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Single: \$15.00

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delinquent the day after the Febru-
ary meeting. Dues for new members
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MEETINGS

NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGES FOR EACH MEETING BELOW:

March 12, 2014

Douglas/Sarpy County
Extension Office,
8015 W. Center Road
7:00 PM Grower's Group
discussion (all welcome)
7:30 Program: Panel
Discussion - Growing
orchids in the home
Refreshments: Jim Pyrzynski

March 26, 2014

Papillion Library
6:45 PM Papillion Library
Board meeting

April 9, 2014

Douglas/Sarpy County
Extension Office,
8015 W. Center Road
7:00 PM Grower's Group
discussion (all welcome)
7:30 Program: Joe Lankton,
Orchid cultivation
Refreshments: Barb Bures

EVENTS

March 7 – 9, 2014

Denver Orchid Society Spring
2013 Show "Urban Oasis,"
Tagawa Garden Center, 7711
S. Parker Rd., Centennial,
CO Contact: Carrie Klaus,
720-535-1298, ckgrex@
hotmail.com

March 15 – 16, 2014

39th Annual Illowa Orchid
Society Spring Show,
Wallaces Garden Center &
Greenhouse, 2605 Devils
Glen Road, Bettendorf, IA,
Contact: Deno Kandis, 309-
796-6179, emkandis@mchsi.
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March 29 – 30, 2014

Greater Omaha Orchid
Society 27th Annual Orchid
Show & Sale. Lauritzen
Gardens, 100 Bancroft St.,
Omaha, NE, Contact: Jim
Pyrzynski, 402-734-4112,
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April 29 – May 4, 2014

2014 Spring AOS Members
Meeting and Show,
Doubletree by Hilton,
7800 Normandale Blvd,
Minneapolis MN, Sponsored
by the Orchid Society of
Minnesota, Contact; Kim
Livingston, 952-831-8135,
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July 27, 2014

Central Iowa Orchid
Society Annual Speakers
Day. Camp Dodge, IA.
Speakers: Russ Vernon,
New Vision Orchids, IN;
Peter Lin, Big Leaf Orchids,
Southlake, TX.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

We still have some plants
left from those purchased
for the Cathedral Flower
Festival. So this is your last
chance to make a purchase.
They will be gone after this
month.

For the March meeting,
three members (Dick Beh-
rens, Jacque Lewzader, and
Jim Pyrzynski) will give a
brief talk on how they grow
their orchids in the home.
Each has an approach that
fits their cultural capabili-
ties and their plant selec-
tion. Questions from the
audience are welcome.
These presentations should
give others some ideas of
what they may be able to
do in the home growing
situation that are specific to
us here in the Omaha area.

Looking ahead to April,
we have a change in the
plans. Unfortunately we
were unable to have Alan
Koch of Gold Country
Orchids come to speak. He
had conflict with commit-
ment to speak in Hawaii
– but if you travel to the
Minnesota Orchid Society
Show (see story on page 3)
you can catch him there.
In his place Joe Lankton, a
long-time GOOS member,
and now Chair of the Mid-
America Judging Center,
will give a program on
orchid cultivation.

**27th ANNUAL
ORCHID SHOW
MARCH 29 -30**

Our 2014 orchid show is only weeks away. We still need help in a variety of areas: judging clerks – we have only 7 people signed up – there should be 3 clerks per judging team, meaning we can only staff a little more than 2 teams; Sunday Information Booth staffing needs another person or two, particularly from noon on; show cleanup could use more; show setup Friday morning could use about 1 more person. Take a look again at the signup sheets at the Wednesday meeting and see if you can help out.

Remember we need plants for the Society display – YOUR orchid plants. This is an opportunity for you to show the visitors what you've grown and brought into bloom. Take a little time to groom your plant; make sure there are no undesirable visitors on them, clean up any dead leaves and old flowering stems, etc., place your name on the pot (use masking tape) so it can get back to you, and bring it to the Lauritzen Gardens Friday evening, March 28, and get it registered for the display. If you would like to do your own display, see Jim Pyrzyński for an application form or go to the Society website (greateromahaorchidsociety.org) and follow the links to the orchid show for one.

Vendors coming to the show are: Bird's Botanicals, Blue Springs, MO; Orchid Inn USA, LTD, Bloomington, IL; Natt's Orchids, Naperville, IL; New Earth

Orchids, Santa Fe, NM; Orchids Garden Centre and Nursery (Oak Hill Gardens), Waunakee, WI; Iowa Orchids, Des Moines, IA; Paradigm Gardens, Omaha, NE; and The Plant House, Omaha, NE.

And a note from Prayool Inboriboon (Natt's Orchids) who broke his arm recently, in response to our get well card to him:

"Hi Jim and all the orchid friends.

Thank you very much for the get-well card, your thoughts mean a lot to us. Just had surgery on 2/17/2014, so far so good. If no complications, I should be able to come to your show in March, if not my wife will come.

Again thank you very much and looking forward to the show.

Prayool
Natt's Orchids"

**HAVE YOU RENEWED
YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

Thanks to all you who have renewed your Society membership. But time has just about run out for those of you who haven't renewed. Did you forget or can't remember? Well, if you received this issue of The Informer with another renewal form, we have not received your renewal. So please take time and renew now. Remember, your membership allows you to participate in Society events beyond the ways of just being a "guest" does. Memberships expire on the day after the February general meeting – that was a month ago. So please renew. Thanks.

**CENTRAL IOWA
SPEAKERS DAY
JULY 27**

The Central Iowa Orchid Society will hold its Annual Speakers Day on July 27, 2014 at Camp Dodge, IA. (Camp Dodge is a military installation a little north of Des Moines; it serves as the headquarters of the Iowa National Guard. A photo-ID is required for entrance).

The speakers for this year are Peter Lin of Big Leaf Orchids of Southlake, TX (<http://www.bigleaforchids.com/>), and Russ Vernon of New Vision Orchids in central Indiana (<http://www.newvisionorchids.com/>). The topics for Peter Lin's talks are: "Creating Novelty Phalaenopsis for Color and Fragrance" and "Phalaenopsis Species." The topics for Russ Vernon's talks are: "Lycaste Orchids" and "Minicatts." Both speakers will be bringing plants to sell but you may also pre-order; see their websites for more information.

The Speakers Day starts with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. At 9:00 a.m. the first talk starts, followed after a break by another talk from other speaker. There is a break for a lunch – it's more like a full course meal, plenty of food. The afternoon has the other two talks and is followed by a plant raffle – lots of plants, and dessert. There is AOS judging; plants for judging must be in place by 10:00 a.m. Plant sales take place during the breakfast and breaks.

Price to attend is \$25.00 with mailed in registra-

tion, \$30.00 at the door. More information on the event, including how to get to Camp Dodge is available at: <http://c-we.com/cios/ciosspk.htm>

**MARCH ISSUE
AOS ORCHIDS**

The March issue of Orchids has assortment of articles on some unusual orchids. Tom Mirenda discusses some of the "true blue" orchids, the Thelymitra – terrestrial orchids found in Australia and New Zealand (not those fake blue Phalaenopsis which are injected with dyes). They are called sun orchids and come in a variety of colors, some almost metallic. They are seldom seen in cultivation though. They are available from a German grower (www.myorchids.de).

In another, Cynthia Hill discusses the Wisteria Orchid, *Schoenorchis buddleiflora*. The most frequently seen Schoenorchis is *S. fragrans*. It is a small growing plant with tight clusters of flowers. The inflorescences of *S. buddleiflora* are pendant and more open. A very similar species is *S. juncifolia*.

Dendrobium speciosum, sometimes called the Outstanding Dendrobium, is a highly variable plant which grows in eastern Australia. Well grown plants can put out masses of white to gold flowers which have an intense fragrance.

There is more. Check the issue out; it and other periodicals are available in the library.

G.O.O.S. SCORES AT KC SHOW; ONTO MINNESOTA IN APRIL/MAY



GOOS display at the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City February 2014 orchid show

Thanks to all who supported our efforts for a display at the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City show which was held February 6 – 9, 2014 in Kansas City, MO. For our efforts we had a lot of plants with ribbons, and a ribbon for the Society display. In addition to that, we won a cash award of \$50. So thanks to Aaron Bugjo and Eric Stoiber who made the trip to KC to set up the display (see photo above) and thanks to Carol and Dick Behrens, Dwight Languis, and Jim Pyrzynski who provided plants for the display.

Our next out-of-town effort will be Bloomington, MN, April 30 – May 4, 2014. The Orchid Society of Minnesota will host the Spring American Orchid Society Members' Meeting and Show. Eric and Jim will travel to Minnesota to set up a Society display - but they will need blooming orchids - again. So keep yours in bloom and ready to go.

The MN show will be held in conjunction with meetings of the Mid-America Orchid Congress, the Slipper Orchid Alliance, the International Phalaenopsis Alliance, Pleurothallid Alliance, and Angraecoid Alliance. This is an event orchid aficionados should not miss. There is an impressive speakers list: Chris Purver, The Eric Young Orchid Foundation; Alan Koch, Gold Country Orchids; Harry Philips, Andy's Orchids; Russ Vernon, New Vision Orchids; Cordelia Head, J & L Orchids; Jason Fischer, Orchids Limited; Carlos Fighetti, Puerto Rico; Jerry Fischer, Orchids Limited; Kathy Kreger, Minneapolis, MN. There will be a large number and variety of vendors. The latest list: Andy's Orchids, Encinitas, CA; Cal-Orchid, Santa Barbara, CA; Deerwood Orchids, Deerwood, MN; Floralia, Brazil; Gold Country Orchids, Lincoln, CA; J & L Orchids, Easton, CT; Natt's Orchids, Naperville, IL; New Vision Orchids, IN; Orchids Limited, Plymouth, MN; Mans Orchid, Hinckley, MN; RKGems Orchids; Ingram's Better Orchid Books, Gainesville, FL; Jacque Rosenau Orchid Artwork, Minneapolis, MN; Kathy Creger Orchid Artwork, Minneapolis, MN.

Full registration is \$99 on or before March 15. After that it will be \$120. A single-day registration (Friday or Saturday) is \$65. For more information go to: <http://www.orchidsagrowingobsession.com/>

American Orchid Society

Webinar: Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm CST

Orchids; Pests and their Management

Join us for this free membership benefit!

(NOTE: You must be an AOS member to participate in the Webinar)

No orchid grower is completely immune from the introduction of pests and diseases to their collection. This means that sooner or later we are all going to be faced with having to go to battle on some level with the forces of nature that have decided to feast on our plants. Effective pest management isn't easy and it isn't fast and most of us try our hardest to get it over quickly. The result is often expressed by that phrase "scale (or mealybug or ?) are impossible to control." The key to effective pest management is to understand the pest you are fighting and to even better understand the pest management scheme you have decided to use. This presentation will look into the life cycle of our common pests, how pesticides work and how they should be used for effective management.

Presenter, Ron McHatton. Ron has been growing orchids for about 50 years and has an eclectic collection of plants representing a wide cross-section of the orchid family and over the years his private collection has numbered in excess of 2500 plants; a direct result of no willpower or common sense. A PhD Chemist by training, Ron is currently the American Orchid Society's Chief Operating Officer and the Director of Education responsible for editorial content and layout of the magazine. In addition to his professional position, Ron is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. Prior to joining the AOS staff, he volunteered for the organization for over 25 years; chairing several national committees, twice holding a seat on the organization's Board of Trustees and briefly serving as vice-president. In addition to Ron's volunteer support of the AOS, he has also been a long-time supporter of the Orchid Digest. In this role, he has served on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee for many years and as its President for three consecutive terms.

Space is limited! To signup, go to www.aos.org, login to AOS (you must be an AOS member) and follow the instructions on the homepage portion devoted to the Webinar.

What are webinars? Webinars are an internet conference where you can hear the speaker and view his presentation, ask questions, and hear interactions from other members of the audience. You can join either on your computer or by phone. You can join from anywhere, via your Mac, PC or even your mobile device. Audio is included, so attendees can phone in or use VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol). You will need a microphone for your computer to use VoIP. If you cannot make the actual presentation, there will be a link on the website where you can view the webinar at your convenience.

Information on how Webinars work is available on the AOS website.

The next Webinar is April 21, this time the topic is growing Dendrobiums.

System Requirements

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 8, 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Mac®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.6 or newer

Mobile attendees

Required: iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet

MONTHLY REPORTS

Greater Omaha Orchid Society
General Meeting, February 12, 2014
Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office

Twenty-four members buzzed around remaining orchids from the show at St. Cecelia's while Joe Lankton prepared a slide presentation, "AOS Special Awards 2013 for Plants Awarded in 2012" -Judging Committee/AOS from Coral Gables, FL. November 2013. "Best of the Best" orchids were photographed. Cymbidium Emeralds and Rubies; Miyamoto Award: Cattleya; Angraecoids; *Cyrtorchilus macranthum* "Rustic Perfection"; Butterworth Award: Culture: Nankung's 4:55 PM "Lee 40" CCE 92; Wilson Award: *Cypripedioideae* "*Pahpiopedilum charlesworthii* "Miao Hau Star"; Hager Award: *Phalaenopsis* "Monster" FCC 91; Luer Award: *Pleurothallids* "Red Hawk" AM 85; Riopelle Award: *Miltoniopsis* "Jackie's Pride"; Kodama Award: *Dendrobium* "Green Genie"; Berliner Award: *Lycaste* "Krull-Smith"; Carpenter Award: *Oncidium* Intergenerics "Wine Heart"; Thoms Award: *Bulbophyllums* "Amanda"; Huntington Award: FCC "Sunset Valley Orchids"-*Cycnodes Chiriqui*; Dugger Award: *Odontoglossums* "Jueune Vision."

President Stoiber introduced the challenge by suggesting members group into two. He thanked members for their work on the show at St. Cecelia's with compliments and invitation to return next year. The check for \$250 has arrived. KC Show provides \$50. Vice President Pyrzynski brought show applications, requests for volunteers on sign-up sheets at various times and a variety of tasks for the March 29-30th Orchid Show at Lauritzen Gardens. Judging will occur in the library; talks will be scheduled in the classroom twice a day for about 15 minutes each. A member noted the need for seating to relax in a quiet classroom setting.

Hospitality Room: Jacque requested monetary donations instead of bringing food items and accepted cash and checks during the meeting.

President Stoiber passed around a Get Well card for Prayool Inboriboon of Natt's Orchids, who fractured his arm prior to the KC Show.

Joe displayed slides of winning displays including educational exhibits until 8:00 p.m., followed by President Stoiber's initiation of the Display Challenge activity.

Display Challenge! The activity utilized two sets of newly assembled PVC pipe and black "pillowcases." Vice President Pyrzynski also brought photos of orchids to use in place of live orchids. Live orchids in bloom were brought to the display areas while members divided up into the two groups. The display areas included Table Top and full-length displays. A spectacularly long and beautiful piece of driftwood found and transformed by Eric and Jim showcased about fifteen orchids along the Table Top display. Members incorporated their "Show and Tell" orchids into both displays, including several "stars" of the K.C. show. Interesting discussion regarding histories of particular orchids and curious com pots was followed by "Raffle Time" for donated orchids.

President Stoiber adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. after thanking everyone for coming.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Anne Smith
Secretary

Greater Omaha Orchid Society
Board Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2014
Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

Members present: Eric Stoiber, Jim Pyrzynski, Jacque Lewzader, Roberta Ginavan, Aaron Bugjo, Marie Smith, Ron Fechner, and Linda Schroder.

President Stoiber began the meeting with discussion about the March presentation on indoor and windowsill growing. April's speaker fell through. Joe Lankton will be approached by Vice President Pyrzynski on a topic of Joe's choice for the "house" grower using the 7:00 time frame onward.

March Orchid Show: VP Pyrzynski reviewed the list of vendor applications requiring, at this point, 19 tables. Marilyn and Don offered to conduct the Orchid classes. Things are looking good. Jacque reported on the request for voluntary financial contributions for the hospitality room's prepared menu items, with a current total provided by members of \$125. Jim has all the awards under control and also mentioned the options for the date in 2015.

Show discussions: VP Pyrzynski reported on the results of the St. Cecelia show, and set-up issues with setting up in extremely cold rooms. Aaron mentioned BBQ smoke-filled rooms in K.C. Roberta reviewed remaining set-up materials at her garage. Board indicated items that could be tossed now. Fabric status and descriptions of what remains are too large to place in her vehicle. Members will assist her in unloading all the items she was able to move into her vehicle for use at shows in future.

Speakers: Jim updated board on current info on speakers he has contacted.

MAOC, MN: Affiliations, society breakfasts, and hotel reservations were mentioned. Hotel Doubletree by Hilton is full; not much nearby for options otherwise. A prototype of a commissioned orchid pot was described by Roberta that will be made for the raffle fundraiser. 6/\$25 or \$5/each. Three auctions are planned; other raffles.

Security: Security issues were discussed and the need for coverage by officially identified/badged members to keep an eye yet use caution when approaching over-crowding viewers. Board discussed possible use of signs. Not "policing" but being "pro-active" with visitors at the March Orchid Show. Remaining orchids from St. Cecelia's were discussed, with ideas including use during the classroom sessions for purchase or raffle during the class.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Marie Anne Smith
Secretary

Central Iowa Orchid Society?Speaker's Day
July 27th, 2014
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 Ardie Strawman, 3206 Bel-Aire Road, Des Moines, IA 50310. We would like these returned by July 12, 2014 if possible.

Please make checks payable to the Central Iowa Orchid Society.
\$25.00 per person (\$30.00 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 _____