



# The Informer

Newsletter of the Greater Omaha Orchid Society

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## **Omaha Orchid Society Mem- bership Information**

### **Annual Dues:**

Single: \$15.00

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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.

Dues should be made payable to  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS MEETINGS

### NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGES FOR EACH MEETING BELOW:

**December 10, 2014**

**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 17, 2014**

**Papillion Library**  
6:45 PM Papillion Library  
Board meeting

**January 14, 2015**

**7:00 PM GROWERS  
GROUP**

7:30 PM Program:  
Refreshments: TDB

## EVENTS

**January 24 - 25, 2015**

30th Annual Cathedral  
Flower Festival, St. Cecilia  
Cathedral, 701 N 40th St,  
Omaha, NE

**January 24 - 25, 2015**

Orchid Society of  
Minnesota "Winter Car-  
nival Orchid Show," Como  
Park Zoo & Conservatory,  
1225 Estabrook Drive, St  
Paul, MN Contact: Michael  
Dyda, 612-223-4059,  
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**January 31 - February 1,  
2015**

Orchid Growers Guild  
"Orchid Quest 2015,"  
Madison Marriott West,  
1313 John Q Hammons Dr.,  
Middleton, WI. Contact:  
Lynn West, 608-445-0065,  
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**February 21 - 22, 2015**

Batavia Orchid Society  
Show, DuPage County  
Fairgrounds, 2015  
Manchester Rd., Wheaton,  
IL Contact: Mike  
Rollinger, 815-258-0872,  
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**March 7 - 8, 2015**

Greater Omaha Orchid  
Society 28th Annual Orchid  
Show & Sale, Lauritzen  
Gardens, 100 Bancroft St.,  
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## IT'S TIME TO PARTY!

It's party time! Time to cel-  
ebrate. This year we'll be in  
the familiar surroundings  
of the Extension Office,  
which gives us to add some  
personal touches to the af-  
fair - bring your plants for  
display, add some decora-  
tions, etc. The meal will be  
catered and consists of ham  
and turkey, mashed pota-  
toes, pasta salad and greens  
salad, California blend  
vegetables, topped off with  
brownies and pumpkin  
bars for dessert. Price is  
between \$16 - \$20 depend-  
ing on attendance, probably  
closer to \$16. The board  
will sponsor the appetizers.

We will have our own vari-  
ation on a gift exchange. If  
you choose to participate  
the cost of the gift should  
be about \$15.00 and try to  
make it orchid related.

The festivities start at 6:00  
PM with the appetizers, the  
meal will be served at 7:00  
PM and the gift exchange  
will follow.

See you there!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to renew your membership with our group. Your membership helps support some of the activities and show us who are real supporters are. As a member we keep you informed via our monthly newsletters and occasional emails on important events that you might interest you. It also gives you an opportunity to participate in our annual orchid show. The show for 2015 is March 7 – 8. If you plan to participate (have a plant in the society display, help out with the vendors (your participation gets you in to the show without having to pay the Lauritzen Gardens entrance fee), etc.) you will need to be an up-to-date member. Memberships expire the day after the February meeting (meaning your membership would expire on February 12).

A membership renewal form is on page 6 of this newsletter. Please use it and update any information that may have changed since the last time. Thanks.

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## 2015 MEETINGS

Our schedule of meetings and other events is posted at the right. We'll start off the new year with a suggestion from the September town hall meeting – a discussion covering the depth and breadth of the orchid world. February's meeting will be a "shop & swap," where members can swap orchids or related items – or purchase them (but donate 10% to the Society).

The March meeting had to be scheduled earlier in the month but this presents an excellent opportunity for us to get a head start for the show which is only days later. We will work on pre-registering the plants for the show.

We are considering a couple of speakers for later in the year. Stay tuned for additional developments.

## 2015 CALENDAR

January 14	General meeting
January 24- 25	St. Cecilia Flower Festival (Setup January 23)
February 5 – 8	Omaha Home and Garden Show (minimally staffed booth)
February 11	General meeting
March 4	General meeting (note date change)
March 6 – 8	Annual orchid show and setup
March 21 – 22	Kansas Orchid Society orchid show (Wichita)
April 15	General meeting (note date change)
May 2 – 3?	Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City orchid show
May 13	General meeting
May 16 – 17 ?	Spring into Spring
June 10	General meeting
July 8	Picnic/auction
August 12	General meeting
September 9	General meeting/annual meeting
October 14	General meeting
October 17 – 18?	Eastern Iowa Orchid Society show
November 11	General meeting
December 9	Holiday party

All meetings are at the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office. Meetings start with a growers group at 7:00 PM; the program and business portion of the meeting begin at 7:30 PM.

The meetings are normally on the second Wednesday of the month. There are 2 exceptions for 2015: March and April.

Dates for events with a "?" are not confirmed. The list includes events which the Society plans to participate in (e.g., other orchid shows, etc.)

Meetings are open to all.

## REPORTS

11-12-14 Greater Omaha Orchid Society - Douglas / Sarpy County Extension Offices.

Guest Speaker: Ron Midgett, New Earth Orchids, New Mexico brought two large containers of orchids for purchase. Thirty-two members arrived with exuberance during examination and discussion over the new orchids.

Joe Lankton presented on recently awarded AOS orchids, beginning with the Hetherington Award. Miyamoto Award: Cattleya. Hillerman Award: Angraecoid. Jesup Award: Species in dark violet. Butterworth Award: Culture; Wilson Award: Cyripedioideae from Hawaiian grower: Lehua Orchids. Hager Award: Phal. Fukumura Award: Vandaceous. Riopelle Award: Miltoniopsis. Kodama Award: Dendrobium. Berliner Award: Lycaste. Carpenter Award: Oncidium Intergenerics. Thoms Award: Bulbophyllums. Huntington Award: FCC.

President Stoiber recognized several new visitors, who introduced themselves, with some arriving from Lincoln and Schuyler.

St. Cecilia's has invited the Great Omaha Orchid Society to again display.

Holiday party mentioned with optional gift exchange at \$15.00, catered at extension office.

March: How to register plants for shows to avoid rushed registering prior to out-of-town shows for registration of each plant. Treasurer suggested this could branch out to tags.

Announcement: Member Dave Taylor will be going to Mayo Clinic for heart surgery on December 1st.

President Stoiber introduced Ron Midgett, who has traveled for five days, most recently in Denver and Salt Lake City, to be with us in Omaha. Members joined him for dinner earlier at Farmhouse Cafe.

Presentation: "Oncidiinae- One of my favorite things."

Names: Sanders List names contain more info; easier to determine cultural requirements.

So what is the culture? Oncidium (Gomesa, etc.) Brassia, Miltonia, Odontoglossum (Oncidium)... Grow in bark, moss, chunky peat, etc. Water retention is important; pots are clay or plastic. Mounting mentioned. Watering: most oncidinae do not like to completely dry out. Roots won't die off if in moss in clay pots. Temperatures: it is all about the parentage. Light: 2-3 times brighter than Phals; know the parents. Not usually as bright as what Cattleyas need. Fertilize. "Whatever you do, be consistent with what you do." He uses 20-20-20; no playing around. Stick with it.

Moss in clay keeps roots cooler. In 91-degree day, at peak of day, clay pots keep roots cool. If planted in bark, roots were actually hotter.

Oncidium: Sussex Gold JC/AOS; Onc Mem. Harold Starkey (Onc onustum X forbesii). Onc Forbes Island: Onc Islander's Love X forbesii. Unique dark spotted lips, purchased from Hawaii, receiving 4-5 awards. Most had yellow lips; some spotted. Hybrids: Onc Island God "Shungetsu" AM/AOS --cooler grower. (Onc Juhboa Gold X Onc Islander's Love "Of Two Islands"). Brsdm Eclipse Island: Brsdm Solar Eclipse X Onc Forbes Island. Miltonia influenced hybrids: Odtuna Yellow Parade "Alpine" (Odtuna Yellow Bird X Odm Parade) cross was made by Bob Dugger, registered in 1989. Odtuna Honolulu Rain (Milt Honolulu X Odm Stamfordiense) bred from warm-growing Brazilian, likes intermediate.

Ferguson Beall: Bllra Tropic Lily (Oda Nichirei Lilac X Bllra Tropic Splendor). Bllra Wine Spots "Big Fella" (Bllra Tropic Splendor X Oda Barossa Valley). It was a collaboration between a grower in Hawaii (20,000 crosses) with Ferguson Beall. Pollen produced the first Bllra. Grew beautifully in Hawaii. Would not flower in Hawaii...needed cool period.

Big Fella is huge, measuring about 6' across from spike to spike with 5" flowers, typical of Bllra. Early Bllras get really big.

White Beallaras: Bllra Purple Haze "Jimi Hendrix" (Milt Boulivot X Bllra Tahoma Glacier) and got a more round flower, but smaller: 15 - 18" tall; smaller spikes. Bllra Pacific Snow "Cloud Coven" (Bllra Tahoma Glacier X Milt Rene Komoda). Purple Haze got name due to purple spots. Other whites: Bllra Tropic ice; Bllra Pasha "Tropic Ice" (Bllra Tahoma Glacier X Odm Nobile" (green, almost holly-like pedals).

Bllra Pacific Treasure "Pistachio" (Oda Aloette X Bllra Tropic Splendor), will grow in Honolulu, but not as great a bloomer, but makes a good parent. "Things with Tropic Splendor is worth getting into your collection." Bllra Interperance (Dgmra Winter Wonderland X Oda Helen Perlite).

Warmer growers:

Brsdm Gilded Urchin hybrids: (Brsdm Gilded Urchin X Oncda Charlesworthii) AM/AOS. Nice plants for growing in warm conditions; also tends to have tall flower spikes. Brsdm Fly Away X Onc maculatulu, actually has a shorter spike with prettier flower. Mltdm Wild Baby "Darla" AM/AOS (Mltdm Wildwood X Onc Sharry Baby). "Problem with Sharry Baby is it makes a big raging plant with 7' spikes." Art Buckman gave this to him as a seedling and "smells like chocolate." Mtdm Rex Van Delden: a special friend from the 70's. Brs Edvah Loo X Milt Seminole. Brazillian. Spikes can have 5-6 flowers; blooms profusely. In house: no problem; keep on window sill. Gdlra Pacific Truffle "Stardust" HCC/AOS (Wils. Lisa Devos X Bllra Tropic Spendor) - need to know history/parents. Vuyl Fall in Love "Lovely Lady" AM/AOS. Serendipity: Odm Shungetsu "Cyndi's Pick" HCC/AOS. Onc Rex's Luck "Firefly"--temperature tolerant.

Odcdm Roger Cole Hybrids:

Produces spikes with 15-20 flowers in tiny pot. If cross to Brs wagneri or Brs Rex, holds size to much more manageable. Mcllna Marcia's Bingo (Odcdm Roger Cole X Brs wagneri). Mcllna Shirely Dunkelburger "Prolific" HCC/AOS (Odcdm Orger Cole X Brs Rex).

Unusual: Cherry Fudge "Shungetsu" AM/AOS - Dugger Award Winner for 2010 (Odm SUMmit X Onc Leucochilum). Alcra Hilo Ablaze "HOF HCC/AOS (Mltsa Olme X Onc Mantini).

Questions: How often do you rebark? If in bark, every 2 years. Orchiata: 3-4 years. List of Genera: Oncidium, Brassia, Miltonia, Odontoglossum, Cochlioda, Miltoniopsis, Minor Players: Ada, Aspasia, Cyrtochilum.

If you can grow outside: a very good thing to do.

President Stoiber invited members to munch on Delores' snacks while V.P. Pryzynski shared African orchids and his interesting variety of blooming orchids, including orchids from the Caribbean, Mexico, and three terrestrials (one from Max and Brian's), and another purchased from eBay, in interesting colors. Twilla shared her hanging plant with sequential spikes sprouting from under her pot and growing over her kitchen sink.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Marie Anne Smith, Secretary

11-19-14 Greater Omaha Orchid Society  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, NE

Present: President Stoiber, Vice President Pyrzynski, Treasurer Aaron Bugjo, Board Member Don Steinneger, Past President Riberta Ginavan, Committee Chair Jacque Lewzader, and Secretary Marie Smith.

President Stoiber called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

Holiday Party: Jacque Lewzader began discussion. Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potato, Gravy, Salad, Rainbow Pasta Salad, and California Veggie Blend. Brownies and Pumpkin Bars for dessert. Meal cost: \$16.00 p/p for 25 people with tax included. Appetizers: 6-7; Dinner: 7:00. Fruit Punch. Lemonade. Optional \$15.00 Gift. Extension Office to open at 5:00 p.m.

JANUARY: St. Cecelia's Show: January 24th. President Stoiber said space will be different. Theme is "Around the World."

Columbus, OH show: Roberta Ginavan described the display and vendor layout, with vendors in center.

Speaker ideas: "Loving to come to Omaha to speak: Leo S. from Chicago," speaks on variety of orchids and building greenhouses. Edgar Stehli was mentioned: dendrobiums; interested in speaking in summer or fall and hooking up with Denver and Salt Lake. Tom Harper, Nashville, was also named by Roberta Ginavan, from Stones River Orchids; AOS judge. Cheryl Enns, Michigan, was also noted. Vice President Pyrzynski provided a listing along with stipend costs and air fare. Ron Parsons possible in May? November: Jason Fisher?

Aaron Bugjo stated that Brenda Oviatt of Botanica (Missoula, MT) has had some good articles in recent issues of AOS Orchids.

For 'classification of orchids,' Roberta added a name. Jim mentioned webinars, especially one on "Roots" that might be good for viewing by members.

FEBRUARY: preparation for March; registering plants. "Bring the tag of your plants" to learn why and how we do these. Jim suggested a speaker for April, May, June, or August. MAOC has presentation slides available, without the cost of a speaker. Jim will put something together for February. February 7 - 8th is the Home and Garden Show at CenturyLink. No conflict with K. C. show.

MARCH: GOOS Orchid Show. Jim was approached about having the displays in the conservatory, and the vendors in the original historic space. Distance between the two does not seem ideal. Making a plan for the Hospitality Room ahead of time was suggested by Jacque Lewzader.

APRIL: Meeting date moved to the 15th.

MAY: Jim will talk with Marge From about possibilities.

JUNE: 10th. Meeting. Need ideas. Contact Jim if have suggestions.

JULY: Picnic.

President Stoiber adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Anne Smith, Secretary

**GREATER OMAHA ORCHID SOCIETY**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM (2015)**

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