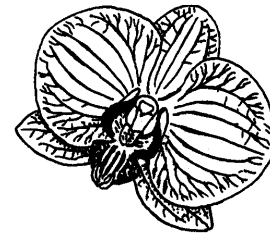




# Orchid Newsletter

Lincoln Orchid Society, INC.

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Orchid Culture and Conservation, Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge.



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■ **MEETING: JUNE 27 (Meetings last Wednesday of each month)**



### 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 ) [ [Map](#) ]

### 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.

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

**Program:** "Orchids of Costa Rica", travel pictures by Keith Plank

### ■ NEXT MONTH: JULY 25

➤ **SPECIALTY GROUP at 6:30 PM**, Class Room 1; Coordinator Allen Bean; **Schedule:** Jan., April, July, & Oct..

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

- **Discussion Topic:** "Dendrobiums", lead by Allen Bean
- This group meets only 4 times a year, so do not miss the opportunity as next meeting will be October.

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

- **Orchid Auction** - Membership: donate those extra divisions, proceeds to Society Treasury.
- **Program:** "Orchids, Eric Young Foundation", PBS video.

**Auction:** You are NOT required to donate any item for the auction to participate. If you would like to donate any items, the following suggestions may be helpful: orchid plants, related items like: books, fertilizer, or pots; any items decorated with orchid flowers or it can be anything: perennials or items left over from a garage sale. Mark plants with variety name, describe characteristics (flower color, height, etc.), culture requirements (moisture needs, sun or shade); this helps sell them. If any item doesn't sell you will need to take it home with you at the close of the auction. Payment for items must be made to the Treasurer PRIOR to leaving. Proceeds help support the society treasury.

**Program:** See COOL growing orchids: Cymbidium, Odontoglossum, Miltoniopsis, and others; grown and flowered to perfection using Rock Wool as a growing media. The program also demonstrates how to prepare flowers for display in an orchid show, (proper flower presentation is key to winning awards).

### ■ FLOWERING ORCHID PLANTS AND MEDIA SALES AT MEETING:

➤ **SALES BY SOCIETY:** Ways & Means - Coordinator, 2007; Marty Haferman (Sales: Potting Media and Supplies)

- **16 Plants Donated By:** [Finke Gardens & Nursery](#); 500 N. 66 St.; Lincoln, NE 68505; 466-1995
- **13 Plants Donated By:** [Russ's Markets, Floral Dept.](#); plus 6 additional from special purchase.

➤ **SALES BY MEMBERS:**

- John Biehle 483-6121

**Oncidium specie, seed grown: for \$30.00 or BEST OFFER** huge plant, previously flowered, overgrown in 6 inch pot (would fill 8-10 inch pot), media: bark. (If you attended the April meeting, another plant of the same variety was displayed on our "Plant Talk"; here is the opportunity to own one.)

- 1 *Oncidium sphacelatum* - flowers: 1 inch flowers yellow with mahogany barring on spikes to 6 feet.

**Requires HIGH light conditions to flower, almost Full sun.**

- Chuck Hanson will have flowering orchid plants, an assortment of orchid varieties, plus Media: Pumice or Dyna-Rok ® for sale.

### ■ RAFFLE PLANNED FOR JUNE MEETING:

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.

#### • Plants and 8 Calendars donated by: 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 )
  - **Seedling Mix** - one gallon bag for \$4.00
  - **Standard Mix** - one gallon bag for \$4.00
  - **Coconut Husk Chips** - one gallon bag for \$4.00
  - **Dyna-Rok ®, Medium Grade** - one quart bag for \$4.00
  - **Pot Hanger:** for 3-4 inch pot, \$1.00
  - **Pot Hanger:** for 6-8 inch pot ( 18 inches long ), \$1.50
  - **Book:** Your First Orchid \$10.00, ideal reference source for the new or novice orchid grower.

### ■ LOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2007:

**"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:

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

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

**August 29** - "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 & Answers"; Finke Gardens & Nursery 500 N. 66, Lincoln 466-1995

**Mar. 16-17** Husker Lawn and Leisure, Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln;

**Mar. 31- Apr. 1** Twentieth Annual Spring Orchid Show, Greater Omaha Orchid Society; Lauritzen Gardens

**June 24** : LOS, Orchid Growing Area Tours: Jan Learned, Melvin Bates, and Allen Bean

**Nov. 10-11** Third Annual Fall Orchid Show & Sale, Lincoln Orchid Society; (same weekend, New Location)

EDGE 64, 6400 Cornhusker Hwy.; Lincoln, NE. Admission: \$3.00, 14 and under FREE. Contact:

Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529; [loshow2007@yahoo.com](mailto:loshow2007@yahoo.com)

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

**Refreshments Committee - Coordinator:** LaFern Zentz

**Jun. 27:** Jane Delano, Miranda Harkrader, Carl Campbell, and Pat Giddings

**July 25:** Lelia Coyne, Helen Donlan, and Marianne Grandstaff

**Aug. 29:** Jan Learned, Merri Skrdla, and Anne Pamperl

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

Oct. 31: Arline Fowler, Sheryol Otjen, Pat Giddings

**OFFICERS/ CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Board of Directors, 8 Members:** Allen Bean, Rich Sukovaty, Miranda Harkrader, LaFern Zentz, Nancy Pittman, Anne Pamperl, 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:** Melvin Bates

7) **Board Member, 5/07-9/08:** Anne Pamperl

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

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

**Show Chairman, 2007:** 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)

**AOS Representative:** Dwight Languis

**MAOC Representative:** Allen Bean

**Web Master:** Rich Sukovaty

**Newsletter Editors:** Dwight and Beth Languis

**Historian/ Librarian:** Rich Sukovaty

**Program - Coordinator:** Rich Sukovaty

**Publicity:** Dwight Languis

**Courtesy Committee - Coordinator:** Jan Learned

**Membership, Coordinator:** Dwight Languis

**Refreshments Committee - Coordinator:** LaFern Zentz

**TREASURY REPORT:** (June 3, 2007)

<b>Beginning Balance:</b> .....	<b>\$493.80</b>
Expenses, Bank Fee: .....	\$5.00
Expenses, Newsletter Expenses - April; Dwight Languis: .....	\$16.48
Expenses, Society Group Plant Order - Carmela, Dwight Languis: .....	\$78.00
Expenses, Society Group Pot Order - rePotme.com, Dwight Languis: .....	\$149.24

<b>Expenses Total:</b> .....	<b>\$248.72</b>
Income, Bank Interest: .....	\$0.26
Income, Memberships (2 Renewals, 1 New): .....	\$33.00
Income, Sales:	
Calendars: .....	\$55.00
Plants, Perennials: .....	\$121.61
Potting Media: ( 2 x \$3 ) .....	\$6.00
Income, Society Group Pot Order: .....	\$4.89
<b>Income Total:</b> .....	<b>\$220.76</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b> .....	<b>\$465.94</b>

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Sunday July 15, 2:00 - 4:30 PM at Gere Library, 56th St. & Normal Blvd., Room 2 (East end of hallway).

**BOARD DECISIONS:**

- Approve payment, May Newsletter and Operating Costs.
- Approve payment of Sales Signage, replacement.
- Discontinues sales of calendars and place current inventory in June Raffle.
- Finalize activities and itinerary for June and July Meetings.
- Program Committee: recommendations for 2008, Topics and Schedule.
- Ways & Means: approve restocking of media, budget \$100.00.
  - Media sale price increased to \$4.00, to cover increased shipping costs.

**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 us when you, your family, or if you know of another member in our society has a major event in their life.

**Contact: Coordinator, Jan Learned**

■ **CAR POOL AVAILABLE:**

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

**Contact: Allen Bean**

■ **MEMBERSHIP, NEW/ RENEWALS AVAILABLE AT MAY MEETING:**

Dues, New or Renewal: **\$11 00 annually**, Single or Family Membership to the same household. Fiscal year is from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008. Memberships received during **May, June and July 2007** are applied towards the following year. Please complete the "**Membership Application/ Renewal**" form available at meeting, posted on our web-site, May Newsletter, or request by mail at following address. Completion of the form is necessary to ensure delivery of your Newsletter by postal or e-mail, should we encounter an problems; plus proper credit of your account. Monthly meetings, pay dues to **Membership, Coordinator:** Dwight Languis or mail by sending "**Membership Application/ Renewal**" form with payment, personal check or money order made payable to LOS (do not mail cash) and mail to: **Lincoln Orchid Society LOS; P.O. Box 5501; Lincoln, NE 68505-5501**

**Benefits - Advantages of Membership:**

- Youth Membership, FREE to anyone 18 years of age or younger.
- New Members receive a free orchid plant at monthly meeting.
- Monthly Newsletter and News Releases via e-mail, or only postal edition of Monthly Newsletter.
- Monthly Plant Raffle.
- Group Purchases, items and plants not available locally at discounted prices.
- Library of Orchid Literature. ( To check out items from the Library, contact Rich Sukovaty )

■ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

➤ **NATIVE ORCHID CONSERVATION PROJECTS:**

Your help is needed to assist Tim Janssen, Jim Pyrzynski, and Melvin Bates with native orchid conservation. Open schedule and level of participation of your choice. Projects typically done during week but may include weekends with overnight stays as most locations are not near the greater Lincoln metro area. Learn to identify native orchids by leaf type and other indicators, count plants for population monitoring, record data and mapping for research and governmental documentation. Assist with relocating orchids threatened by construction projects. For additional information or If you would like to help, please contact Tim Janssen 476-3877.

➤ **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

- **Volunteers:** Three volunteers needed to serve on the Nominating Committee, sign up list at meeting or contact Allen Bean by **July 14** for consideration; if none received the positions will be appointed by the President. Membership approval by election at the July meeting of the Candidates for the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominees shall first have been obtained. Members of the

Nominating Committee can NOT be considered as Nominee for any office.

- **Responsibility:** The Nominating Committee is to prepare the following report: "Tentative Slate of Officers, Names of Nominees" for the to be presented at the August meeting to be voted on at the September meeting by the membership. The committee shall select one or more candidates for each position of office to be filled: by consent of incumbent for re-election, from a list of volunteers, or persons selected from the membership and their prior consent obtained to serve the position of office. Nominees must have active interest in the objectives and goals of our Society, and should have but not required to have previous experience working other clubs, societies, and organizations that would benefit LOS.

- **Selection of Officers:** Four Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer 9/05-9/07; to be elected to serve a two year term (Sept. 2007 to Sept. 2009) at the annual meeting in September. The terms of office become effective immediately. Nominees should attend the September Board Meeting.

**Anyone interested in serving as an Officer are encouraged to contact one of the members of the current Board of Directors or Nominating Committee.**

- Sign up list at meeting.

➤ **SHOW COMMITTEE:**

- If you would like to help with our Fall Orchid Show, please contact our Show Chairman:  
Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529 [loshow2007@yahoo.com](mailto:loshow2007@yahoo.com)  
We are establishing additional committees and have started Show Committee Meetings to finalize show details.
- Need Coordinator for Hospitality Committee as we are not required to have meals catered at the show.
- **Sign up list at meeting.**

**SHOW COMMITTEE, MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Monday August 6, 7:00 PM at home of Lorna Kissling

■ **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**July 11, 7:15 PM** Greater Omaha Orchid Society, Program change: Erich Michel of Hoosier Orchids will NOT be speaking at the meeting. Program: "Obsession with Orchids" PBS video.

■ **SPEAKER'S DAY, CARPOOL:**

**Sunday July 29** "Speaker's Day" hosted by Central Iowa Orchid Society provides you the opportunity to listen to commercial orchid hybridizers and growers. Many of our society members attend this annual event. Some attend the special event Saturday night and stay overnight to attend the "Speaker's Day" the following day, while others leave very early Sunday morning to attend only the "Speaker's Day".

- **Itinerary:** See article in **Area Events, Orchid Related.**
- **LOS Carpool:** We will have sign up sheets at meeting to investigate interest in forming carpool/s.
- **[ Registration Form: ]** Deadline for discounted admission: **July 15**, LOS can not guarantee availability of carpool.

■ **HIGHLIGHTS OF ORCHID GROWING AREA, TOURS:**

**June 24, 2:00-5:00 PM** This year the membership had the opportunity to visit the residences of three of our society members. The event provided the opportunity to actually see how each person is growing their orchids outside during the Summer, ask questions, and gain tips that you can apply to growing your own orchids. Refreshments were served at each of the tour locations and was followed by a Pot Luck Picnic at residence of Jan and Doug Learned.

➤ **The society would like to thank the following for allowing us to visit their Orchid Growing Areas:**

- **Tour #1, 2:00 - 3:00 PM:** Melvin Bates
- **Tour #2, 3:00 - 4:00 PM:** Allen and Janette Bean
- **Tour #3, 4:00 - 5:00 PM:** Jan and Doug Learned

■ **FABULOUS ORCHID TOUR OF ECUADOR:**

By Chuck Hanson

*The Ecuagenera Orchid Tour will be 15 days in length. Departure will be between 4/15/08 and 5/15/08, final dates to be set later this year. We will travel from Quito in the north to Pangui in the south and from sea level to 12,000'. We will see active, snow-capped volcanoes. We should see several hundred species of orchids in flower plus many species of bromeliads and gesneriads. Our leader will be Pepe Portilla, the Executive President of Ecuagenera. Pepe is a most personable and knowledgeable person, someone that you will forever after consider a friend. All travel will be on a first class tourist bus with no more than 22 people. All accommodations will be near first class to first class. All activity levels*

will be accommodated. There will be jungle walks for those interested and easy strolls through orchid rich habitat for those who don't feel up to a more strenuous jungle hike. We will have ample opportunity to see indigenous peoples and will be entertained occasionally by musicians and dancers. We will also have the opportunity to sample some of the wonderful jungle fruits that will be in season then.

Ecuador is a very safe country to travel in. The currency is the US dollar, the electrical current is 110 AC and they drive on the proper side of the road. The people are very open and friendly and the food will be guaranteed Gringo safe. We will visit all three of Ecuagenera's fabulous nurseries and will have the opportunity to buy plants at all three. Be prepared to go crazy when you see these nurseries! Prices for plants at the nurseries will be almost 1/2 of the price that the plants are sold for at shows in the US. Any plants purchased will be processed for CITES permits and phytosanitary permits and then shipped to us in Omaha.

Ecuagenera is a unique business world wide. They sell NO field collected plants. All plants are grown from seed processed through their own very large and modern orchid seed lab where they produce thousands of flasks of orchid seedlings monthly. Ecuagenera is a family business, started and run by the Portilla family. They are very dedicated to conservation and use the proceeds from sales to purchase large tracts of lands to set aside as preserves and to fund a primary and secondary school and a University. They very wisely recognize that the key to conservation is education. All of their employees and families are offered free education.

The cost of the 15 day tour will be \$1,800 plus airfare, which should be \$600-\$700 from Omaha. The total cost should certainly be well below \$3,000. For more info concerning **Ecuagenera [ Click Here ]**  
For more info on the tour contact Chuck Hanson at [chuck@orchidrenaissance.com](mailto:chuck@orchidrenaissance.com) or 712-520-0082

#### ■ **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 or web-site [http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/pdf/Newsletter/Newsletter Index 2005.pdf](http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/pdf/Newsletter/Newsletter%20Index%202005.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 posted on our web-site.

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

1) **Q.** I purchased a small *Cattleya* orchid that in the plant description it was "Near Blooming Size", I have had the plant for several years and it has NOT flowered, what should I do?

1) **A.** The term you listed you listed "Near Blooming Size" as well as another term "Blooming Size" are ones commonly used but are rather vague terms used to describe the plant of size which is large enough to flower; based on the growing conditions by the original grower. Conditions in the home are usually less than ideal, so it takes significantly longer time and larger plant to produce flowering. Also the right conditions must be present to initiate flowering even if the plant is large enough to do so. If possible you should always purchase a plant in flower or one that has previously flowered to ensure that with the proper growing condition the plant will flower every year. *Cattleya* are one of the slower growing orchids and many other genera mature more rapidly. A guide for the time required to flower a seedling plant: 2 inch = 4 years, 3 inch = 2 years, 4 inch = 1 to 1.5 years, 5 inch = 6 months to 1 year, and 6 inch is usually flowering size.

#### ■ **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:**

**Monthly Calendar of Requirements for Orchids:**

**Monthly Checklist, July - August**

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

Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

Paphiopedilum

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

Phalaenopsis

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.

Cymbidium

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

High-elevation Plants

For cooler-growing plants, such as masdevallias, other pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.

Laelia purpurata

The flowering season of this majestic plant will be coming to an end, presenting a good time to repot. As soon as the new roots start to appear, clean off old bark and repot into a clean medium-grade fir bark. Place the plant in a little less light and higher humidity to relieve stress until it is more established, which is about one month after potting.

Odontocidium

Many of the Intergeneric crosses between Odontoglossums and Oncidiums, such as Odontocidium, Wilsonara and Colmanara, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.

Vandaceous

Genera Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later.

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<http://aos.org/aos/orchids/monthly.aspx?sec=20>

**ORCHIDS - ARTICLES, Monthly Magazine of the American Orchid Society AOS: <http://www.theaos.org/>**

[Contact Rich to check out from the LOS Library.](#)

**April 2007 Issue:** Cattleya Species Now in Flower, Orchids in Art - Promeneia stapeliodes, Cypripediums In China - Part IV, Cuitlauzina pendula, April: Bloomin' Fools, Small Wonders, Coelogyne speciosa, Growing the Best Phalaenopsis - Part 4, Books: [Icones Pleurothallidarum](#), Welcome 19WOC Attendees, OCI Funds Conservation Efforts in Mexico and Colombian Andes, Deciduous Dendrobiums, What the Artist Says: Promeneia stapeliodes.

**May 2007 Issue:** FCC's of 2006, Orchids in Art - Rynchosstele maculata, Angraecum longicalcar, Orchid Show Exhibits, 2006 Dillon/ Peterson Essay Contest, Orchid Checklist, Growing With Orchids, Nomenclature Notes, Catasetinae Plant Culture, How to Build Your Own Greenhouse, Register Now to Attend 19th WOC, Slime and Crime: My Battle with Slug

Thugs, 2nd Scientific Conference on Andean Orchids, Orchid of the Month: Trichophilias, A Gallery of Catasetinae Grown by Fred Clarke, Threatened Plants of Madagascar, The 2007 Competition, About the Winner: Laima Swanson, Orchids of Madagascar.

**June 2007 Issue:** Cypripediums In China - Part V, An Orchid Bee Naturalizes in Florida, Introduction: Nomenclature Errors, Pontheiva Vaqueziae Becerra: A Correction, A New Maxillaria, Orchid Bees Don't Need Orchids, Orchid Checklist, Growing With Orchids, Aspilogyne mystacina, Adamanthia, My Addiction to Miniature Cattleyas, What Orchid Society Members Do, Books: *Spatula Orchids - Papua New Guinea*, 19th WOC - Exhibits and Competitions, Orchid of the Month: Bletilla In American Gardens, Funding Orchid Conservation, Hybridizing Miniature Cattleyas for Orchid Hobby Growers, A Gallery of Orchid Hybrids, Now in Pint: Perspectives on Orchid Conservation.

■ **MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS, The Mid-American Newsletter Articles:** <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

• **Newsletter, Feb. 2007:** <http://midamericanorchids.org/MidAmerican/MidAmNewsFeb2007.pdf>

MAOC Spring Show, History of the Illinois Orchid Society, MAOC President's Message, Report of MAOC Fall Show, A Different Look at a Greenhouse, Tim Brooks - Orchidist of the Year, Future Mid America Congress Dates, Officers and Committee Chairpersons, MAOC Fall Registration Form.

(Members without Internet, contact Allen Bean for your copy of The Mid-American issue Feb. 2007.)

**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>

- July 11 Program: "Obsession with Orchids" PBS video.
- August 8 Program: "Orchid Tour of Ecuador" by Chuck Hanson
- September 12 Program: Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids will present a program "Brazilian Cattleya Alliance, how to succeed with species and hybrids".
- October 10 Program: "Genus Eulophia" presented by Scott Evans.
- November 14 Program: "Orchids" PBS Video
- December 12, 7:00 PM, Annual Holiday Party. Venue to be announced.

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

**July 15** Deadline for discounted admission to "Speaker's Day" hosted by Central Iowa Orchid Society **July 29.**

**July 29** "Speaker's Day", Central Iowa Orchid Society at Camp Dodge, 77 NW Beaver Dr., Johnston, Iowa (just North of Des Moines). Registration Fee \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door. Contact: Leo Schlunz, 422 S. 5th St.; Chariton, IA 50049-22402 or <http://www.c-we.com/cios/>

[ **Registration Form:** ] Deadline for discounted admission: **July 15**

**Speakers:** Peter Lin of Big Leaf Orchids [Big Leaf Orchids](#) and George Hatfield of [Hatfield Orchids](#).

Peter Lin will speak on the importance of *Phalaenopsis gigantea* in modern novelty hybrids and the use of *Phalaenopsis* species in the development of modern red hybrids by American hybridizers (this talk will also be given at the 2007 Taiwan Orchid Show).

George Hatfield will speak on miniature Cymbidiums and pendulous Cymbidiums.

The event includes: continental breakfast, plant sale at 8 a.m., buffet lunch and afternoon dessert bar. NOTE: A picture ID is required for entrance into Camp Dodge (Military Facility).

July 28, 7-10 PM Informal meeting with the speakers at the home of Elaine Notis; 6003 Redland Ct.; Johnston, Iowa

**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 will present a program "Brazilian Cattleya Alliance, how to succeed with species and hybrids".

**Sept. 21-23, Fri-Sat 8-5, Sun 10-3** 15th Annual, Chicagoland Orchid Festival; Chicago, IL. Festival takes place simultaneously at four different locations: Oak Hill Gardens, Windsong Orchids, Orchids by Hausermann, and Natt's Orchids. All four growers will feature lectures, refreshments, greenhouse visitation, and visiting: US and Overseas growers and speakers. <http://www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com/>

**Oct. 13-14, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4** Denver Orchid Society, Fall Orchid Show & Sale; Denver Botanic Gardens, John C. Mitchell Hall, 1005 York St.; Denver, CO. Cost is free with Denver Botanic Gardens admission. (720) 865-3500

[webmaster@denverorchidsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@denverorchidsociety.org) or [http://www.denverorchidsociety.org/fall\\_show.html](http://www.denverorchidsociety.org/fall_show.html)

**Oct. 19-21** AOS Members Fall Meeting; AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden; Delray Beach, Florida. Contact: [cjholdren@gmail.com](mailto:cjholdren@gmail.com)

**Nov. 10-11** Third Annual Fall Orchid Show & Sale, Lincoln Orchid Society; EDGE 64, 6400 Cornhusker Hwy.; Lincoln, NE. Admission: \$3.00, 14 and under FREE. Contact: Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529; [loshow2007@yahoo.com](mailto:loshow2007@yahoo.com)

**Nov. 17-18** "Orchids and All That Jazz", Kansas City Orchid Expo/ MAOC Show; Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City; Hilton Garden Inn; Independence, MO. Contact: Beth Martin; 15523 Johnson Drive; Shawnee, KS 66217 913-248-8669 [bethdoug@kc.rr.com](mailto:bethdoug@kc.rr.com) or <http://www.osgkc.org/show.htm>

## 2008

**Jan. 23-27, 2008** "Orchids—Nature's Masterpiece"<sup>TM</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 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/>

■ **Photography Contest:** Nebraska Statewide Arboretum "A Year in the Garden" entry deadline Sept. 14. Rules and entry forms <http://arboretum.unl.edu> or by calling 402-472-2971. The contest is open to all persons but entries are limited to four images each.

■ **Artwork, Photography, Collectable Contest, Floral Competition:** Lincoln Orchid Society, Third Annual Fall Orchid Show, entry deadline Nov. 9. Open to all persons but entries content must be orchid related. Contact: Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529

**May - Sept.** Lincoln Farmers Market, Piedmont Shops; Cotner & A St.; **Saturdays** 8:00 AM to Noon; Vendors

**May-Oct.** Lincoln's Haymarket Farmers Market, 7th & 'P' St.; **Saturdays** 8:00 AM to Noon; Craft, Horticultural & Food Vendors

**May-Oct.** Farmers Market, Old Cheney Center; 5500 Old Cheney Rd.; **Sundays** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM; Craft, Horticultural & Food Vendors

**May -Oct.** [Omaha Farmers Market](#) 11th & Jackson; **Saturdays** 8:00 AM to 12:30; Horticultural & Food Vendors

**June -Sept.** . [Omaha Farmers Market](#), 11th & Howard; **Wednesdays** 3:00 - 7:00 PM; Horticultural & Food Vendors

**July, Fridays, 10-4** [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). 'Daylily Daze' will not be held this year.

**Aug. 1-5** Lancaster County Fair, Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln; 441-6545 FREE Admission.  
<http://www.lancastereventcenter.com/fair.html>

**Sept. 9** Fall Rose Show, Lincoln Rose Society, Auld Recreation Center located in Antelope Park, South of "A" Street.

**Oct. 15, 7:00 PM** Lincoln Rose Society, Antelope Park Shelter House, North of Auld Recreation Center, 486-1420 "Roses and Climate Change"

## ■ 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>