



# The Informer

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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.

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:

**August 13, 2014**  
**Douglas/Sarpy Extension**  
**Office, 8015 West Center**  
**Rd.**

6:30 PM Annual Picnic/  
Auction

**August 27, 2014**  
Papillion Library  
6:45 PM Papillion Library  
Board meeting

**September 10, 2014**  
**Douglas/Sarpy Extension**  
**Office, 8015 West Center**  
**Rd.**

7:00 PM Grower's Group  
discussion (all welcome)  
7:30 Annual meeting  
Program: TDB

## EVENTS

**September 13 – 14, 2014**  
Wisconsin Orchid Society  
Show, Mitchell Park  
Domes, 524 S. Layton  
Blvd., Millwaukee,  
WI; Contact: Richard  
Odders, 262-632-3008,  
odders2445@gmail.com

**September 19 – 21, 2014**  
Twentieth Annual Chicago-  
land Orchid Festival.  
Natt's Orchids and  
Orchids by Hausermann  
plus guest growers. www.  
chicagolandorchidfest.com

**October 11 – 12, 2014**  
Illinois Orchid Society's  
"Fabulous Fall Orchids"  
Chicago Botanic Gardens,  
Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe,  
Il. Contact: Rose Matchen,  
847-432-7708, rosalie@  
dixler.net

**October 11 – 12, 2014**  
Denver Orchid Society Fall  
Show. Echter's Nursery  
& Garden Center, 5150  
Garrison Street, Arvada,  
CO; Contact: Keith Funk,  
303-478-5080, keithfunk@  
comcast.net

**October 18 – 19, 2014**  
Eastern Iowa Orchid  
Show & Sale, Noelridge  
Gardens Greenhouse, 4900  
Council St. NE, Cedar  
Rapids, IA. Contact: Nile  
Dusdieker, 319-626-2236,  
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## ANNUAL MEETING AND TOWN HALL WEDNESDAY

The meeting this Wednesday  
is our "Annual Meeting." It  
is the meeting where we take  
care of important Society  
business that occurs annually  
(elections, annual reports,  
budget, etc.) so that we can  
keep the business portion of  
the meetings in other months  
relative short and let us get  
on with the "business" we  
really love and get together  
for – growing orchids.

Elections. In even-numbered  
years we elect board members  
(in odd-numbered years, of-  
ficers are elected). The nomi-  
nating committee has selected  
the following candidates:  
Robert Mann, Don Steineg-  
ger, and Ron Fechner. Ron  
is currently a board member  
but he is eligible to run again  
since he has served less than  
one and ½ terms. Nomina-  
tions may be made from the  
floor for other candidates, but  
the nominee must have agreed  
to being nominated.

Annual reports. The annual  
reports are published in this  
newsletter. Please review  
them and if you have ques-  
tions, ask them at the meeting.

Budget. The proposed bud-  
get is on pages 4 and 5 of  
the newsletter. The right-  
hand column is the proposed  
budget for the fiscal which  
started this September and  
ends August 2015. The left  
two columns show what was  
budgeted for FY 2013 - 2014  
and The estimated income  
and expenses are based on  
previous years .

Town Hall Meeting. We would like to have an open, but organized, discussion about the society. We would like your input on matters such as what programs you are interested in, what kind of speakers you would like to have, etc. It would be helpful if members came prepared to discuss issues they consider important, we want and need your input.

### **FROM THE LIBRARIAN**

All summers have to end, and this one will, too. And your orchids, perhaps basking outdoors, must come inside. You, and they, probably long for a cozy greenhouse. Even if you have one, or a nice basement or sunroom, whatever your situation, 3 books in the library will inspire you to build

or upgrade before winter arrives. *Sunset's Greenhouse Gardening, Greenhouses & Garden Rooms*, or (my fav) *How to Build & Use Greenhouses* are full of ideas (dreams) to suit anyone. Big or small, attached, indoors, or freestanding, for orchids or cactus, these books have lots of ideas and illustrations to tempt and inspire any grower. Even a quick glance

will definitely give you some tips on practical improvements. Check them out!

### **CEDAR RAPIDS SHOW**

The Eastern Iowa Orchid Society show in Cedar Rapids is coming up next month, October 18 – 19. We plan to have a display and we will need some of your bloomin' orchids for it and other assistance. Contact Eric Stoiber if you want to help.

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## **ANNUAL REPORTS PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

This year has been a good year for the Greater Omaha Orchid Society. We've had some great speakers and member-presentations that have helped out in orchid cultivations and learning about the way they grow. We started the year with the St. Cecilia Flower Festival (our first show of that type and in that venue), and we set up displays at the Kansas City Orchid Show, the Minneapolis Orchid Show (which was also an AOS and MAOC meeting). We participated in Spring into Spring at Lauritzen Gardens and the Home and Garden Show at the Century Link Center. The auction went very well this year and the income generated will make for a better year to come. I would like to thank the members for participating in everything they did.

For next year I love to see us set up more displays at other shows. I would also like to determine what topics and subjects interest the membership so that we can make the meetings more enjoyable and bring us working closer together as a group. *Eric Stoiber, President*

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### **WAYS AND MEANS REPORT**

Another year has gone by, the Ways and Means committee along with the participation of club members made it another successful year. We had a great turn out for the annual Christmas Party which was held at Piccolo's. A good meal was had by all and to help celebrate the evening a box of goodies was given out to each attendee. The cost for the ingredients/ packaging was \$68.88.

This year the Ways & Means asked the members to donate money instead of food items for the Hospitality Room for the annual Lauritzen orchid show. The cash donations for the Hospitality Room was \$235.00, the total cost for items purchased for the 3 days was \$310.66. Thanks to all who donated money and a couple individuals who donated food we again had many compliments. Finally our annual Summer Pot Luck Picnic, the board would like to thank all who brought food and a special thanks to Eric for donating the chicken. *Jacque Lewzader, Ways and Means Committee Chair*

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### **ANNUAL SHOW REPORT**

The Greater Omaha Orchid Society held its twenty-seventh annual orchid show and sale on March 29 – 30, 2014. The show was held at the Lauritzen Gardens, the location for the preceding six shows. Attendance at the show was 2,466 people with 1,239 holding Garden memberships. Coupons for \$5.00 admission were used by 370 of the attendees (in addition to the postcards, these included email coupons and Omaha World Herald ad coupons). The postcards were distributed by garden staff, volunteers, and GOOS members.

There were 13 exhibitors at the show, including exhibits by five orchid societies (Lincoln Orchid Society, Meeting of Orchid Friends, Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City, Central Iowa Orchid Society, and Greater Omaha Orchid Society). Two GOOS members had their own display: Marilyn Hawes and Twilla Westercamp. Vendors at the show were Bird's Botanicals (Blue Springs, MO), Iowa Orchids (Des Moines, IA), Natt's Orchids (Naperville, IL), Orchid Inn, Ltd (Bloomington, IL), Orchids Garden Centre & Nursery/Oak Hill Gardens (Waunakee, WI), New Earth Orchids, Santa Fe, NM, Paradigm Gardens (Omaha, NE) and The Plant House (Omaha, NE). We had American Orchid Society judges from the Mid-America (St. Louis, MO), Great Plains (Oklahoma, OK) and Rocky Mountain (Denver, CO) Judging Centers.

The AOS Show trophy was awarded to the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City. Beyond these special award were numerous first, second, and third place ribbons as well as rosettes and Best of Class trophies. There were also ten American Orchid Society awards (including the AOS Show trophy).

Financial data for the show is in the Treasurer's Report.

Next year's show is scheduled for March 7 - 8, 2015 at the Lauritzen Gardens. Many members worked long and hard during setting up the show and during the course of the show. The success of the 2014 show is a result of the efforts of all members who participated. Thank you. *Jim Pyrzynski, Show Chair*

## 2013-2014 Treasurer's Report

I took over the accounting starting on September 1st 2013. The actual balancing of the ledger, statements, and checkbook are correct to the best of my knowledge and tie back to the bank account with the exception of 4 outstanding checks. One of which was mailed to the church where we had our meeting in June and the other 3 were just sent out to: AOS for 2015 show registration, Mid-America and Great Plains Judging centers for our yearly donations. The categories of the expenses and income of the Society was continued from the previous year to the best of my knowledge. I may have categorized some items differently than my predecessor, but tried to match up the existing buckets as best as possible. The E-postcard for Federal Tax Filing was submitted on 1/18/2014. The state taxable year is based on the Jan. to Dec. 2013 Year. Net Taxable sales were \$3,991. Total Nebraska and local sales and use tax paid was \$199.62. The picnic and auction this year was little chaotic since it was my first year so I was a little disorganized but we raised more money than previous years, after the expenses for plants bought for the auction we took in \$1,945. Hopefully next year now that I know the expectation it will move more smoothly, we will see. The new fiscal year began on September 1, 2014 and will run to August 31 2015.

Beginning Balance for the year:	\$8,762.05	
Ending Balance:	\$10,189.72	
Net income for the year:	\$1,427.67	
Membership Dues:	\$585.00	(25 Single Memberships, 10 Family and 2 Students)

### The Events:

	Gross	Cost	Net Income
The Lauritzen Garden Show:	\$2,961.00	\$1,729.13	\$1,231.87 (this includes Hospitality and tables see table below for more details)
Spring Into Spring:	\$177.00	\$75.00	\$102.00
Annual Membership Picnic:	\$2,195.00	\$250.00	\$1,945.00
Meetings and Raffles:			\$333.90
Ways and Means:	\$4,630.82	\$1,438.45	\$3,192.37 (Special Book \$\$ was removed, LG tables included)

2014 GOOS Orchid Show Summary		
Tables	\$2,500.00	
Show Sales	\$208.00	
Donations	\$18.00	
Hospitality Room	\$235.00	
Catering		(\$141.24)
Rentals		(\$603.80)
Hospitality Room		(\$310.66)
Postage		(\$16.50)
Ribbons		(\$282.25)
Plaques		(\$312.60)
Ads		(\$62.08)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,961.00</b>	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>(\$1,729.13)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,231.87</b>	

Aaron Bugjo, Treasurer

**GOOS 2013-2014 FINANCIAL REPORT  
REVENUES AND EXPENSES-----CASH BASIS  
September 2013**

CD# \*\*\*\*\*7 Renewed 11-16-17

Skultety Memorial  
DiMauro Memorial

\$575.42  
\$475.00

	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>2013-2014 Actuals</b>	<b>2013-2014 BUDGET</b>	<b>2014-2015 BUDGET</b>	<b>Proj. Year End Balance</b>
	\$ <b>10,189.72</b>				\$ <b>7,758.72</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>					
Membership Dues	\$ 585.00		\$ 900.00		\$ 600.00
Ways & Means					Membership is down yoy ~\$400
Vendor/ Show	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00		
Bark, books, fert., etc.,	\$ 217.00		\$ 470.00		
In/Out	\$ 1,026.00		\$ 680.00		
Plants/Event/Resale	\$ 380.00		\$ 900.00		
Donation					These categories tend to blend together account where the item is actually recognized in future sales/purchases
Auction	\$ 2,195.00		\$ 600.00		
Raffle	\$ 333.90		\$ 200.00		
Hospitality/Show and meeting	\$ 235.00		\$ 180.00		
Memorial donation	\$ -		\$ -		
					Brought in more then expected but hesitant to project forward due to a stellar year
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	\$ <b>7,471.90</b>		\$ <b>6,430.00</b>		\$ <b>6,230.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Donation -Dr. Skultety Memorial Award	\$ -		\$ 36.00		\$ 36.00
Meeting Space Donation	\$ 550.00		\$ 650.00		\$ 650.00
	\$ -				
Affiliations	\$ 314.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Judging Center Donation	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
Memorials	\$ -		\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
Ways and Means					
					Spent more acct renewed AOS for 2 years to save \$20 in long run

				Carry over from last year inventory is diminished will spend this fiscal year
-Income Earning Items (fert)	\$	-	\$	1,030.00
-Plants/Events	\$	665.00	\$	750.00
Running Expenses				
Post Office Box Rental	\$	78.00	\$	80.00
Safe Deposit Box	\$	30.00	\$	30.00
Non Profit Fee & Taxes	\$	199.62	\$	300.00
Web Site Hosting	\$	-	\$	100.00
Insurance	\$	455.00	\$	455.00
Office Supplies, Computer, Misc.	\$	-	\$	200.00
Speaker Expense, Hosp.	\$	770.99	\$	1,250.00
In/Out	\$	662.63	\$	680.00
Event Specific				
-LG Running Expense	\$	1,939.15	\$	2,000.00
-Parking	\$	-	\$	50.00
Hospitality Meeting or Event	\$	68.88	\$	250.00
Publicity Newsletters, postage, repros.yr/bk	\$	60.96	\$	300.00
Voted items	\$	-	\$	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	\$	6,044.23	\$	8,661.00
<b>NET PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>	\$	1,427.67	\$	(2,431.00)

CASH ON HAND \$ 30.00

## REPORTS

Greater Omaha Orchid Society General Meeting  
August 13, Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office

The August meeting was the annual picnic/potluck and auction. President Eric Stoiber called the meeting to order for dinner at 6:30 PM. He thanked everyone for coming and listed the donors and sources of the plants for auction: Donors: H & R Nursery (Roy Tokunaga), Windy Hill (Marilyn LeDoux), Miranda Orchids (Francisco Miranda), Sunset Valley Orchids (Fred Clarke), Max Thompson and Bryon Rinke; purchased plants from Carmela Orchids. There were some additional member donated plants. Eric also discussed the Eastern Iowa Orchid Society show which will be held in Cedar Rapids in mid October, GOOS will have a display and plants will be needed. The Auction began at 7:30 with Dave Taylor as auctioneer.

Jim Pyrzynski, for  
Marie Anne Smith, Secretary

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08-27-2014 Greater Omaha Orchid Society  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, NE.

Present: President Eric Stoiber, Vice President Jim Pryzynski, Treasurer Aaron Bugjo, Past President Roberta Ginavan, Jackie Lewzader, Ron Fechner, and Marie Smith.

President Stoiber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with review of the prepared GOOS 2013 - 2014 Financial Report of Revenues and Expenses prepared by Treasurer Aaron Bugjo.

Year to Date Net Profit is \$1,677.67 to carry over for expenses after year's expenses of \$5,794.23. Federally Declared Fiscal Year is September 1 to August 31st.

Line by line review occurred starting with membership dues. New revisions included dues, revised to \$600 projected. Roberta has a box of ORCHID magazines. Board suggested giving one magazine per new membership.

Members discussed categorical labels for the accounting ledger, recommending changes that would clarify the intent of line items, such as plant resales vs. plant purchases.

Memorial donations and designated vs. undesignated funds were discussed. Other ways to categorize the Dr. Skultety Memorial Award may be discussed in the future. Year by year, a small amount of this fund is used for an orchid award.

Affiliations: treasurer noted that a 2-year subscription this year raised the expense. However, next year, there will be no cost. New purchases for sales were enthusiastically endorsed for the coming year, as none were made during the past year. Safe Deposit Box signature forms needs to be updated for access.

The Judging Center Donation of \$250 and the webmaster fee are the only costs to be added for finalization. The board completed the review with compliments to Treasurer Aaron Bugjo and accepted the revisions for the upcoming fiscal year. Jackie Lewzader will transport the accounting books to the Audit Committee in preparation for review and ledger and report.

President Stoiber introduced topic of speakers and wishes to learn the views of members. "How to reach out to the community" was discussed. Vice President Pryzynski suggested volunteering for the new conservatory and other functions at Lauritzen Gardens. He also made the board aware of an orchid blooming at Fontenelle Forest. He informed Marge From, Director of Plant Conservation at the Henry Doorly Zoo, about the orchid. Marge From has drafted a grant proposal for a study of the orchid which would involve UNO personnel and students and the orchid society. This could be an additional source for new members. Aaron Bugjo suggested opening the speakers presentations to the public, in hopes of increasing visibility for GOOS. Members - free; \$2-\$5 for non-members. Roberta added possibility of a "Speakers Day." Jacque suggested a plant sale. Ron added idea of a sponsor. Drawing upon new members and younger members to jump in was noted. Marie suggested presentations at grocery stores, where orchids are sold and attaching GOOS business cards to each orchid sold. Jacqueline noted a past opportunity at Whole Foods. Natural Foods has a special "classroom space" yet does not have orchids...

Discussion will continue on ideas. GOOS needs new members to step up into positions and discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Marie Anne Smith, Secretary