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Omaha Orchid Society Mem- bership Information

Annual Dues:

Single: \$15.00

Family: \$20.00

Annual dues are paid to the treasurer
by January 1 of each year and are
delinquent the day after the Febru-
ary meeting. Dues for new members
joining after July 31st are one-half
the annual ratee.

Dues should be made payable to
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MEETINGS

NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGES FOR EACH MEETING BELOW:

September 11, 2013

Extension Office

8015 West Center Rd.

7:00 PM new growers group/
display committee meeting

7:30 PM Annual meeting

Program: The Black Orchid

movie

Refreshments: Abby Vosicka

September 25, 2013

6:45 PM Papillion Library

Board meeting

October 8, 2013

Extension Office

8015 West Center Rd.

7:00 PM new growers group/
display committee meeting

7:30 PM Annual meeting

Program: Guest speaker,

Joe Lankton; topic,

Paphiopedilums

Refreshments: Sandy Rome

EVENTS

September 14 – 15, 2013

Wisconsin Orchid Society
Show "Fall in Love with
Orchids," Mitchell Park
Domes, 524 S. Layton
Blvd., Milwaukee, WI,
Contact: Lisa Ann Haag,
920-980-6979, tlhaag@charter.net

September 20 - 22, 2013

21st Annual Chicagoland
Orchid Festival. 8:00
a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Friday &
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. 3:00
p.m. Sunday. Locations:
Natt's Orchids, Naperville,
IL, Orchids by Hausermann,
Villa Park, IL. www.chicagolandorchidfest.com

October 19 - 20, 2013

Fall Mid-America Orchid
Congress. "ORCHIDS 'N
ART" at the Dayton Art
Institute, Dayton, OH.

October 19 – 20, 2013

Eastern Iowa Orchid Show
& Sale, Noelridge Gardens
Greenhouse, 4900 Council
St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA
Contact: Jon Lorence, 319-
624-3666, lorence5@aol.com

October 19 - 20, 2013

Kansas Orchid Society Fall
Orchid Show. Botanica,
The Wichita Gardens, 701
Amidon St., Wichita, KS.
Contact: Sarrah J. Pratt,
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MOVIE AND MORE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Popcorn anyone?? It's
movie time (and annual
meeting time). The movie
– "The Black Orchid."
Popcorn – possibly, but
there will be refreshments
regardless. The movie cov-
ers some of the recent
intrigue regarding orchids,
their value (\$\$\$), and the
allure.

The meeting is our annual
meeting which includes a
fair amount of real busi-
ness and there is a need
for members to participate.
For one, it's election time
– this time to elect a new
president, vice-president,
secretary, and treasurer.
The nominating committee
gave its list of nominees at
the August meeting: presi-
dent, Eric Stoiber ; vice-
president, Jim Pyrzyn-
ski; secretary, Anne Marie
Smith; treasurer, the latest
information is that there
will be 2 names on the
ballot: Aaron Bugjo and
Abby Vosicka. (We will
use ballots this time rather
than voice vote since the
By-Laws specify that when
there is more than one
nominee for a position,
ballots are to be used.)
Nominations for someone
else may be made from the
floor, but the person being
nominated must agree to
the nomination and their
name will also appear on
the ballot.

It's annual budget time.

The proposed budget is on page 7 of the newsletter. The Board has reviewed the budget and voted to send it on for membership approval. Please review the proposed budget and be prepared to discuss and vote on it at the September meeting.

IN THIS MONTH'S ORCHIDS

There is a wealth of information in the September issue of Orchids – in fact a search through the GOOS library of previous issues would turn up a real treasure trove. Even though the temperatures have finally soared to the 90s and almost more, fall is only a few weeks away. The season officially begins on the autumnal equinox (equal night and day lengths), this year September 22. But every year is different but one thing is certain, the warm days we have now will be memory not too long from now. So if you have put your plants out for the summer to enjoy the sun

and breezes, now is the time to prepare them for the return to your home or greenhouse and to be sure your growing area is ready too. Tom Mirenda (our speaker a year ago) has some great advice in his monthly checklist.

One objective of getting your plants ready for return to the indoors is to be sure you are not bringing in any pests. In an outdoor situation there may be some natural factors (predators, etc.) that keep them in check. But once inside, they will be free to multiply and do so exponentially. Greg Allikas has a great article on scale and remedies for getting rid of them.

There is more on the genus *Paphiopedilum* in China by Hoger Perner. Holger will be a speaker and vendor at the Fall Meeting of the Mid-America Orchid Congress in Dayton in October. In fact you may pre-order plants and, if you can't attend the meeting, you can have them shipped to your from there. Some of the plants he is offering are difficult to find in the US. This particular article covers the Section *Barbata* which includes a number of popular species and the parents of many hybrids.

There is more - an article on *Rossioglossum* (a genus in the *Oncidium* alliance), another article tells of the search for the elusive Star of Africa (*Angraecum stella-africae*), and still another discusses the seldom seen *Cattleya crispa*. Robert Fuchs discusses the four species of *Paraphalaenopsis* all of which grow in Borneo. Despite the name, they have more in common genetically speaking with *Vandae* than *Phalaenopsis*. Brenda Oviatt and Bill Nelson who operate an orchid business in Missoula, Montana, discuss the culture of *Aerangis distincta*. They also discuss their work with rare and endangered *Angraecoids* and they encourage others to pick a threatened species (there are plenty) and work to keep it alive and protected in collections and native habitats. And there is an article on orchid evolution by Alejandro Zuluaga and the Madison Orchid Research Group. The group is headed by Dr. Ken Cameron and consists of a postdoc and eight doctoral graduate students from different laboratories in the Department of Botany at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It's great to see that there you people still studying orchids.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Greater Omaha Orchid Society President's Annual Report to the Society September 9, 2013

The 2012-2013 year has been filled with activities for the Society. Some projects have been concluded and new projects have been decided upon and implemented. The 26th annual orchid show and sale was held at Lauritzen Gardens March 2 and 3, 2013, in conjunction with a LEGO® show. The Gardens reported the largest attendance at our show since it has been there. The Society also participated in the Omaha Lawn, Flower and Patio Show and the Lauritzen Gardens "Spring into Spring." At these events, small displays were set up, copies of Orchids magazine donated by members and other print and electronic materials were shared, plants sold and members were available to answer questions. Decisions were made to participate in the Cathedral Flower Show and to become more involved in shows held by other societies. A committee was established to assist in planning and implementing these activities with implementation no later than January 2014.

Programs were a mix of member-participation and lecture, with local and guest lecturers. Work sessions included preparation of show materials, repotting established plants and breaking apart compots. Lecturers included Tom Mirenda, Ann Antlfinger, Howard Gunn, Byron Rinke, Carlos Fighetti, and Dave Taylor. We have continued our partnership with the Denver and Salt Lake societies in bringing in guest lecturers. In addition, members enjoyed a

holiday party in December and the annual picnic and auction in July. Members' donations and purchases made this year's auction the most financially productive in years.

In August by vote of the members, Jim Pyrzynski was given honorary membership. Jim has provided many, many services for the society over a span of nearly 20 years.

After responding to one clarification question asked by the IRS, the Greater Omaha Orchid Society was officially recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization. The IRS backdated our recognition to January 15, 2011, the date of our valid Employer Identification Number, as per our request.

Jacque Lewzader, Linda Schroeder and Ron Fechner were elected to the G.O.O.S. Board. I am much indebted to them and to officers Eric Stoiber, Jim Pyrzynski and Sandy Rome for their support and the countless hours of service they have given to the Society.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Ginavan, President

2012 - 2013 Treasurer's Report

Accounting started on September 1st, 2012. The actual balancing of the ledger, statements, and checkbook are correct to the best of my knowledge. The categories of the expenses and income of the Society was continued from the previous year. E-postcard for Federal tax filing was submitted on 4-11-13. The 2012 year will be submitted for the next Treasurer, due after 8-31-13. A \$300 IRS refund check was added to the account. The Transitional Release was due to filing for the Non-profit fee and a not filing and E postcard for three years. State Taxes and E-filing the card proved to be easier than thought. The State taxes calculation was more difficult in comparison but as long as records are maintained, it will be fairly easy. The State taxable year is based on the Jan. to Dec. 2012 year. Total taxable sales \$4,100. Total amount paid \$279.82. The computer has been a big help in the tracking of information and calculations. The Picnic Auction receipts were useful for the tracking of sales and balancing. Having a Picnic Auction Team made a difference with the running and success. It was the largest to date. A \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit was created to reduce the amount of the checking account balance to working amount of \$7-8,000 by cashing the existing CDs and combining into one. This will gain more interest over time. The new fiscal year began on September 1, 2013. Suggestion for next budget, pay closer attention to Speaker estimated cost vs. paid out. Budget planned increases for next year will be for Yearbook purchases budget. Fertilizer costs will be recovered over time. The Yearbook is issued every two years. Lauritzen Gardens donation was voted into the budget for \$1000 and will carry into the next year's costs.

Beginning Balance for the year:	\$11,844.86 at last audit 9-11-2012
Ending Balance:	\$8,762.05 for audit submission 8-31-2013
Net Income for the Year 2012-13 Budgets:	\$ -348.05 losses (\$3430.86 CD creation excluded)
Gross total income: \$6,920.50	Gross total Expenses: \$6,572.45 (CD creation excluded)

The Events:	Gross	Cost	Net Income	
The Lauritzen Garden:	\$2,772.00	\$1,443.05	\$1,382.95	Includes Hospitality and Tables
The Lawn and Garden Sale:	\$400.00	\$342.84	\$57.16	
Spring into Spring:	\$229.00	\$52.28	\$176.72	
Annual Membership Picnic:	\$1,859.00	\$250.00	\$1,609.00	
Meeting Raffles:			\$198.00	
Ways and Means:	\$5,220.00	\$1,556.87	\$3,663.13	Includes LG Tables

Ways and Means is defined as items resold for income in multiple events, for example, bark, fertilizer, books, Blettilas, Spiranthes and donated Phals. Show Table Income and Plants from specific events are included in event specific report. A total breakdown is included in the Ways and Means report.

Membership Dues \$937.50

Memberships: 68 Roster members 49 Single Memberships, 10 Family Memberships, 2 Student, 1 Honorary

Three Certificates of Deposit: Total: \$3,430.86 as of 11-16-12 Combined into \$10,000 CD, 60 month @1.04%

Interest Income as of 8-31-13 for current CD \$77.99. Matures 11-16-2017

Sandy Rome, Treasurer

Ways and Means Report 2012-2013 for Fiscal Year.

<i>Item sold or donated</i>	<i>Gross</i>	<i>Cost per</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Net</i>
Lauritzen Gardens Tables	2250.00	21.67	693.36	1556.64
Plants Purchased, multi event	1025.00	varied	585.82	439.18
Bletila	120.00	2.07	22.77	97.23
Spiranthes	150.00	5.08	45.72	104.28
Plants Donated	1209.00	0	0	1209.00
Seed Bark	20.00	1.00	4.00	16.00
Medium Bark	170.00	1.00	34.00	136.00
Fertilizer	77.00	4.31	47.41	29.59
First Orchid Book	144.00	4.56	72.96	71.04
Pest and Diseases Book	0	4.56	0	0
Badges	35.00	4.54	31.83	3.17
Clothing	20.00	19.00	19.00	1.00
Totals	5220.00	na	1556.87	3663.13

ANNUAL SHOW REPORT

The Greater Omaha Orchid Society held its twenty-sixth annual orchid show and sale on March 2 – 3, 2013. The show was held early in March this year due scheduling constraints (date of Easter, Judging Center conflicts, etc.) The show was held at the Lauritzen Gardens, the location for the preceding five shows. Attendance at the show was 3,584 people with 1,468 holding Garden memberships. This was the largest attendance for the show at the Gardens but there was a LEGO® sculpture exhibit which may have brought in additional people who then made use of the opportunity and viewed the orchid show. Coupons for \$5.00 admission were used by 282 of the attendees (in addition to the postcards, these included email coupons and Omaha World Herald ad coupons). The postcards were distributed by garden staff, volunteers, and GOOS members.

There were 13 exhibitors at the show, including exhibits by four orchid societies (Lincoln Orchid Society, Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City, Central Iowa Orchid Society, and Greater Omaha Orchid Society). Two GOOS members had their own display. Twilla Westercamp, new member, won the First Exhibit Award for her arrangement of orchid plants. Marilyn Hawes had a great display of orchid collectibles. Vendors at the show were Bird's Botanicals (Blue Springs, MO), Iowa Orchids (Des Moines, IA), Natt's Orchids (Naperville, IL), Orchid Inn, Ltd (Bloomington, IL), Orchids Garden Centre& Nursery/Oak Hill Gardens (Wauaukee, WI), Paradigm Gardens (Omaha, NE) and The Plant House (Omaha, NE). We had American Orchid Society judges from the Mid-America (St. Louis, MO), Great Plains (Oklahoma, OK) and Rocky Mountain (Denver, CO) Judging Centers.

The AOS Show trophy was awarded to the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City. Beyond these special award were numerous first, second, and third place ribbons as well as rosettes and Best of Class trophies. There were also eight American Orchid Society awards (including the AOS Show trophy).

The net show income (table fees minus expenses) was \$1,382.95.

Next year's show is scheduled for March 29 - 30, 2014 at the Lauritzen Gardens. The success of the 2013 show is a result of the efforts of all members who participated. Thank you.

Jim Pyrzynski, Show Chair

MONTHLY REPORTS

Greater Omaha Orchid Society General Meeting
August 14, 2013

The General Meeting was held at the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office. As Secretary Jim Pyrzynski was unable to attend due to recent back surgery, Marie Smith was asked to record the minutes.

President Ginavan introduced new member, Anne Pamperl, from Lincoln.

Minutes from "The Informer" were approved. No corrections or additions.

Financial Report: Badges will need to be ordered. Several donations were noted. Auction of orchids resulted in a successful fundraising of \$1,859. Current balance noted by Sandy Rome: \$8,686.38; ready for audit by end of month. The Audit Committee will work out a time for the review of financial books. A report is due per By-Laws.

Committee Reports: Ron Fechner, Chair of the Nominating Committee, introduced the two other members: Robert Mann, and Marie Smith, and announced that all but one position, that of Treasurer, had accepted nominations for offices for the next two years as follows:

President: Eric Stoiber; Vice President: Jim Pyrzynski; Secretary: Marie Smith.

Any additional nominations may be forwarded to either Robert Mann (402.896.1709) or Marie Smith (402.278.0612 or tlcmasmith@gmail.com). Note that Jim Pyrzynski shall continue in his role as the excellent "editor" of "The Informer." Anyone having an interest in serving as treasurer, and receiving transitional support with Excel for financial reporting from Sandy Rome, are to contact the nominating committee members. Nominations may also be made by the floor or by the time of the September meeting, as long as the person named agrees to serve in the position. Voting shall be conducted by ballot during the September 11th General Meeting; results shall be immediate, with materials turned over.

Old Business: No news.

New Business: Jim, Ron, and Roberta met with Brother Williams regarding an invitation for GOOS to create a small display in front of a variety of paintings during a flower show held the last week in January, 2014. Volunteers are not present; only need to set up, mist orchids, dismantle. A radiator is across the display. Temperature fluctuations were mentioned, so "store-bought" orchids rather than collections from personal greenhouses were suggested. Eight thousand people are anticipated; \$250 is provided for supplies, plants, and display. Eric noted the theme: South Pacific.

Motion made and carried, all in favor, to accept the invitation for a small display at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. Ron Fechner shall inform Brother Williams of acceptance.

Schedule of shows were reviewed. Refer to "The Informer" for details. Planning and materials are needed for displays. The topic will be ongoing for discussion by the board.

Member Joe Lankton introduced a rapid series of topics resulting in motions which were all passed by the membership, except for already-thanked member, Norm Larson, for his donations of orchids.

1. Motion to honor the work of Jim Pyrzynski, the man who is "the backbone of GOOS," by declaring Jim an Honorary Lifetime Member; (brief discussion as to whether Jim may feel honored; general feeling was that it is an honor); motion seconded; carried.

2. Second motion for an approximately \$30 item to be addressed further for action due to current sensitive nature, was seconded; all in favor; motion carried;

3. A one-time donation to Lauritzen Garden for \$500, earmarked for the new "Orchid House," one of three houses,

was made by motion by Marilyn Hawes. Board is preparing a budget. Dr. Dave Taylor noted that all little line items are now to be combined into one budget for general approval (fertilizer, year book, table skirts, etc.) to save time. Following discussion and a question called, the motion was amended by Hawes to \$1,000 for one time, as a separate expenditure earmarked for the Orchid House effective in 2013; all in favor; motion passed. Eric will look into whether GOOS can have organizational membership status. Motion was made by Roberta to include the possible organizational membership into the budget; all in favor; motion carried.

Following the business meeting, Dr. Dave Taylor presented an excellent presentation on “What is Killing My Orchids?” which included recipes for various washes, handy hints from his vast experiences, and interesting side note on “organics” that are deadly toxins! Let’s hear more about that, Dr. Dave!

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Smith on Behalf of Jim Pyrzynski, in absence

Greater Omaha Orchid Society Board Meeting
August 28, 2013

The Greater Omaha Orchid Society Board met at the Papillion Public Library at 6:45 PM. In attendance were: Roberta Ginavan, Eric Stoiber, Sandy Rome, Jacque Lewzader, Ron Fechner, Linda Schroeder, and Jim Pyrzynski.

Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee had nominees for President (Eric Stoiber), Vice-President (Jim Pyrzynski) and Secretary (Anne Marie Smith). The Treasurer nominee had not yet been identified but they were considering two possible candidates. Aaron Bugjo and Abby Vosicka had expressed some interest in the position. If they both agree to be nominees, the nominating committee may place both of their names on a ballot for the membership to choose.

Alternate meeting location. Jacque discussed the meeting room available at the Olive Crest United Methodist Church at 60th and Girard St. The fee for use is \$50 per meeting. Tables and chairs will need to be set up before the meeting and returned to their former places after the meeting. We would have our own key for access. There is no time restriction. A projector is not available so one would have to be purchased. There is a small screen but for a larger area, the walls are painted white.

Eric brought up some issues with the Extension Office. There has been a change in who is in charge of use of the facility by other organizations. Apparently our annual “donation” was being funneled to the wrong group – the Master Gardeners – rather than the Extension Office itself. He also mentioned that they still have some items to resolve internally.

Roberta asked for pros and cons. Eric said that the location needs to be brought up to the membership. A map of the locations (Extension Office) and the Church (including possible routes to the Church) should be part of the information. Eric added that for some people, particularly anyone coming from the Lincoln area, there would be a considerable amount of added miles – instead of taking I-80 East to 84th St., they would need to travel on I-680 all the way to the 72nd St. exit and then to the Church.

As for the projector, a suggestion was made to use the funds from the DiMauro family donation to cover part of the purchase cost.

Budget. The budget was discussed in depth. The donation to Lauritzen Gardens (which was approved at the August general meeting) should not be part of the annual budget. Various adjustments were made but there still was a negative net income. The consensus was that this was not a problem given the amount of money the Society has.

Lauritzen Gardens. Eric discussed how we might be more involved with the Gardens, corporate sponsor, affiliation, etc. Ron said he would contact the Gardens for a meeting. Eric said this should be done in the next month or 2.

St. Cecilia’s Flower Show. Ron raised the issue of who would be responsible within the Society for the event. Someone needs to be identified by next month.

Display committee. Roberta reported that were some members at the August meeting who attended the meeting of the display committee but apparently none of the newer members attended that session. She said we needed someone to chair that committee.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Pyrzynski, Secretary

GOOS 2013-2014 FINANCIAL REPORT
REVENUES AND EXPENSES-----CASH BASIS
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CD# *****7 Renewed 11-16-17
 \$0.00

Skultety Memorial \$ -
 DiMauro Memorial \$ -

Beginning Balance

\$ -

End Balance

\$ -

	CURRENT MONTH	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 12 MONTHS
RECEIPTS:			
Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00
Ways & Means			
Vendor/ Show	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Bark, books, fert., etc.,	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 470.00
Special Activity Collection, petty	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 680.00
Plants/Event	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900.00
Donation			
Auction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Raffle	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Hospitality/Show and meeting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 180.00
Memorial donation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,430.00
EXPENDITURES:			
Donation -Dr. Skultety Memeorial Award	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.00
Meeting Space Donation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 650.00
Affiliations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Judging Center Donation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Memorials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Ways and Means			
-Income Earning Items (fert)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,030.00
-Plants/Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Running Expenses			
Post Office Box Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76.00
Safe Deposit Box	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Non Profit Fee & Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Web Site Hosting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96.00
Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 425.00
Office Supplies, Computer, Misc.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Speaker Expense, Hosp.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
Special Activity Collection,petty, bnk fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 680.00
Event Specific			
-LG Running Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,430.00
-Parking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135.00
Hospitality Meeting or Event	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Publicity Newsltrs, postage, repres.yrbk	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 385.00
Voted items	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,223.00
NET PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,793.00)

CASH ON HAND \$ 30.00