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

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:

September 14, 2016

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

7:00 PM growers group
7:30 PM Program: Annual
Meeting and TBA program
Refreshments: Jim
Pyrzynski

September 28, 2016

Denny's 84th and I-80!!!
7:00 PM

Board meeting

October 12, 2016

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

7:00 PM growers group
7:30 PM Program: Guest
Speaker, Sam Tsui, Orchid
Inn USA
Refreshments: Mary Keast

EVENTS

September 17 - 18, 2016

Wisconsin Orchid Society
Show "Fall In Love With
Orchids" Contact: Richard
Odders, 262-632-3008,
odders2445@gmail.com.
Location: Mitchell Park
Horticultural Conservatory,
524 S. Layton Blvd.,
Milwaukee, WI

September 24 - 25, 2016

Orchid Society of Greater
Kansas City Annual Orchid
Show and Sale, Loose Park
Garden Center, Kansas City,
MO.

September 23 - 25, 2016

24th Annual Chicagoland
Orchid Fest. Natt's Orchids,
Naperville, IL and Orchids
by Hausermann, Villa
Park, IL [http://www.
chicagolandorchidfest.com/
images/2016Chicagoland_
Orchidfest_flyer.jpg](http://www.chicagolandorchidfest.com/images/2016Chicagoland_Orchidfest_flyer.jpg)

October 8 - 9, 2016

Illinois Orchid Society Show
"SAY IT WITH ORCHIDS"
Contact: Kay Perry 843-290-
9917, [spencer.aloysius@
gmail.com](mailto:spencer.aloysius@gmail.com). Location: Chicago
Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake
Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL

October 15 - 16, 2016

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

November 5 - 6, 2016

Kansas Orchid Society Fall
Orchid Show & Sale Contact:
Greg & Susan Tompkins
316-283-1265 [setompkins@
outlook.com](mailto:setompkins@outlook.com). Location:
Botanica, The Wichita
Gardens, 701 Amidon St.,
Wichita, KS

A FREE PLANT TO CURRENT MEMBERS

September, the annual meeting, reports, elections (even here at the orchid society) **but wait – there is something special this year – a free blooming size plant for current (2016 dues paid) members.** They are freshly delivered from H&R Nurseries in Hawaii – 2 types of Dendrobiums and 1 type of Oncidiums. We'll discuss the cultural requirements, rather simple, and all you have to do is bring them into bloom. Maybe some will be ready for the Society display at our 30th annual show in March 2017.

Elections - as for the elections, it's board members elections this year. The nominees are John Dolen, Robert Mann, and Anne Pamperl. Robert Mann is currently on the board but has only served one term (he did serve also some years back, but he is eligible (and willing) to serve 2 consecutive terms). Nominations may be made from the floor, but the member nominated must have already agreed to the nomination.

Reports – they are mostly

in this newsletter but if you have questions, comments bring them up.

The other very important part of the meeting is the annual budget, this time for September 2016 – August 2017. The proposed budget is on page 8 of this issue of the newsletter. Look it over and be prepared to vote on it at the meeting.

GOING TO KANSAS CITY?

The Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City annual orchid show is a week and a couple of days after our September meeting. By meeting time you should be able to determine if you will have an orchid that could be used in the show. Don't bring the plant to the meeting since there are 9 days between the meeting and the show, but let Jim Pyrzyński know that you have a plant that can be used and he will make arrangements to pick up the plant. Show setup is during the day (8 am – 5 pm) on Friday. So Jim will need to have your plants by Thursday (September 22) evening at the latest.

We do need plants – blooming orchids. Make sure they are clean of pests and groom them, stake the blooming spikes, etc. Give them a good watering before sending them off to the show since watering them there will not be possible while they are in the display. Label the pot in some way with your name so that ownership of the plant can

be determined. A plant label (name of the plant (genus, species, hybrid name, etc.)) would be highly desirable for registration purposes but an attractive unnamed hybrid would still be very useful to fill up the display.

The location of the show is Loose Park, which is just south of the Country Club Plaza area in Kansas City. The Plaza is a very nice place to visit on an early fall day and the park itself is very attractive. If anyone else is interested in helping out, contact Jim. Another vehicle would be helpful since Jim will be doing the AOS award photography at the show and the photo equipment will take up some space in his vehicle. But remember, we need to have the display set up by 5 pm on Friday, so we need to arrive by noon or so.

TEN PERCENT DISCOUNT ON PRE-ORDERS FOR OCTOBER MEETING

Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn USA, Ltd will be our guest speaker for October. He has been a regular at our annual shows for a number of years now. His Paphiopedilums have received numerous AOS awards. Sam is offering a 10% discount of plant pre-orders placed one week prior to the meeting (that is NLT October 4th).

To see what Sam has to offer, visit his website: www.orchidinnusa.com/. His email address is: samtsui@orchidinnusa.com.

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY CULTURAL INFORMATION

Things to do in the Fall

We just returned from the AOS Members Meetings in Wilmington, Delaware and for us Floridians, it was refreshing to see autumn colors and feel some cool air. A frost was expected for the night we were leaving.

Like spring, fall is an important transitional season and orchid growers should be making preparations for the coming winter. As days get shorter and cooler, orchid growth will slow and in some cases, cease altogether. Unless a plant is in a crisis situation, put off any repotting until the lengthening days of spring. For many orchids, it is this change of seasonal conditions that begins flower initiation. As we move into November, be on the lookout for developing inflorescences on Phalaenopsis, Cymbidium and certain hybrids and species in other genera, and begin staking when spikes reach 6-8 inches.

If you have been summering some or all of your orchids outside, now is a good time to get your indoor growing area cleaned up and ready to welcome the returning orchids. Whether it is windowsill carts, a basement light setup or greenhouse, use diluted chlorine bleach (1:10) or Physan to clean off any accumulated algae. It is easier to make repairs when there are no plants, so make sure that your growing area is in top condition for the trying conditions of winter. Make sure that heaters are working and that you have plenty of fuel. If you use backup devices or alarms, test them too. Be sure to check plants thoroughly for pests before returning them to the close quarters of your indoor growing area or greenhouse.

For more detailed seasonal culture information on specific genera see Tom Miranda's excellent monthly "Orchid Checklist" in Orchids magazine.

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MID-AMERICA JUDGING CENTER AUGUST 2016 AOS AWARDS



Rhynchosstylis coelistis 'Sharri's Princess Danielle' HCC/76
owned by John Gross of Springfield, IL



Dendrobium (*aberrans* x *alexandrae*) 'Myzina' AM/81
owned by Aleksandr Kumok of Rossville, TN



Paphiopedilum Frank Booth 'Lone Jack' HCC/75
owned by Alex McConnell of Lone Jack, MO



Paphiopedilum Prime Child 'Apollo' AM/87
owned by William Green of Owensboro, KY
(first time this gentleman brought a plant into AOS judging)



Bulbophyllum *hirundinis* 'Windy Hill's Fireworks' AM/83
owned by Marilyn LeDoux of Labadie, MO