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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
G. O. O. S. and may be mailed to
the G. O. O. S. post office box: G.
O. O. S., PO Box 241871, Omaha,
NE 68124.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MEETINGS

NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGES FOR EACH MEETING BELOW:

**July 8, 2015 Douglas/Sarpy
Extension Office, 8015
West Center Rd.**

6:30 PM Annual Picnic/
Auction

July 22, 2015

Papillion Library
6:45 PM Board meeting

**August 12, 2015 Douglas/
Sarpy Extension Office,
8015 West Center Rd.**

**7:00 PM GROWERS
GROUP**

7:30 PM Program:

BYF-orchids.

Refreshments:

Marilyn Hawes

EVENTS

July 26, 2015

Note Date Correction

Central Iowa Orchid
Society 27th Annual
Speaker's Day, Camp
Dodge, IA. <http://c-we.com/cios/ciosspk.htm>.

September 25 – 27, 2015

Chicagoland Orchid
Fest, <http://www.chicagolandorchidfest.com/>

August 7 – 9, 2015

Hilo Orchid Society
Annual Show "Orchids
Avant-Garde," Afook-
Chinen Civic Auditorium,
323 Manono St., Hilo, HI
Contact: Rick Kelly, 808-
756-8145, rickkelly@att.net

September 19 – 20, 2015

Wisconsin Orchid Society
Show "Fall In Love With
Orchids," Mitchell Park
Horticultural Conservatory,
524 S. Layton Blvd.,
Millwaukee, WI, Contact:
Bil Nelson, 414-672-6446,
qorchids@att.net

October 17 – 18, 2015

Eastern Iowa Orchid Show
& Sale, Noelridge Gardens
Greenhouse, 4900 Council
St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA,
Contact: Andy Coghill-
Behrends, 319-512-8076,
mistercoghill@hotmail.com

Let's Have a Picnic & Auction!

It's July! It's summer-
time and the livin' is easy.
So easy you don't have
to cook the main course
for supper on Wednesday,
July 8. The Board will
bring some delicious fried
chicken and drinks. You
need to bring yourself, and
a side dish or dessert. The
picnic is at the Extension
Office and the meal starts
at 6:30 PM.

Following the dinner (at
about 7:30), we will have
our annual auction. Our
auction is a fund raiser to
help pay for Society ex-
penses during the course
of the year: speakers, room
rental, Society affiliations
(with AOS, IPA, etc.), and
so on. Your annual mem-
bership fee can only go so
far. For this year's auction
we have a great selec-
tion of plants from several
commercial growers who
have donated plants for the
cause: Sunset Valley Or-
chids (Fred Clarke), Windy
Hill Gardens (Marilyn &
Brian LeDoux), New Earth
Orchids (Rod Midgett),
and others. And there will
probably be some dona-
tions from members – I
know of a Habenaria me-
dusae which looks like
something from an Iowa
cornfield that will be on
the table.

So beyond your side dish,
what else do you need to
bring. Well – be prepared
to bid on the plants and

other offerings. So let's have a good time; see you there.

CIOS SPEAKERS DAY ONLY WEEKS AWAY, SUNDAY, JULY 26

Ed. Note: The correct date for the Speaker Day is Sunday, July 26. There is an informal get-together at Elaine Notis' home the on Saturday (July 25th) evening. And this is the 27th Annual Speakers Day.

Sam Tsui, Orchid Inn, IL (<http://www.orchidinnusa.com/>)

Sam began growing orchids in the early 1980's. After trying many types of orchids, he became a serious Paphiopedilum grower in 1985. In 1990, he began hybridizing with Paphiopedilums and continues that work today. As he became more involved with Paphiopedilums, he started selling commercially in 1995 as the Orchid Inn. He grew orchids in his basement and greenhouses attached to his house. As the business grew, in 2004, he purchased six acres of property and built his first commercial 6,000 square feet greenhouse. Currently he makes over 300 crosses, produces 4,000 to 5,000 flasks or approximately 100,000 seedlings annually.

In the past 18 years, Sam has been very active in the orchid world by traveling to shows, promoting sales, and lecturing. Sam currently fills orders from around the world and attends over 20 orchid shows/conferences a year. He also does approximately 25 Paphiopedilum programs/lectures to orchid conferences, societies and groups annually in the USA, Canada, Japan, Australia and Europe. Over the past 18 years, he has judged at the Japan Grand Prix, the world's largest orchid show.

Sam will bring plants to sell. He will also accept pre-order until one week prior to the Speaker Day, and will offer at least 10% pre-order discount, except for NET price items, package and divisions.

Sam's topics will be "Paphiopedilum sanderianum Breeding and Culture" and "The Wonderful World of Parvisepalums and Their Culture".

James Rose, Cal-Orchids, CA (<http://www.calorchid.com/>)

James Rose and his wife Lauris are the owners of Cal-Orchid. In the early 1970's the Roses began their orchid careers in the commercial realm, and eventually purchased their own nursery in 1987. When you call or visit you will be assisted by James and Lauris, not sales clerks. That is a combined experience of 60+ years. The Roses have always been active in the orchid world, traveling for shows, sales, or lecturing.

Jim's topics will be "The Laelias of Mexico" " and "Orchids of Madagascar".

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 25, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Informal Get-together

Sunday, July 26, 2015

8:00 a.m.

8:00-10:00

9:00-11:30

11:00

11:30

1:00 p.m.

1:45

2:30

3:15

Continental Breakfast, Plant Sales

Plants registered for AOS Judging

Morning presentations, one by each speaker

AOS Judging

Buffet Lunch / Plant sales

First afternoon presentation

Afternoon Dessert Bar

Second afternoon presentation

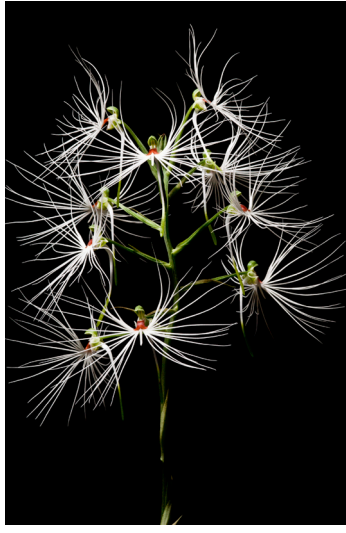
Drawing for Door Prizes / Plant Sales

Both speakers will have plants for sale throughout the day.

All times are approximate and subject to change at this time.

Note: A Government issued Picture ID is required to get into Camp Dodge.

Make certain you have it with you.



BYF - ORCHIDS

One of the popular summertime TV features is a home-grown Nebraska program that's been on the air for over 60 seasons - Backyard Farmer. For those unfamiliar with it, it airs on Tuesday evenings, 7 PM - 8 PM. Viewers send in their questions, plant samples, photos, etc. about plant problems and the panel of experts try to ascertain the problem and provide advice.

But I've yet to see someone send in an orchid question to the panel. If you're a GOOS member, we have our own group of experts - our members - who have grown a wide variety of orchids for many years and who can provide advice on what to do or not to do. Additionally we have another resource - our library which contains many books and periodicals on growing orchids.

For August we'll try our own hand at "backyard farming - orchids." Members are encouraged to bring their culture questions, photos and samples of problem plants (if your plant has some disease or pest, please bag it so the problem doesn't spread), etc. and we'll try to determine what would be the best course of action.

MID-AMERICA JUDGING CENTER AWARD PHOTOS



Above and left:
Rhynchorides Thai Noi 'Potsy's Violetta.' It received an AM of 81 points and a CCM of 88 points. It is owned by Ray and Annette Pots of Bolivar, Missouri.



Encyclia Borincana 'Windy Hill' AM/81
owned by Marilyn LeDoux of Labadie, Missouri.



Paphiopedilum Wossner Sander's Love 'Windy Hill,' AM of 81 points, owned and hybridized by Marilyn Ledoux.



Phragmipedium High Voltage 'Windy Hill's Electricity' AM/85, owned by Marilyn LeDoux of Labadie, Missouri.



Dendrobium Peng Seng 'Omaha,' HCC/78, owned by Joe and Karen Lankton, Omaha, Nebraska.

Central Iowa Orchid Society

Speaker's Day, July 26th, 2015

Registration Form

To help us plan for Speaker's Day, we encourage you to fill out this registration form and return it to: Central Iowa Orchid Society, c/o Chris Molina, 7647 NE Berwick Drive, Ankeny, IA 50021-9262. We would like these returned by July 11, 2015 if possible.

Please make checks payable to the Central Iowa Orchid Society.

\$30.00 per person (\$35.00 at the door).

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ ZipCode _____

Number of people attending _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Interested in attending a Saturday evening Reception with our speakers and CIOS members _____

Directions to Elaine Notis' Home, 6008 Redbud Ct., Johnston, IA (515) 278-9177

From 1-35/I-80, take exit #131 (Merle Hay Rd).
Go north on Merle Hay Road for approx 1/2 mile.
Turn west (left) onto Pioneer Pkwy.
Go approx 1 mile. Turn right onto Sunset Lane.
Turn left onto Winwood Dr, then turn left onto Redbud Ct.

Directions to Camp Dodge

From 1-35/I-80, take exit #129 (NW 86th Street).
Go north approximately 2.4 miles to stop sign at NW 70th Avenue.
Turn east (right) onto NW 70th Avenue.
Go approximately 1.2 miles to stoplight. Entrance to Camp Dodge will be to the left.
Enter Camp Dodge on Maintenance Drive.
Turn right on 5th Street.
Turn left on Main Ave.
Turn right on 7th Street.
Rec. Center is on the left, parking is on the right.

Note: You MUST show a photo ID (driver's license easiest) to get onto Camp Dodge.