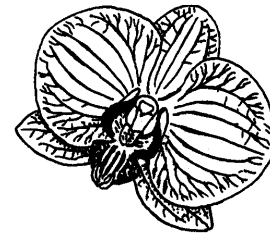




# Orchid Newsletter

Lincoln Orchid Society, INC.

Lincoln Orchid Society LOS; P.O. Box 5501; Lincoln, NE 68505-5501  
Orchid Culture and Conservation, Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge.



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■ **MEETING: NOVEMBER 28, 7:15-9:00 PM (Meetings last Wednesday of each month)**



### Location:

Nebraska Heart Institute, Medical Office Building; 7440 S. 91st St. (Handicap Accessible Facility)  
( Southeast Lincoln, between Pine Lake Road and US Hwy. 2, access via S. 84th St. or US Hwy. 2 ) [ [Map](#) ]

### Parking:

- Handicap accessibility with parking close to door, South of entrance and drop off area in front of building.
- Society Parking Area: West side of street before main parking area for hospital.

### Security:

The entrance doors to NHI will be **locked during our meetings**. We will have a "Greeter" available to open the doors for you, to gain access to our meeting location see receptionist at hospital to call.

## POT LUCK DINNER AND GIFT EXCHANGE:

**Planning:** Bring food and gift.

**Food to Kitchen, Meeting in Class Rooms 1 and 2**

### Schedule:

7:15 PM - Welcome and Register Attendance (**No Program this month**)

7:30 - 8:00 PM - Pot Luck Dinner

8:00 - 8:30 PM - Gift Exchange

8:30 - 8:45 PM - Break: buy raffle tickets and view plants shown by members (informal discussion, no "Plant Talk")

8:45 - 9:00 PM - Plant Raffle

9:00 PM - Meeting Adjourned, Swap gifts - optional

**Details:** Mark your calendar and plan for the LOS Holiday Party. Attend one the highlight events of our society! This is an event for friends and family to attend. Great fun and a social time to meet other members in the society. The evening begins with a potluck dinner. Coffee and Tea will be provided. Please bring a main dish and a salad or desert (enough to feed your own family), plus bring your table service (plates, cups, and flatware). Food is set out as a buffet for everyone to sample the variety of foods.

The party starts with the gift exchange. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, you will need to bring a gift with you. Some gift suggestions: the policy is that the value should be \$5.00 or more, it may an orchid plant or orchid related item like: a book, fertilizer, or pots; or any item decorated with orchid flowers. (However, it is not limited to orchids as may bring anything you like: candy, decorations or anything you can think of; variety makes it interesting.) If you want your child/ children to have a gift, please bring something for them too. Toys or games work well, as they can play with the other children during the rest of the evening; older children may participate in the adult gift exchange. The gift exchange is done by a drawing of numbers distributed when the gifts are brought in. When your number is called, you may choose an unopened gift, what you open is what you may take home. If you would like to swap your gift for something else, stay after close of the meeting and trade gift with some one; this option has been left open for those receiving items that they would not be able to provide the culture or room to grow.

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**RAFFLE PLANNED FOR MEETING:**

If you have any that are not flowering for you or know of anyone who discards them after they finish flowering please consider having them donating to LOS for the raffle. They do not need to have name tags or be in good condition, we will revive them. The raffle plants are a valuable educational tool for growers to try varieties of orchids that are new to them and diversify their collection plus find a new home for the plants with a grower that may be able to provide the conditions needed to re-flower them.

➤ Only **current members** of the society may purchase a raffle ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants! Plants located on the table to the right at the front of the meeting room.

• **October Raffle Plants donated by:** Chuck Hanson - 5 plants, Society - 2 plants, Allen Bean - 10 Show Passes.

• **November Raffle Plants donated by:** Chuck Hanson and Society

**MEETING, ACTIVITIES:**

➤ Only raffle being held this month all other Meeting Activities have been preempted for current Agenda.

**GREETER:** Sheryol Otjen

**KITCHEN COMMITTEE:** Betty Morrison

■ **NO DECEMBER MEETING.**

■ **NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 30, 6:30-9:00 PM**

**NEW GROWERS GROUP at 6:30 PM**, Class Room 1; Coordinator Allen Bean

Discussion topics to help new or novice orchid growers with the basics of growing and flowering their orchids.

**Schedule:** January, April, July, and October.

**Program:** To be announced.

**(This group meets only 4 times a year, so do not miss the opportunity, next meetings: April, July, & Oct.)**

**GENERAL MEETING at 7:15 PM**, Class Rooms 2

**Program:** To be announced.

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■ **LOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2008:**

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- Schedule and Programs to be published in January Newsletter.

**EVENTS:**

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**MEETING, ACTIVITIES: (Resumed at January 2008 Meeting.)**

- "Plant Talk" - Members display orchids in flower and explain how they grow them.
- "Questions & Answers" - New Members & Guests are encouraged to bring in their plant/s for identification to assist with determining culture requirements or answering questions regarding their plant.
- Refreshments: ( Served in Class Room 1 )
- Plant Raffle - Ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants donated by members.
- Program
- Potting Media and Supplies: ( To purchase contact Marty Haferman )
  - Seedling Mix - one gallon bag for \$4.00
  - Standard Mix - one gallon bag for \$4.00
  - Coconut Husk Chips - one gallon bag for \$4.00
  - Pot Hanger: for 3-4 inch pot, \$1.00
  - Pot Hanger: for 6-8 inch pot ( 18 inches long ), \$2.00
  - Book: Your First Orchid \$10.00, ideal reference source for the new or novice orchid grower.

**OFFICERS/ CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Board of Directors, 8 Members:** Dave Taylor, Don Steinegger, Allen Bean, Miranda Haferman, Nancy Pittman, Anne Pamperl, Melvin Bates, and Betty Morrison.

**Officers:** Lincoln Orchid Society, Inc; P.O. Box 5501; Lincoln, NE 68505-5501

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| 1) <b>President, 9/07-9/09:</b> Dave Taylor  | <b>AOS Representative:</b> Dwight Languis                                     |
| 2) <b>Vice President, 9/07-9/09:</b> Don Steinegger  | <b>MAOC Representative:</b> Allen Bean  |
| 3) <b>Secretary, 9/07-9/09:</b> Miranda Haferman   | <b>Web Master:</b> Rich Sukovaty  |
| 4) <b>Treasurer, 9/07-9/09:</b> Allen Bean   | <b>Newsletter Editors:</b> Dwight and Beth Languis                            |
| 5) <b>Board Member, 9/06-9/08:</b> Nancy Pittman   | <b>Historian/ Librarian:</b> Rich Sukovaty                                    |
| 6) <b>Board Member, 9/06-9/08:</b> Melvin Bates  | <b>Program Coordinator:</b> Rich Sukovaty 07, Don Steinegger 08               |
| 7) <b>Board Member, 5/07-9/08:</b> Anne Pamperl  | <b>Publicity:</b> Dwight Languis  |
| 8) <b>Board Member, , Interim, 9/07-9/09:</b> Betty Morrison   | <b>Courtesy Committee:</b> Jan Learned 07, Keith Plank 08                     |
| <b>Past Presidents:</b> Allen Bean 9/05-9/07,<br>Don Steinegger, Beth Languis, Dave Taylor, Tim Janssen      | <b>Membership Coordinator:</b> Dwight Languis                                 |
| <b>Show Chairman, 2007:</b> Lorna Kissling   | <b>Refreshments Committee Coordinator:</b> LaFern Zentz 07<br>Beth Languis 08 |
| <b>New Growers Group Coordinator, 2007:</b> Allen Bean (Focus on New and Novice Growers, Meetings Quarterly) |   |
| <b>Ways &amp; Means Coordinator, 2007:</b> Marty Haferman (Sales: Potting Media and Supplies)                |   |

**TREASURY REPORT:** Nov. 7, 2007

<b>Ending Balance:</b> -----	<b>\$1,174.18</b>
Expenses, Bank Fee: -----	\$5.00
Expenses; Newsletter Expenses, September: -----	\$24.07
<b>Expenses Total:</b> -----	<b>\$29.07</b>
Income, Bank Interest: -----	\$0.36
Income, Raffle: -----	\$38.00
Income, Memberships ( 6 x \$11): -----	\$66.00
Income; Show, Vendor Table ( 8 x \$50 ): -----	\$400.00
<b>Income, Ways and Means:</b>	
Plants (2) -----	\$6.00
Pot Hanger, Small ( 2 x \$1 ) -----	\$2.00
Potting Media, Standard ( 1 x \$4 ) -----	\$4.00
<b>Income Total:</b> -----	<b>\$516.36</b>

**Ending Balance:** ----- **\$1,661.47**

**BOARD DECISIONS:**

- LOS display for the MAOC/ Kansas City Orchid Society Show, Dave Taylor will set up.
- Wave 10% sales commission, conditional requirement of 6 raffle plants per meeting extended to Chuck Hanson.

■ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- Wednesday December 5, 7:15 9:00 PM at Gere Library, 56th St. & Normal Blvd., Room 2 (East end of hallway).

■ **LOS WEB-SITE:** <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org>

Our web-site is updated monthly with new edition of Newsletter, society activities, including pictures of meetings and flowers grown by our membership. Additional information posted, past Newsletters plus additional pictures of displays and Orchid Shows are included.

**Membership Form:** web posting as a PDF file <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/member.html>

**Newsletter:** our monthly *Orchid Newsletter* web posting as a PDF file, requires Adobe Acrobat (free software) to read.

Request your **FREE** e-mail subscription to the Newsletter or submit questions to our society through the "Contact Us" link <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/contact.html>

**Open Request to Membership:** If you have pictures of past LOS Displays or Events, Rich would like to add these to our web-site. Please transfer them to a CD marked with your name. If the file name does not identify the picture contents please include a text document to list file name and picture contents. Your CD will be returned.

■ **LIBRARY: Contact Rich Sukovaty to check out items from the LOS Library.**

The society has a number of orchid books, plus current and past issues of *Orchids* (Monthly Magazine of the American Orchid Society). See section below **Articles of Interest: Orchids - Articles** for listing of articles included in each monthly issue. Current members of the society may check these out of the library and return them at the next monthly meeting.

**Library Contents:** See your 2005 October Newsletter, also posted on our web page.

■ **COURTESY COMMITTEE:** Committee to send cards and extend other courtesies for events affecting members.

Please inform us when you, your family, or if you know of another member in our society has a major event in their life.

**Contact: Coordinator, Keith Plank**

■ **CAR POOL AVAILABLE:**

If you find it difficult to travel for any of the events of the society: meetings, orchid displays, seminars, or the orchid show; please let us know as we value your attendance and will provide transportation for you.

**Contact: Allen Bean**

■ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Unless noted, a Sign Up list will be available for each of the following Committees at the Meeting.

- **GREETER:** (One volunteer each month, to greet Membership and Guests to meeting.)

Jan. 30: \_\_\_\_\_

- **KITCHEN COMMITTEE:** responsible for setting up the refreshments, making coffee, and cleaning up after meeting.

Two volunteers each month, to set out the refreshments, making coffee, and cleaning up after meeting.

Jan. 30: \_\_\_\_\_ and Gloria Plank

- **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:** (Three volunteers to provide refreshments at monthly meetings.)

**Refreshments Committee 2008 - Coordinator:** Beth Languis

Jan. 30: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Allen Bean

■ **FALL ORCHID SHOW, LOS:** <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/LOSshow2007info.html>

**Nov. 10-11, 2007 Details in January 2008 Newsletter.**

**DONATIONS TO SHOW:** ( These were included our Auctions and Raffles )

- Vendors listed October Newsletter, one item from each; except:
  - Paradigm Gardens: 3 Gift Certificates.
- Dave Taylor: Cattleya in Flower
- Evelyn Seip, Floral Mgr.; Russ's Market; 130 N. 66th St.: Two Floral Arrangements made at Demonstration
- Joe Lankton, Omaha Orchids: Two Orchid Plants
- Lorna Kissling: Orchid Pot.
- rePotme.com, David K. Shapiro, Premium Potting Mixes & Supplies for Orchids, (301)315-2344  
<http://www.repotme.com/> or e-mail [customer\\_service@repotme.com](mailto:customer_service@repotme.com)
  - Oncidium & Seedling Orchid Mix, 3 gallon, \$17.75
  - Cattleya Multi Purpose Orchid Mix, 3 gallon, \$17.75
  - Multi Purpose Fir Orchid Mix, 3 gallon, \$17.75

- FEED ME! Orchid Fertilizer, Michigan State University - Formula 13-3-15 8Ca-2Mg, \$8.75
- GET OFF ME! Orchid Bug Spray, Quart Starter Kit, \$11.85

■ **KANSAS CITY ORCHID EXPO/ MAOC SHOW, LOS DISPLAY:**  
Nov. 17-18, 2007 Details in January 2008 Newsletter.

■ **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS, ARCHIVE:**

Questions on Orchids? Visit our list of frequently asked questions, link listed below, find the article and visit the Newsletter Index list; articles in the 'Question and Answer' section of each edition and included in the Postal Edition Newsletter, January 2006 or web-site [http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/pdf/Newsletter/Newsletter Index 2005.pdf](http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/pdf/Newsletter/Newsletter%20Index%202005.pdf)

■ **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS, CURRENT:**

Send your questions and we will send you a reply and publish it in the Orchid Newsletter  
Submit Your Question/s: to our society through the "Contact Us" link posted on our web-site.

Mail to: Lincoln Orchid Society LOS; P.O. Box 5501; Lincoln, NE 68505-5501

1) Q. *I have Dendrobium aphyllum and have not been able to find and detailed culture information.*

1a) A. **Orchid Naming, Synonym:** Your plant is labeled with the **current** name for this Dendrobium specie. It has been renamed over years and it is usually easier to find information for the previous names assigned (Synonym) to it, these would be: Dendrobium cucullatum or Dendrobium pierardii.

1b) A. **Culture Requirements for Dendrobium aphyllum (Simplified):**

**Light:** 2.5-3.5 K fc (low end of medium light) During Summer, I put mine under 50% shade cloth on the East side of the shade house to protect the thin leaves from sunburn during the heat and intense light in the afternoon here in the Midwest.

**Water:** Summer let dry only slightly, Winter needs dry rest so reduce watering so leaves yellow and drop off, resume watering when buds and new growth emerge.

**Humidity:** Not a concern until forming flowers, which very thin; so if humidity low, flowers will be short lived but do not mist the flowers.

**Fertilizer:** Late Spring through Summer high Nitrogen, then high Phosphorous, late Fall to Spring none.

**Temperature, Winter:** Place in window sill or unheated room, above 45° F minimum.

**Media:** 4 Fir Bark, 1 Charcoal (ratios, both Fine grade), and with all Dendrobium do not over pot.

**Flowers:** Feb.-March in home, April-May for me in greenhouse.

**Habit:** A plant matures; canes will become pendant, drooping over pot

- For more **detailed** information visit the following two links:

<http://www.taygeta.com/dendrobium.html> Reference "Dendrobium" Section Group 2

<http://retirees.uwaterloo.ca/~jerry/orchids/culture/den.pierardii.html> Details and additional horticulture information.

■ **CULTURE SHEETS:** how to care and re-flower commonly grown varieties of orchids. **PDF or HTML**

**AOS Culture Sheets PDF** <http://www.theaos.org/aos/orchids/orchids.aspx?sec=29>



**HTML** [http://www.taygeta.com/aos\\_culture.html](http://www.taygeta.com/aos_culture.html)

**Phalaenopsis (Moth Orchid)**

These are direct links to the index pages above, so you will not have to navigate through them

**AOS Culture Sheets PDF** <http://www.theaos.org/aos/uploadedfiles/docs/culturephals.pdf>

**AOS Culture Sheets HTML** <http://www.taygeta.com/phalaenopsis.html>

**Detailed Requirements by Genus** <http://www.orchidculture.com>

**Free List of above link for examples** <http://www.orchidculture.com/COD/FREE/index.html#Sheets>

**Specie Orchids:** Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia <http://www.orchidspecies.com>

## ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

### Monthly Calendar of Requirements for Orchids:

The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay ...

### Monthly Checklist, January - February

**Cattleya:** Watering and fertilizing will be at a minimum, as will potting. Be on the lookout for senescing sheaths on your winter-into-spring bloomers. Careful removal of the dying sheaths will still allow buds to develop without the danger of condensation-induced rot. Low light will lead to weak spikes, so, and as noted above, staking is critical. If you have a chance to get out to nurseries, there may still be a chance to acquire good plants in sheath for spring bloom. Getting them now not only ensures that you'll have them, but allows them to acclimate to your conditions and bloom at their best.

**Cymbidium:** We are well into the flowering season now. Outdoor growers should be cautious of freezing temperatures. Damage starts to occur below 30 F. Be diligent about tying the inflorescences for best arrangement of the flowers. Also watch closely for slugs and snails. If weather is quite wet, protect the plants from the rain and this will help to reduce the risk of botrytis spotting.

**Lycaste:** The most glorious of all orchids, Lycaste, will be moving toward their flowering season. Make sure the palm-like leaves do not interfere with the emerging inflorescences. Tying them loosely together often is helpful. Some growers cut the leaves off at the pseudobulb, but this removes part of the attractiveness of this elegant orchid. Resist picking up the plant to inspect those beautiful buds and then setting it down in all different directions as the flower buds will be forced to re-orient themselves to the light source each time and will not open as nicely as they should. Keep plants a little drier during the shorter days.

**Odontoglossums:** Odontoglossums and their Intergeneric hybrids offer a great splash of color now. Though once thought of as being difficult to grow and requiring cool temperatures due to the emphasis on *Odontoglossum* breeding, the new Intergeneric hybrids made using *Oncidium* and *Brassia*, for example, are just the opposite. These plants are quite content in more intermediate conditions. New growths generally emerge in the spring, later forming beautiful plump pseudobulbs. Look for the flower spikes to emerge from the inner sheath of the pseudobulb. If your plant's pseudobulbs are shriveled, then the plants have been kept too dry or too wet. Inspect the roots to determine which condition prevailed. If the lead pseudobulb is large, plump and green (and back bulbs are shriveled) but no flower spike is evident, the plants may have been kept too dry.

**Paphiopedilum:** The standard *Paphiopedilum* insigne-derived hybrids, which are called "bull dogs" and "toads," are at their peak. Unlike most other orchids, they can even be potted while in bud. There really is no wrong time to pot a *Paphiopedilum*, and no other orchid responds so favorably to fresh mix and a cleanup. Keep an eye on watering until roots begin to grow.

**Phalaenopsis:** Now is the peak of spike development, with the first plants in full flower. Staking and plant preparation is a must for those all-important spring shows. Correct staking now will give a better display and also make it much easier to transport to your society meetings and shows. Care with watering is vital to avoid mechanical damage to the flowers, as well as rot-related problems. Keep spent blooms cleaned up to avoid botrytis inoculation. Do not repot this month. Now you'll be seeing lots of *Phalaenopsis* at orchid shows and sales.

**Zygopetalum:** For the most part, the flowering season will have ended for this group, providing the grower a chance to do some repotting. The plants will then have a chance to become well established before the hotter months of summer arrive. Most growers use bark mixes, but some exceptional results have been seen lately using rock-wool blends. You may want to try this mix, but do not change your whole collection over to this new media until you are sure it is right for you. First, experiment with a few plants to see how they respond.

## ORCHIDS - ARTICLES, Monthly Magazine of the American Orchid Society AOS: <http://www.theaos.org/>

Contact Rich to check out from the LOS Library.

**November 2007 Issue:** Cattleyas of Anne Link, Cyripediums in China Part VII: Section Cyripedium subsection Macrantha, Orchid Legends Reunion 2007, Antillanorchis, Orchid Checklist: November -The Nostalgic Month, Growing with Orchids: Across the Centuries, Nomenclature Notes: Neoruschia, Culture: Phragmipedium kovachii, Conservation News: Cyripedium acaule, Books; [Grow Disas](#), [Orchids](#), , Special Events at the 19th WOC®, Chinese Odyssey, Orchid of the Month: Regalia, CITES and the 19WOC

**December 2007 Issue:** The Orchids of Southwest Australia, Fragrance Judging, Introduction: Lindleyana 2007 Index, A New Bulbophyllum species, The Genus Brachionidium, Orchid Checklist: December - The Month of Connection, Growing with Orchids, Across the Centuries, Orchids Indoors: The Enlightened Way, Nomenclature Notes: Dendrobium Section Herbacea, Culture: Growing Sobralias, The Society Page: Getting the Word Out, Index to Volume 2007, Countdown to Orchid History, A Society Celebrates 50 Years, Orchids on the Beach, Orchid of the Month: Zygopetalum

■ **MID-AMERICA ORCHID CONGRESS, The Mid-American Newsletter Articles:** <http://midamericanorchids.org>

- **Newsletter, Feb. 2007:** <http://midamericanorchids.org/MidAmerican/MidAmNews1%20Feb2007.pdf>  
MAOC Spring Show, History of the Illinois Orchid Society, MAOC President's Message, Report of MAOC Fall Show, A Different Look at a Greenhouse, Tim Brooks - Orchidist of the Year, Future Mid America Congress Dates, Officers and Committee Chairpersons, MAOC Fall Registration Form.
- **Newsletter, Oct. 2007:** [http://midamericanorchids.org/MidAmerican/MidAmNews1%20Oct2007Rev3%20\\_2\\_.pdf](http://midamericanorchids.org/MidAmerican/MidAmNews1%20Oct2007Rev3%20_2_.pdf)  
President's Message, Report of MAOC Spring Show, Affiliated Societies Report, Future Mid-America Congress Dates, Officers and Committee Chairpersons, MAOC Fall Registration form, Link to Proposed Constitution

(Members without Internet, contact Allen Bean for your copy of The Mid-American issue Oct. 2007.)

**Greater Omaha Orchid Society GOOS:** Mailing address: GOOS; P.O. Box 241871; Omaha, NE 68124  
Meets the second Wednesday of each month at Douglas/ Sarpy County Extension Office; 8015 West Center Rd.; Omaha.  
Beginners' Group meets at 7:00 PM, Monthly Meetings start at 7:30 PM. Membership: \$15 Single, \$20 Family.  
<http://omaha-orchid-society.org>

- December 12, 7:00 PM, Annual Holiday Party at Anthony's Steakhouse, 72nd & F St., Omaha

■ **AREA EVENTS, ORCHID RELATED:** <http://www.aos.org/aos/events/page02.aspx> (Complete List)

- Jan. 23-27** "Orchids—Nature's Masterpiece"<sup>TM</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> World Orchid Conference ® hosted by the South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS) and the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society (FLOS) at the Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami Beach, Florida. Having hosted the 11th WOC in 1984 in Miami, the local societies are looking forward to bringing this event back to South Florida for a spectacular and successful conference. Held once every three years in a different international location, the World Orchid Conference is the largest and most prestigious gathering of orchid enthusiasts, growers, hybridizers and scientists. In addition to educational and scientific seminars, the conference also features a spectacular orchid show with displays from orchid growers around the world. The first WOC was held in October 1954 in St. Louis, Missouri. Since then, WOCs have been held in Honolulu, London, Singapore, Long Beach, Sydney, Medellin, Frankfurt, Bangkok, Durban, Miami, Tokyo, Auckland, Glasgow, Rio de Janeiro, Vancouver, Shah Alam and Dijon. Contact: Robert F. Fuchs, Cochair; 28100 Southwest 182nd Ave.; Homestead, Florida 33030; [WOC19@aol.com](mailto:WOC19@aol.com) or Col. Kenneth M. Kone, Cochair; 5571 Northeast 26th Ave.; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33308; [kenkone@earthlink.net](mailto:kenkone@earthlink.net); Web site: <http://www.19woc.com>
- Feb. 2-3** Orchid Growers Guild Show, Alliant Energy Center, Exhibition Hall, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI. Contact: Elaine Matter, c/o OGG, PO Box 432, Madison, WI 53705; (608) 238-5871; [egadzicki@charter.net](mailto:egadzicki@charter.net)
- Feb. 16-17** Batavia Orchid Society Show, DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester, Wheaton, IL. Contact: Wilda Kintop, 328 S. Harrison, Batavia, IL 60510; (630) 879-2811; [wildakintop@comcast.net](mailto:wildakintop@comcast.net)
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■ **AREA EVENTS:** Additional Lists <http://www.visitnebraska.org> [http://www.kfor1240.com/lincoln\\_events/](http://www.kfor1240.com/lincoln_events/)  
<http://www.kolnkgin.com/community> <http://www.lincolnkidsinc.com/> <http://lincolnite.com/events/>

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Program: "Orchids in the Home" by Mel Bates.

**Lauritzen Gardens,** Omaha Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St., Omaha NE 68108, 402-346-4002

- Admission: \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age six to 12.
- Open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Christmas and New Year's Day.

**Nov. 23 - Jan. 6 Holiday Poinsettia Show** The show features new introductions of poinsettia cultivars, antique sleighs, beautifully decorated holiday trees and our iconic 20-foot-tall poinsettia tree. New this year, all structures from the outdoor model railroad garden will be woven into the holiday display in addition to two model train lines! In mid-December, all 650 plants in the poinsettia tree will be replaced with fresh plants. For the first time ever, the red poinsettia plants will be replaced with PINK poinsettias resulting in a pink poinsettia tree!

Jan. 11 - May 11 Spring Flower Show. This year's show features Egyptian-themed plant displays. Set design for the opera, Aida, will also be featured in the floral display. The artwork is created by local artist Catherine Ferguson.

■ **HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES:**

**Flower Arrangers Club** - Anderson Library, 3635 Toulzalin Ave., 1st Tuesday at 1:00 PM, 488-3081

**Friends of Maxwell Arboretum** - 484-8032

**Friends of Wilderness Park** - 477-8282

**Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society** - 796-2191

**Lincoln African Violet Society** - Christ United Methodist Church, 46th & A St.; 2nd Tuesday at 7:15 PM, 770-2925

**Lincoln Garden Club** - Culler Middle School Cafeteria, 52nd and Vine St.; 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM;  
Dues: Individual \$8, Family \$10

**Lincoln Gladiola Society** - 489-5264

**Lincoln Iris Society** - Antelope Park Church of the Brethren, 3645 Sumner St.; Last Monday at 6:30 PM; Dues:  
Individual \$6, \$4 for each additional; 423-7172

**Lincoln Rose Society** - Antelope Park Shelter House, North of Auld Recreation Center; 3rd Monday of February, March,  
May, September, and October at 7:00 PM, 486-1420

**Nebraska Herbal Society** - 5901 'O' St., Lincoln; last Saturday at 10:00 AM, 476-1635

**Nebraska Nutgrowers Association** - 472-3674

**Nebraska Statewide Arboretum**, P.O. Box 830715; Lincoln, NE 68583-0715; Membership: \$35, 472-2971  
<http://arboretum.unl.edu>

**River City Cactus and Succulent Society** - Papillion Public Library; 320 N. Washington St.; Papillion, NE 68046;  
402- 597-1584 or [cactus@river-city-cactus.org](mailto:cactus@river-city-cactus.org) Meets at 1:30 PM on the first Sunday of each month.  
Dues: Individual \$15, Family \$20; <http://www.river-city-cactus.org>

**UNL Garden Friends**; P.O. Box 81501; Lincoln, NE 68501; 472-2679 meets annually  
<http://busfin.unl.edu/UNLBGA> <http://bga.unl.edu/Newsletter/index.cfm>