any person may become a member. On ***the recommendation of a member in good standing***, payment of required dues, and an active interest in the objectives of our Society, any person may become a member.

**Section 2. *Dues shall be \$15.00 for a single member and \$20.00 for a family membership.***  
The fee for annual dues for a single member or family membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

A family membership shall include all members of a residence; only two (2) voting members per family membership.

**Section 3.** Annual dues shall be paid to the treasurer on ***January 1 of each year and shall become delinquent the day after the regular meeting in February. September 1 of each year.*** and are delinquent after the October meeting. ***Dues to be assessed at 1/2 the yearly rate to new members after July 31st.***

**Section 4.** The title "Honorary Member" may be conferred upon a person by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present at a meeting. The title shall carry with it none of the obligations of membership, but shall entitle the holder to all of the privileges of the Society.

### ARTICLE IV. Meetings

**Section 1.** The regular meeting shall be held on a monthly basis at such time and place as ***requested by the members*** determined by the Board of Directors.

**Section 2.** The September meeting shall be considered the Annual meeting and all officers and committee chairpersons will be required to give an annual written report to the secretary, with a copy given to the historian.

**Section 3. *Fifteen (15) members*** Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum.

### ARTICLE V. Officers

**Section 1.** The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past-President, and a three member advisory board. All eight members shall act as a Board of Directors. The officers and directors shall be elected for a two year term, as prescribed by the By-Laws. The officers and directors shall not serve for more than two successive years in the same capacity. In the event the President resigns, his office will automatically be taken over by the Vice-President, who shall serve until the next regular election. Members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to fill other vacancies that may occur until the next regular election.

**Section 2.** The meetings Board of Directors shall be held on a frequency deemed appropriate to transact the business of the society.

#### **ARTICLE VI. Elections**

**Section 1.** At the regular meeting in July, a nominating committee of three members shall be elected. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate one or more candidates for each office to be filled at the August meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominees shall first have been obtained. Election shall be by ballot at the annual meeting in September. The terms of office become effective immediately. At the August meeting, the nomination committee shall present the names of candidates for the elective offices. The three Directors shall be elected in the even number years. The officers shall be elected in the odd number years.

**Section 2.** When there is only one candidate for each office, election may be by viva voice.

#### **ARTICLE VII. Duties of Officers**

**Section 1.** The President shall:

- a) preside at all meetings of the Society and Board of Directors meetings, and shall perform such duties as pertain to the office
- b) shall appoint chairman of standing committees
- c) shall be ex-officio member of all committees, excepts the nominating committee
- d) ***shall countersign all orders drawn by the Secretary upon the Treasurer sign checks for the society in the absence of the Treasurer or in emergency.***
- e) shall give a report of the year's activities at the annual meeting in September.
- f) shall appoint any committee that he/she deems necessary during the year
- g) upon retirement from the office, the President shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors for two years succeeding his/her term of office

**Section 2.** The Vice-President shall act as President in the absence of or at the request of the President and shall perform such other duties as the President directs.

- a) responsible for monthly programs.

**Section 3.** The **Recording** Secretary shall:

- a) keep a record of the minutes of all meetings
- b) be responsible for all correspondence of the Society
- c) ***he/she shall draw all orders on the Treasurer and***
- d) ***shall transfer to his/her successor without delay all property of the Society in his/her possession.***

**Section 4.** The Treasurer shall:

- a) be the custodian of all funds of the Society and pay all bills. ***upon order from the Secretary countersigned by the President***
- b) He/she shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and

- c) Render a written report to the Secretary at the regular monthly meetings and an annual report at the annual meeting in September.
- d) He/she shall collect dues,
- e) make a report each month to the Society
- f) Furnish the Secretary with a list of all new members each month.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. Committees:**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors shall be able to create such committees, for such duties, as the Board deems appropriate. This power shall be invoked at such times and under such circumstances as the Board sees fit to promote the objectives of the Society.

#### **Section 2. Ad Hoc Committees: *There shall be the following committees:***

- a) Show Committee. The chairman and vice-chairman shall be responsible for the Annual Orchid Show.
- b) Program Committee. The chairman shall provide suitable programs for the meeting.
- c) Hostess Committee. The chairman shall select members to act as hosts/hostesses and provide refreshments at the meeting.
- d) Courtesy Committee. The chairman shall report illnesses of members and send cards when advisable and extend other courtesies when necessary.
- e) AOS Committee. The chairman shall act as a correspondent and long term liaison, & shall encourage membership in the A. O. S.
- f) Membership Committee. The chairman shall welcome visitors and members at the door and be responsible for introducing visitors and new members at the meeting.
- g) ***There shall be a*** Parliamentarian.
- h) By-Laws Committee. This committee consists of three members. They shall prepare suitable amendments at the request of the society.
- i) Auditing Committee. The auditing committee shall consist of three members appointed by the President. This committee shall be responsible for auditing the Treasurer's accounts following the regular August meeting and render a report at the regular September meeting.
- j) Historian. ***There shall be a*** Historian-Librarian who prepares a narrative account of the Society's official history, and shall be custodian of all books and publications owned by the society.
- k) Publicity Committee. This committee shall be responsible for promoting the activities of the Society through the appropriate media.
- l) Ways and Means Committee. This committee shall be responsible for providing the funds necessary to conduct the Society's activities.

#### **ARTICLE IX. Parliamentary Authority**

**Section 1.** The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE X. Amendments to the By-Laws**

**Section 1.** These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment was submitted at the previous meeting or notice was given in writing with the call of the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE XI.**

**Section 1.** Any decision by the Board of Directors may be appealed by a ***majority vote*** of the membership.