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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:

**April 15, 2015 (NOTE:
DATE CHANGE!!!)**

**Douglas/Sarpy Extension
Office, 8015 West Center
Rd.**

**7:00 PM GROWERS
GROUP**

**7:30 PM Program: Guest
Speaker, Nile Dusdieker
Refreshments: Jim Pyrzynski**

April 22, 2015

Papillion Library

6:45 PM Board meeting

**May 13, 2015 Douglas/
Sarpy Extension Office,
8015 West Center Rd.**

**7:00 PM GROWERS
GROUP**

**7:30 PM Program: TDB
Refreshments: Julie Westman**

EVENTS

April 25, 2015

9 a.m. – 2 p.m Nebraska
Statewide Arboretum's
Spring Affair plant sale.
Pavilion I at the Lancaster
Event Center. [http://
arboretum.unl.edu/spring-
affair](http://arboretum.unl.edu/spring-affair)

March 20 – 22, 2015

Illowa Orchid Society "40th
Annual Spring Show,"
Wallaces Garden Center &
Greenhouse, 2605 Devils
Glen Road, Bettendorf,
IA, Contact: Deno Kandis,
309-796-6179, [emkandis@
mchsi.com](mailto:emkandis@mchsi.com)

May 1 - 2, 2015

**Men's Garden Club
Plant Sale.** Firday, May 1
5:30 - 8:00 PM; Saturday,
May 2, 9:00 AM - 2:00
PM. Bedding plants,
herbs, heirloom tomatoes,
peppers, etc. Kestone
Eventer Center, 7803
Military Ave, Omaha.
[www.omaha-mens-garden-
club.com](http://www.omaha-mens-garden-club.com)

May 2 – 3, 2015

Kansas City Orchid Show
Loose Park Garden Center,
5200 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Kansas City, MO Contact:
Glenn Lessenden, 816-858-
5309, lessenden@aol.com

May 9 – 10, 2015

Oklahoma Orchid Society
"Annual Mother's Day
Show & Sale," Will Rogers
Garden Exhibition Center,
3400 NW 36th, Oklahoma
City, OK Contact: Jana
Butcher, 405-478-5789,
w.butcher@cox.net

THIS MONTH'S MEETING APRIL 15!!

**NOTE THE DATE
CHANGE! THE APRIL
MEETING IS ON
APRIL 15, THE THIRD
WEDNESDAY OF FOR
THE MONTH.** The date
change is due to a sched-
uling conflict with other
activities at the Extension
Office.

For April we have a guest
speaker, Nile Dusdieker of
North Liberty, Iowa. Nile
and his wife, Lois, are re-
tired physicians. They have
been growing orchids for
more than 25 years in their
greenhouse. They have a
daughter who lives in Aus-
tralia, so they have made a
number of trips to that con-
tinent and have studied the
orchids to be found there.
Nile is an orchid judge at
the Chicago Judging Cen-
ter and active in the Eastern
Iowa Orchid Society.

Nile's topic for the meet-
ing (selected by GOOS
members at the March
meeting) is on Australian
Dendrobiums. And after
Nile piques your curios-
ity about the Down Under
Dendrobiums, we will have
some available for you
to add to your collection.
We have purchased a nice

selection from Sunset Valley Orchids, Fred Clarke of SVO gave us a great deal and we will be selling them at cost - \$12.00 each.

Looking ahead to May, the program is still a bit sketchy, but Jim Pyrzynski will have an update on *Cypripediums* and some more seedlings to distribute to members interested in taking the plunge. Few members, if any, had success with the *C. reginae* seedlings so this year we will try *C. parviflorum* var. *makasin* seedlings. These are very similar in the requirements to *C. candidum* which is found in Nebraska.

SO REMEMBER – SEE YOU APRIL 15 AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

KANSAS CITY HERE WE COME

The Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City is holding their show the first weekend in May – May 2 - 3, with setup on May 1. The show will be held at Loose Park in Kansas City. In previous years the OSGKC held their shows in conjunction with a home & garden show in cold February. But there is no snow or ice to worry about this time. The drive to KC should be easy going.

We plan to have a display at their show; OSGKC has always been loyal supporters of our show and it is only appropriate that we support theirs. We will need to have your bloom-

ing orchids, AND we need some volunteers to go. If you are interested, contact Jim or Eric.

SPRING INTO SPRING

Spring has sprung and there are garden events in abundance. Lauritzen holds its annual Spring into Spring May 15, 16 – 17. We plan to have a booth where will sell some merchandise and publicize the Society. Spring into Spring is a plant sale which the Gardens holds annually. They plan to have thousands of plants for sale – annual, perennials, herbs, tropicals, ornamental grasses, succulents and more.

We will need volunteers to staff the booth during the event. The hours for the event are Friday evening from 4:30 to 7 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm. One advantage is that by volunteering you get into the Gardens free of charge (a \$10 savings). This gives you a opportunity also to do some plant shopping too. If you're available and interested, contact Jim Pyrzynski. Thanks.

SHOW RECAP

Our Twenty-Eighth annual is history – and it made history. The host for our shows, Lauritzen Gardens reported that 4,649 people visited the Gardens the weekend of the show and of those 2,523 held Garden memberships. Granted some of those who visited the Gardens that weekend may not have made it into orchid, visiting the conservatory

and Leggo exhibit instead. But the crowds rarely let up in our show, even on Sunday, and that would point to the show as being a significant drawing card.

There were a number of AOS Awarded plants at the show. Their photographs are on pages 3 and 4. The show income for the Society was good too, a preliminary financial report is on page 6 (the figures do not show a couple of expenses and taxes.

Next year's show is scheduled for March 5 - 6. Time to start making plans now.

SOME INFO FROM FRED CLARKE ON AUSSIE DENDROBIUMS

Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids (the source for the plants that will be available for purchase at the April meeting) gave the following information on Australian Dendrobiums on his website (<http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com/htm/offeringsotherorchids.html>). "Australian Dendrobiums are bred with species that originate in Australia. The Aussies have done an amazing job in the breeding of their native Dens and have made significant improvements; they are very popular in Australia. Here in the USA we rarely see the advanced hybrids for sale. We do see *D. kingianum*, and anyone who grows it knows how robust they are. The Aus-

sie Dendrobiums are all very hardy. They do well with hot summers (75-95 deg. days) and cool winters (40-55 deg. nights). I have been trialing them all over the USA and have had customers report good successes in Florida, Virginia, New York, Michigan, Oklahoma, and California. The flowers are fragrant and will fill the growing area with a wonderful aroma. Most importantly they re-flower from the old pseudobulbs, which allows for an outstanding floral display. I have seen plants produce 12 inflorescences from a single bulb over a 5 year period; now THAT is a nice feature! This re-flowering characteristic makes for plants that form beautiful specimens in a relatively short period of time.

Sunset Valley Orchids is the leading hybridizer of Aussie Dens in the USA. We have been sourcing plant material for many years and have developed a superior collection of breeding stock. This season we have been focused on breeding yellow flowers with red markings, a highly desirable color form."



American Orchid Society Awards
Greater Omaha Orchid Society
2015 Annual Orchid Show



Paphiopedilum micranthum var. *eburneum*
'Perfecto' AM/86 pts, Exhibitor: Orchid Inn



Brassocattleya North Miami 'Prairie Darling Debbie'
HCC/79 pts Exhibitor: John & Debbie Dolen



Paphiopedilum (*Predacious* X *rothschildianum*)
'Zach' AM/80 pts Exhibitor: Orchid Inn



Paphiopedilum Sander's Duck
'Prairie Mallard' AM/82 pts
Exhibitor: John & Debbie Dolen



Masdevallia Fred Bergman
'Lauritzen Gardens' AM/82 pts



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Paphiopedilum Hsinying Alien AM/80 pts
Exhibitor David Bird



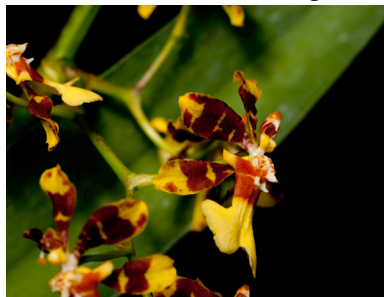
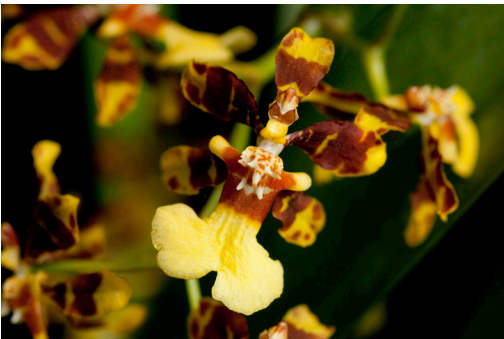
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Exhibitor David Bird



Paphiopedilum Hsinying Alien AQ Exhibitor David Bird



Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City Exhibit
SC/86 pts & ST/86 pts AOS Show Trophy



Oncidium boothianum 'Bryon' CHM/ 85 pts Exhibitor Bryon Rinke