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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 rate.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MEETINGS

NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGES FOR EACH MEETING BELOW:

December 9, 2015
Douglas/Sarpy Extension
Office, 8015 West Center
Rd.

6:00 PM appetizers Holiday
Party, Dinner at 7:00 PM.
Price \$15

Optional gift exchange

December 23, 2015
(TENTATIVE)

Papillion Library
6:45 PM Papillion Library
Board meeting

January 13, 2016
Douglas/Sarpy Extension
Office, 8015 West Center
Rd.

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7:00 PM GROWERS
GROUP

7:30 PM Program: How
register plants for the show
Refreshments: Guess Who

EVENTS

January 30 – 31, 2016

Madison Orchid Growers
Guild "Orchid Quest 2016"
Marriott Madison West
Conference Center, 1313
John Q Hammons Dr.,
Middleton, WI, Contact:
Terri Jozwiak. 608-592-
7905, lodijoz@charter.net

January 30 – 31, 2016

Orchid Society of
Minnesota "Winter
Carnival Orchid Show"
Como Park, Marjorie
McNeely Conservatory,
1225 Estabrook Drive,
St. Paul, MN, Contact:
Michael Dyda, 612-223-
4059, michael1027us@
yahoo.com

January 30 - 31, 2016

St. Cecilia Flower Festival
701 N. 40th St. Omaha, NE

February 18 -- 21, 2016

Omaha Home Lawn,
Flower, and Patio Show,
CenturyLink Center
Omaha.

March 5 - 6, 2016

Greater Omaha Orchid
Society 29th Annual Orchid
Show & Sale, Lauritzen
Gardens, 100 Bancroft St.,
Omaha, NE, Contact: Jim
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IT'S TIME TO PARTY!!!

It's time to celebrate. We've
just about made it through
another year. May 2016 be
better in every way. And
to celebrate we have our
annual holiday party on
Wednesday evening at 6:30
PM – a little earlier than our
normal meeting time. To
start off the event we will
have a nice dinner of ham
and turkey and trimmings.
The board will provide
the ham and turkey; other
members are responsible
for the side dishes and des-
serts. Here is list of the side
dishes/desserts suggested
and who has signed up as of
newsletter publication time
(comment: seems to be a
thin on some items, so...):

Salads

Stuffing – Wendy

Artichoke-Parmesan Dip –
Steineggers

Vegetable Dishes – Twilla,
RJ Hadley

Bread/Rolls – Marilyn
Hawes

Desserts – Cindy Mass,
Marilyn Hawes, John
Dolen

After dinner, we will have
our annual "gift exchange"
for those who choose to
participate. The gift should
be no more than \$10 - \$15
and, if possible, orchid re-
lated. There will be some

other surprises too, so plan on being there – the more the merrier. Also feel free to bring any plants you have in bloom.

SOME HOLIDAY COLOR FROM CAROL BEHRENS

A PEEK INTO THE NEW YEAR

Our first meeting of 2016 is on January 13. At that point our show is only a less than 2 months away and there are plenty of preparations required. One area of concern is the plant registration process, particularly for some of the Paphiopedilum and Phalaenopsis hybrids. Additionally there are changes that have occurred in the genus assignment of many plants these days, so tags in pots may not agree with the current classification.

The February meeting is February 10 and by that time we should have our shipment of bark in and be ready for a “bagging” party and also work on other show related items. The March meeting is March 9, just days after the show and an excellent opportunity to go over the show, how it went, and how to improve it. Also, members can discuss what plants they bought and ask about culture for their new plants.

SHOW MATTERS

The show is March 5 and 6, 2016, with setup on March 4. Will you be ready, will your plants be ready, will WE be ready? Take some time to look over your plants in the coming days to see if they need some staking and grooming. Look over your schedule to see when and where you can help out. We need some help with the show hospitality. We provide meals for our vendors and exhibitors on Friday evening, judging teams for their breakfast (at 6:30 AM Saturday), and meals for the exhibitors/vendors on Saturday and Sunday. In other words, we need help to plan for show hospitality.

Next month we will also ask for volunteers for show setup, clerking during judging, information desk staffing, and show tear down. So make a New Year’s resolution to volunteer.

Also, remember to renew your membership by the February meeting (the expiration date for memberships) in order to participate as a member of the Greater Omaha Orchid Society.



MID-AMERICA JUDGING CENTER NOVEMBER 2015 AOS AWARDS



Phalaenopsis pulcherrima 'South Fort'
CCM/85
owned by Nathan Bell of Hollister, MO



Bulbophyllum Wilbur Chang 'Pretty-Foul'
AM/83
owned by Larry Lanman of St. Paul, MO



Paphiopedilum Alice Barrios 'Lemon Drop'
HCC/77
also owned by Nathan Bell



Brassocattleya Hoku Gem 'War Eagle'
AM/82
also owned by Nathan Bell

Aerangis Sadie's Starburst 'Reyna'
HCC/79
owned by Sarah Waddoups of Rogers, AR



REPORTS

Greater Omaha Orchid Society, General Meeting Minutes,
November 11, 2015, Douglas-Sarpy County Extension Office, Omaha

President Eric Stoiber called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The weather was not good. There were high-wind warnings and the forecast was for storms, and dropping temperatures, so attendance was a bit on the light side.

September minutes – no corrections, approved.

Holiday Party. Eric discussed the plans for the December meeting, which is the annual holiday party. He asked the members in attendance (some 18 people) if they were planning on attending – all planned to attend.

Bulk bark purchase – Eric discussed the plans to purchase bark. Currently the Society's medium-size bark potting mix is just about gone – only 2 or 3 bags remain. The potting mix is one of the sale items at our show and other events and we need to purchase more bulk bark to replenish the supply. Oak Hill Gardens, our former supplier, is no longer in business so we are researching other options.

St. Cecilia Flower Festival – the festival is January 29 – 31 (January 29 is setup and evening show for sponsors, the other days are for the general public). We have been invited again to setup a display. Plants will be purchased for the event.

The Home and Garden Expo is February 18 – 21. Jim Pyrzynski advised that we will have an information booth at the event. However, the booth will be unmanned for the most of the time. R. J. asked if we were going to sell. Jim replied that it doesn't pay. The plants do not sell well since plants at the big box and grocery stores look better than what we are able to get from Hawaii and we are unable to compete with the stores on the price. The cost for the parking lot fee for the number of people required for the event also runs up our costs for the event.

Plants that were brought in for "show & tell" were discussed.

Meeting adjourned.

Jim Pyrzynski
for Cindy Mass

GREATER OMAHA ORCHID SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM (2016)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____

EMAIL _____

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