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Omaha Orchid Society Membership Information

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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 February meeting. Dues for new members joining after July 31st are one-half the annual rate.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MEETINGS

NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGES FOR EACH MEETING BELOW:

August 13, 2014
Douglas/Sarpy Extension Office, 8015 West Center Rd.
6:30 PM Annual Picnic/
Auction

August 27, 2014
Papillion Library
6:45 PM Papillion Library
Board meeting

September 10, 2014
Douglas/Sarpy Extension Office, 8015 West Center Rd.
7:00 PM Grower's Group
discussion (all welcome)
7:30 Annual meeting
Program: TDB

EVENTS

September 13 – 14, 2014
Wisconsin Orchid Society
Show, Mitchell Park
Domes, 524 S. Layton
Blvd., Millwaukee,
WI; Contact: Richard
Odders, 262-632-3008,
odders2445@gmail.com

September 19 – 21, 2014
Twentieth Annual Chicago-
land Orchid Festival.
Natt's Orchids and
Orchids by Hausermann
plus guest growers. www.
chicagolandorchidfest.com

October 11 – 12, 2014
Illinois Orchid Society's
"Fabulous Fall Orchids"
Chicago Botanic Gardens,
Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe,
IL. Contact: Rose Matchen,
847-432-7708, rosalie@
dixler.net

October 11 – 12, 2014
Denver Orchid Society Fall
Show. Echter's Nursery
& Garden Center, 5150
Garrison Street, Arvada,
CO; Contact: Keith Funk,
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comcast.net

October 18 – 19, 2014
Eastern Iowa Orchid
Show & Sale, Noelridge
Gardens Greenhouse, 4900
Council St. NE, Cedar
Rapids, IA. Contact: Nile
Dusdieker, 319-626-2236,
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PICNIC & AUCTION AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE 6:30 PM WEDNESDAY

This month's meeting (August 13) is our annual picnic/auction and we have an early start to get things going and fit it all in – 6:30 PM. The Extension Office is the location for the event. The officers and board members will provide the main course meal and drinks. For other members, bring side-dishes, desserts, etc.

The auction will begin at 7:30 PM and we have a large assortment of fabulous plants to bid on. These include donated plants from prominent orchid nurseries/growers: H & R Nursery (Roy Tokunaga), Sunset Valley Orchids (Fred Clarke), Windy Hill Orchids (Marilyn and Brian LeDoux), Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke, and (possibly) Miranda Orchids (Francisco Miranda).

In addition to that, we have a great selection of Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, Phalaenopsis and some other orchids from Hawaii (just escaped before the hurricanes) in bud or bloom, and probably donations from our own members – all for you to bid on and take home.

The annual auction is our main fundraiser for the society and our means to

continue to bring great programs to you. So please plan on coming, enjoy the meal and bid on some plants. See you there!

FALL SHOW IN CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society is holding its annual orchid show and sale October 18 – 19 (setup the evening of October 17) in Cedar Rapids, IA. We've been invited to participate in the past but scheduling conflicts and time constraints prevented it. This year we plan to attend and set up a Society display. This will give our members to display their fall blooming orchids. So keep the date in mind so that you can have plants for the display and possibly help out.

NOMINEES FOR SOCIETY BOARD

An election of Society board members will be held during the September Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee identified their three nominees at the July meeting: Ron Fechner, Robert Mann, and Don Steinegger. Ron Fechner, a current board member, is eligible for reelection since he has served less than 1 ½ terms concurrently.

According to the By-Laws, nominations may also be made from the floor but the nominee must agree with the nomination.

A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Two small well-illustrated books available from the club's library are Growing Orchids Under Lights and Orchid Pests and Diseases. The first one has lots of info on kinds of lights and related equipment as well

as when and where various types work best. Safety tips are especially useful as is the general culture information: which light for which plants, containers and placement, etc. Lots of pictures of splendidly blooming plants are encouraging. The second title is also illustrated with alarming but useful pix of all sorts of disastrous plant afflictions and attacks. This book is fairly technical, but covers all sorts of things we see and know. A range of info in both is for the beginner as well as the more expert grower.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Kelsey and Aaron Bugjo on the birth of their son Harrison who was born July 20, 2014.

CIOS SPEAKERS DAY REPORT

Those that attended Central Iowa Orchid Society speakers day, July 27 enjoyed great and informative talks by Peter Lin of Big Leaf Orchids and Russ Vernon of New Vision Orchids. There were plenty of good plants to buy, the food was excellent and in abundance. GOOS was the orchid society (excluding CIOS) with the largest number of attendees. We were rewarded with 3 Phalaenopsis hybrid compots. The AOS judging yielded what has to be a record number of awarded plants – ten. Photos are on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter.

**August 21, 2014, 7:30 pm
AOS Webinar**

It Used to Be Easy: Phragmipediums

Reserve your seat now,
space is limited!
(members only)

Come join Lois Cinert, AOS accredited judge, and talk PHRAGS!!! We will have a brief review of the history of Phragmipedium, and the influence of Phrag. besseae and now Phrag. kovachii. She will discuss the early rarity of Phrags, their later popularity, and some of the reasons hybrids look the way they do, and why they are still sometimes difficult to grow.

Title: It Used to Be Easy:
Phragmipediums

Date: Thursday, August
21, 2014

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 PM
CDT

System Requirements PC-based attendees: Required - Windows® 8, 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Mac®-based attendees: Required - Mac OS® X 10.6 or newer

Mobile attendees: Required: iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet

<http://www.aos.org/>

(click Webinar tab)

IN THE PUBS

AOS Orchids August

Ever have a Cymbidium so big and so root bound that you can't get it out of the pot, let alone divide it? The "Questions and Answers" section of this month's issue discusses the how-to-do-it. The article discusses how to distinguish healthy roots from bad ones, how many pseudobulbs per division, cutting the plant, etc.

There is also an interesting input from a Dallas, TX member about maintaining humidity for

orchids outdoors on a patio (apparently the humidity in Dallas is lower than that in Omaha) and it may be a useful for those who summer their orchids outdoors here – and maybe there is a way to adapt the system for indoor grown orchids.

"Kid's Corner" is for Kelsey and Aaron Bugjo to read up on and use a few of years from now.

Sue Bottom of Augustine, FL has an interesting, if technical, article on Calcium and Magnesium deficiencies, how to recognize it, and what corrective action to take.

There is an extensive article (actually a compilation of articles) on the genus *Miltoniopsis*, sometimes referred to as the "pansy orchid" for the resemblance of the flowers to the garden pansy (genus: *viola* and NOT an orchid). These orchids are somewhat difficult (although GOOS members Carol and Dick Behrens seem to have great success with them), but they are very tempting to try to grow. Maybe after reading this article, more members may give in to the temptation and buy some.

Orchid Digest July, August, September 2014

New species are still being discovered. This issue of Orchid Digest has an article about a recent discovery in Panama, *Lophiaris silveranum*. The species is similar to *L. crispiflora* and *L. cathagenensis*. The orchid has larger butter-yellow flowers with many loosely arranged, reddish-brown spots. It blooms in November.

Another new species is *Sobralia abel-arayae* from Costa Rica. It is a rose-purple flower and is extremely scarce in the area apparently due to human removal of the plants. Efforts are underway to propagate the species.

These periodicals are available for your reading in the library.

AOS AWARDS
CIOS SPEAKERS DAY, JULY 27, 2014



Paphiopedilum Hilo Key Lime, HCC/75 pts.
Exhibitor: Orchid Inn



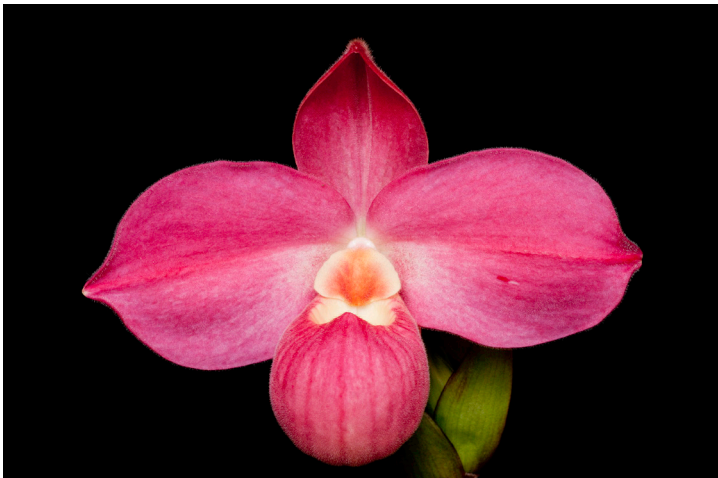
Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern, AM/84 pts.
Exhibitor: Orchid Inn



Ctt. Chocolate Drop X Rlc. Ryo Iwata 'Aibonito'
HCC/77 pts., Exhibitor: Steve Gonzalea & Patricia Kono



Paphiopedilum (Double Gray X Pagoda Dell)
HCC/76 pts., Exhibitor: Orchid Inn



Phragmipedium Peruflora's Cirila Alca, HCC/78 pts.
Nile & Lois Dusdieker



Paphiopedilum vejautianum, CBR (award provisional
pending identification by SITF, Exhibitor: Cheryl Erins



C. Josh Dennison, HCC/79 pts.
Exhibitor: John & Linda Neese



Paphiopedilum glanduliferum, AM/81 pts.
Exhibitor: Orchid Inn



Epidendrum neoporpax 'Dylin's Joy'
CHM/81 pts, Exhibitor: Cheryl Erins



Paphiopedilum (supardii X gigantifolium)
HCC/78 pts., Exhibitor: Orchid Inn
Provisional award pending registration by RHS

REPORTS

Greater Omaha Orchid Society General Meeting
July 9, 2014, Douglas / Sarpy County Extension Office

7:10 p.m. - Joe Lankton began the Learner's Class providing clarification of comments from Glen Decker's presentation on water quality, temps, and media. Joe's slides on Dendrobium Hybrids introduced "December Delight" from Australia (Aussie's Chip in a 3" pot). Nineteen members attended.

Long-lasting orchids: Green Mist, Green Elf, Green Wonder, Little Green Apples, and Maiden Charlotte (184 flowers). H & R Nurseries produced numerous Latouria Dendrobium type hybrids. Successful: Dendrobium Roy Tokunaga. H & R will call a few days prior to shipment; reasonable prices; order in autumn. Spider Lily has more character in lip. Bill Takamatsu, Woodlawn, and Rising Star. Questions: dry period? Cooled down? Adapts to my conditions. Experimentation encouraged.

August: Auction and potluck at Extension Office in August. Board to bring main dishes; members may volunteer to contribute additional foods.

President Stoiber called the meeting to order. No changes to the meeting minutes.

October 18-19th: Display for Cedar Rapids, IA show noted. It is held in a county greenhouse. Floor/bench exhibits. Auditing committee: Carol, Dick and John Dolan. Nominating committee: Jacque: Robert Mann and Don Steinegger agreed.

Nitrozime (10 bottles) were sent to GOOS for trials; concentrated; samples distributed to interested members as well as Axiom samples.

"Good, Bad, and Ugly"

Ron Fechner's orchid with brown leaves; under grow lights. A second orchid in question for possible mounting was shown. Humidity needed. New medium possible with sphagnum. Salt accumulation possible. Ph value noted also. A third orchid with mature roots and smaller growth noted.

Marilyn brought an orchid grown on a mount and some in a hamster cage. Clay pot suggested for additional humidity. Acidic rainwater could be the challenge, as the root system did not appear very active. Expertise abounded by experienced growers. Algae may be on top, yet bottom can be bone dry. Living, North American sphagnum may help.

Ann Pamperl brought an unusual orchid attached to a cat food can!

Jim Pyrzynski brought an ugly orchid in a 4" pot with new roots from outdoor growth period, and a second orchid "much too dry" which he suspects should have been mounted.

Carol Behrens shared a dendrobium with new growth but no bloom from Australia; fertilized each week (7-9-5).

Break! Ann Donovan provided a terrific variety of snacks from veggies, refreshing watermelon, and crunchy chips to dips, scones, and an especially delicious mint chocolate brownie with walnuts! Eric brought coffee.

Discussion and examination of orchids continued. Aaron Bugjo shared three orchids - species and hybrids. Joe continued to research various orchids using the internet resources at his fingertips in hopes of assisting members in tackling issues. Eric also continued to make suggestions.

Donald Steinegger: dendrobium species with new spring growth. Flowers when all drops. A second orchid (quite large) with multiple growths and leaves from Windy Hill has flowered twice; not long-lasting; over-growing the pot now. Produces 40-50 flowering stems; re-flowers 3 weeks later; white.

New member, Janie, brought her Ugly plant from Florida, shipped with two tags/two different names. She needs help to identify. Good: Paph from last month's meeting. A third plant had rotted medium so she needs to know what sort of media should be used. Eric suggested sphagnum. "Crinkling means it is not getting enough water." Black Gold from Paradigm noted as possibility for repotting by Mr. Behrens. Sphagnum with peanuts and bamboo for support of roots until established was also recommended by Joe.

Show & Tell: Beautiful orange (2nd) hybrid with triploid (sterile) with larger flower when mature was shown by Donald Steinegger. Marie shared two Paphs purchased last month, now blooming. Jim brought a seedling and several other orchids along with a native wild orchid grown in Iowa (grass pink). Grows from Florida to western Minnesota. Challenges were noted with plastic bag recommended and instead, he keeps it in the garage and splashes water on it. An Alba form from Florida shown, and a Phrag with long petals shared. The "Mystery Phrag" with two orchid blooms and having 4 flowers lower on the stem and long petals growing toward ground so that ants will pollinate it was shared. Ann Pamperl showed a Paph also from Decker's traveling garden. A second small pink orchid with a touch of pink on the tip of the green leaf was shown. An orchid from the March show continues to be in bloom and was shown. Eric shared a mounted orchid from John Dolen currently growing outdoors and

a second encyclia from a Florida island with a nice form shown with a honey-like fragrance.

Eric invited members who either brought no plants to share or who had received a seedling plant donated by Jim by bringing in a “Good, Bad, or Ugly” plant could receive another seedling.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Anne Smith

Greater Omaha Orchid Society Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 23, 2014, Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

Present: President Eric Stoiber, Vice President Jim Pyrzynski, Roberta Ginavan, Jacque Lewzader, Ron Fechner, Linda Schroder, and Marie Smith.

Treasurer Aaron Bugjo was absent due to new Fatherhood with birth of a son!

President Stoiber called the meeting to order.

AUGUST 13: Pot Luck/Auction: Jacque suggested the board members contribute funds to purchase fried chicken. Sides are requested by volunteering members. Location: Douglas/Sarpy County Extension office.

Jim reviewed an extensive listing of 38 orchid vendors for wholesale purchases, including several Hawaiian growers and starter packages. Bloomers were preferred, if possible. Shipment timing was discussed. Seven Rocks Orchids, Hawaii, was selected. \$250 for purchases of 4”potted orchids in four varieties in bloom was approved. Jim will contact grower.

Proper documentation for the value of donated orchids, dated, and signed by the GOOS Treasurer, along with review of a possible “Donation Receipt”form and the process for providing a receipt was discussed. Receipt copies (3) were noted by Roberta’s experience: vendor, buyer and purchaser noted. As a 501 (c)(3), receipts must be provided with a copy filed for the record.

Where and how to recognize and acknowledge donations/gifts discussed.
Jim may include in the newsletter; announcements also possible.

September Business Meeting: Candidates and auditing schedule brought up. Ron Fechner is up for re-election. Votes are cast in September. In following years, Roberta suggests that the auction be held in June or July, rather than August to give time for the Treasurer to prepare the financials for the audit in September.

October: Speakers proposed.

November: Ron.

December: holiday party.

Jacque asked about the crystal estate pieces for the \$500 approved for Joe to purchase for use as trophies at shows; still in process. The check will be made out to the estate, for 501(c) (3) purposes.

President Stoiber adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Smith, Secretary