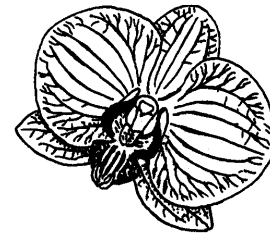




Orchid Newsletter

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: May 30 (Meetings last Wednesday of each month)**



LOCATION: (Meeting NOT at Mahoney Park)

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.
- Main parking West side of street before main parking area for hospital.

➤ **INVITATION:** Plan to attend this special event for LOS and GOOS members. Your spouse, children, or friends are welcome to attend!

➤ ITINERARY:

● **SETUP: 5:30 to 6:30 PM, GARDEN & HOUSE PLANT SALE:**

- Members donate those extra plants: start cuttings of your tropical plants, or divide your perennials! Mark the plant with variety name, describe characteristics (flower color, height, etc.), culture requirements (moisture needs, sun or shade), and selling price (depending on plant size). Proceeds to society treasury.
- Plant sale also provides you the opportunity for members to sell extra plants. If you wish to bring plants to sell, you must donate 10 percent of your sales to LOS.

● **PLANT SALE OPEN TO PUBLIC: 6:30 to 9:00 PM** (Plants not sold, will be discounted 50% after the meeting.)

● **DISPLAY PLANTS:** Members can display orchids in flower but "Plant Talk" will not be scheduled this month.

● **POT LUCK DINNER: 7:00 to 8:00 PM** Tea and Lemonade will be provided. Please bring a main dish and a salad or desert (enough to feed your own family), table service (plates, cups, and flatware).

● **REPOTTING PROGRAMS: 8:00 to 9:00 PM**

↪ **Program: "Repotting Orchids"** Video DVD from [[Fantasy Orchids](#)]; 830 W. Cherry St.; Louisville, CO 80027
(Permission granted from Fantasy Orchids for showing portions of this video material.)

↪ **Repotting Demonstration, Hands On:** Learn when to repot your orchids, selecting the proper media, plus a hands on demonstration to show you how to do it yourself, plus tips to simplify the process, and give you the confidence to repot your orchid collection.

- **Coaches**, for the various types of orchids: **Desert Orchids** - Chuck Hanson, **Phalaenopsis** - Beth Languis and LaFern Zentz, **Other Varieties** - Melvin Bates, Dwight Languis, and Rich Sukovaty. Become an active participant in the demonstration as the best way to learn is a hands on approach and ask questions!

- Allen Bean has donated all media used in the demonstrations.

- If you will not be able to attend the meeting see "Steps to Repotting" in our [[Newsletter April 2005](#)] (last page)

➤ **PLANNING:** Members & Guests are encouraged to bring in **ONE** of their plants for repotting (small pot, 4 to 6 inch pot size), you may bring additional plants but due to time limitations we may only be able to do one for each person; we will be able to determine media requirements or answer questions regarding the remaining plants.

- **Prior to the Meeting**, plants should be watered, especially those in bark should be soaked for one hour; this will help to loosen the roots from old media and pot. Bring the next size larger pot should it be needed and if a large plant, purchase media needed.

■ **NEXT MONTH: JUNE 27** - "Orchids of Costa Rica", DVD by Keith Plank

2007 ORCHID CALENDAR FOR SALE AT MEETING:

CLEARANCE SALE for \$3.00 each, 85% off retail. These normally retail for \$14.95 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. Beautiful photographs that could be framed after you have enjoyed your calendar! Our society has purchased Orchid World calendars from World Orchid Society. Contains 24 pages, 12 color photographs and shrink-wrapped.

Pictures: Blc. Theresa Winkelmann, Dendrobium chrysotoxum, Dendrochilum wenzelii, Miltoniopsis roezlii, Vanda Sansai Blue, Odcdm. Tiger Butter x Oda. Wearside Pursuit, Miltassia Shelob 'Tolkien', Lycaste Auburn' Santa Barbara' FCC/AOS x Lycaste cruenta, Paph. hainanense x wolterianum, Dendrobium thyrsiflorum, Stanhopea Ronsard, Cattleya Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' AM/AOS.

FLOWERING ORCHID PLANTS AND MEDIA SALES AT MEETING:

(Orchids will NOT be discounted after the meeting.)

- **SALES BY SOCIETY:** Ways & Means - Coordinator, 2007; Marty Haferman (Sales: Potting Media and Supplies)
- **16 Plants Donated By:** **Finke Gardens & Nursery; 500 N. 66 St.; Lincoln, NE 68505; 466-1995**
- **13 Plants Donated By:** **Russ's Markets, Floral Dept.**
- **SALES BY MEMBERS:** Chuck Hanson will have flowering orchid plants, an assortment of orchid varieties, plus the Media: Pumice or Dyna-Rok ® for sale.

NEXT RAFFLE PLANNED FOR JUNE 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 left at the front of the meeting room.

- **April Plants donated by:** Lorna Kissling - 4 plants, Society - 2 plants.

MEETING, ACTIVITIES: (Normal Meeting Agenda and Activities will be resumed at the June Meeting.)

- **"Plant Talk"** - Members display orchids in flower and explain how they grow them/s
- **"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 \$3.00
- **Standard Mix** - one gallon bag for \$3.00
- **Coconut Husk Chips** - one gallon bag for \$3.00 (**Temporary Out of Stock**)
- **Dyna-Rok ®, Medium Grade** - one quart bag for \$3.00
- **Pot Hanger:** for 3-4 inch pot, \$1.00
- **Pot Hanger:** for 6-8 inch pot (18 inches long), \$1.50
- **Book:** Your First Orchid \$10.00, ideal reference source for the new or novice orchid grower.

LOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2007:

"Specialty Group" - Meets: Jan. April, July, & Oct.; Meeting Room 1 at 6:30 PM

"General Meeting" - Meeting Rooms 2 and 3 at 7:15 PM

Programs:

January 31 - "Orchid Show Basics", Getting plants ready for Orchid Shows and

"How to Purchase Orchids", How to select plants at Orchid Shows; by Rich Sukovaty

February 28 - "Growing Media", old and new media types; by Chuck Hanson, owner of OrchidRenaissance.com of Glenwood Iowa

March 28 - "Artificial Lighting and Orchids", **Paradigm Gardens** 8949 J St. # 5; Omaha, NE 68127; 339-4949;

April 25 - "Summering Orchids Outside" by Melvin Bates and Dwight Languis

May 30 - Perennial Plant Sales, Pot Luck Dinner, and "Repotting" Program.

- June 27 - "Orchids of Costa Rica", DVD by Keith Plank
- July 25 - Orchid Plant Auction and "Orchids, Eric Young Foundation", PBS video.
- August 29 - "ABC's of Phalaenopsis Orchids", species and hybrids, slide Program from Orchids by Hausermann
- September 26 - "Getting Orchids Ready for the Winter", pest control.
- October 31 - "Phragmipedium", Slide program from AOS.
- November 28 - "Pot Luck Dinner and Gift Exchange"
- December 26 - No Meeting

Events: (Details in Area Events listed below.)

- Feb. 17, 1 PM Orchid Seminar: "Questions & Answers"; Finke Gardens & Nursery 500 N. 66, Lincoln 466-1995
- Mar. 16-17 Husker Lawn and Leisure, Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln;
- Mar. 31- Apr. 1 Twentieth Annual Spring Orchid Show, Greater Omaha Orchid Society; Lauritzen Gardens
- June 24 : LOS, Orchid Growing Area Tour/s: Jan Learned, Melvin Bates, and Allen Bean
- Nov. 10-11 Third Annual Fall Orchid Show & Sale, Lincoln Orchid Society; (same weekend, New Location)
EDGE 64, 6400 Cornhusker Hwy.; Lincoln, NE. Admission: \$3.00, 14 and under FREE. Contact:
Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529; loshow2007@yahoo.com

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

If you would like to help contact Richard Sukovaty

- Jan. 31: Gloria Plank, Allen Bean, and Richard Sukovaty
- Feb. 28: Maureen Carpenter, Greg Arp, and Allen Bean
- Mar. 28: Betty Morrison, Arlene Porter, and LaFern Zentz
- Apr. 25: Nancy Pittman, Allen Busch, and Don Steinegger
- Jun. 27: Jane Delano, Miranda Harkrader, Carl Campbell, and Pat Giddings
- July 25: Lelia Coyne, Helen Donlan, and Marianne Grandstaff
- Aug. 29: Jan Learned, Merri Skrdla, and Anne Pamperl
- Sep. 26: Lorna Kissling, Klyda Steele, and June Ryan
- Oct. 31: Arline Fowler, Sheryol Otjen, Pat Giddings

OFFICERS/ CONTACT INFORMATION:

Board of Directors, 8 Members: Allen Bean, Rich Sukovaty, Miranda Harkrader, LaFern Zentz, Nancy Pittman, Anne Pamperl, Melvin Bates, and Beth Languis.

Officers:

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| 1) President, 9/05-9/07: Allen Bean | AOS Representative: Dwight Languis |
| 2) Vice President, 9/05-9/07: Rich Sukovaty | MAOC Representative: Allen Bean |
| 3) Secretary, 9/05-9/07: LaFern Zentz | Web Master: Rich Sukovaty |
| 4) Treasurer, 9/05-9/07: Miranda Harkrader | Newsletter Editors: Dwight and Beth Languis |
| 5) Board Member, 9/06-9/08: Nancy Pittman | Historian/ Librarian: Rich Sukovaty |
| 6) Board Member, 9/06-9/08: Melvin Bates | Program - Coordinator: Rich Sukovaty |
| 7) Board Member, 5/07-9/08: Anne Pamperl | Publicity: Dwight Languis |
| 8) President - Retired, 9/05-9/07: Beth Languis | Courtesy Committee - Coordinator: Jan Learned |
| Past Presidents: Don Steinegger, Beth Languis,
Dave Taylor, Tim Janssen | Membership, Coordinator: Dwight Languis |
| | Refreshments Committee - Coordinator: LaFern Zentz |

Show Chairman, 2007: Lorna Kissling

Specialty Group - Coordinator, 2007: Allen Bean (Focus on New Growers, Meetings Quarterly)

Ways & Means - Coordinator, 2007: Marty Haferman (Sales: Potting Media and Supplies)

TREASURY REPORT: (May 7, 2007)

Beginning Balance:	\$921.31
Expenses, Bank Fee:	\$5.00
Expenses, Plant Order, Dwight Languis:	\$197.00
Expenses, MAOC, Show Registration and AOS Trophy	\$150.00
Expenses, Newsletter and Operating Expenses; Dwight Languis:	\$390.02
Expenses, Ways & Means - Restock Media; Marty Haferman:	\$70.25
Expenses Total:	\$812.27

Income, Bank Interest:	\$0.09
Income, Group Order, Carmela:	\$78.88
Income, Group Order, Pots:	\$135.89
Income, Raffle:	\$68.00
Income, Sales:	
Calendars: (4 x \$3)	\$12.00
Plants, Orchids:	\$78.00
Potting Media: (4 x \$3)	\$12.00
Income Total:	\$384.86
Ending Balance:	\$493.80

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

Sunday June 3, 2:00 - 4:30 PM at Gere Library, 56th St. & Normal Blvd., Room 2 (East end of hallway).

■ **BOARD DECISIONS:**

- Approve payment to Dwight; Expenses, Newsletter and Operating Costs.
- Authorize purchase of Disposable Badges.
- Decision to hold meeting at NHI and cancel reservation at Mahoney Park.
- Finalize activities and itinerary for May and June.
- Investigate Carpool for membership to attend "Speaker's Day" hosted by Central Iowa Orchid Society **July 29**.

■ **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, Jan Learned

■ **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

■ **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Anne Pamperl has accepted appointment to the Board of Director 5/07-9/08. She has previous experience working other clubs, societies, and organizations that will benefit LOS in meeting our goals. In behalf of the society, we welcome her to the Board of Directors.

■ **MEMBERSHIP, NEW/ RENEWALS AVAILABLE AT MAY MEETING:**

Dues, New or Renewal: **\$11 00 annually**, Single or Family Membership to the same household. Fiscal year is from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008. Memberships received during **May, June and July 2007** are applied towards the following year. Please complete the "**Membership Application/ Renewal**" form available at meeting, posted on our website, or request by mail at following address. Completion of the form is necessary to ensure delivery of your Newsletter by postal or e-mail, should we encounter an problems; plus proper credit of your account. Monthly meetings, pay dues to **Membership, Coordinator:** Dwight Languis or mail by sending "**Membership Application/ Renewal**" form with payment, personal check or money order made payable to LOS (do not mail cash) and mail to:
Lincoln Orchid Society LOS; P.O. Box 5501; Lincoln, NE 68505-5501

Benefits - Advantages of Membership:

- Youth Membership, FREE to anyone 18 years of age or younger.
- New Members receive a free orchid plant at monthly meeting.
- Monthly Newsletter and News Releases via e-mail, or only postal edition of Monthly Newsletter.
- Monthly Plant Raffle.
- Group Purchases, items and plants not available locally at discounted prices.
- Library of Orchid Literature. (To check out items from the Library, contact Rich Sukovaty)

ORCHID GROWING AREA, TOURS:

Sunday June 24, 2:00-5:00 PM This year the membership has the opportunity to visit the residences of three of our society members. The event allows you to actually see how each person is growing their orchids outside during the Summer, the opportunity ask questions, and gain tips that you can apply to growing your own orchids.

➤ **TOUR ITINERARY:**

- **Tour #1, 2:00 - 3:00 PM:** Residence of Melvin Bates. View massive display of Hardy Orchids, *Bletilla striata* (Chinese Ground Orchid) located near entrance of home and see how orchids can be hung in tree branches to regulate light exposure and provide protection from storm damage.
- **Tour #2, 3:00 - 4:00 PM:** Residence of Allen and Janette Bean. The entire garden is landscaped in perennials. Orchids are summered outside on a deck and an overhead lattice provides filtered light and storm protection. Allen is also a Master Gardener and can answer many of your horticultural questions
- **Tour #3, 4:00 - 5:00 PM:** Residence of Jan and Doug Learned. The yard is landscaped in annuals, perennials, and ornamental shrubs; and includes a fountain plus many lawn decorations. Their residence is located in an older neighborhood heavily wooded with mature trees which provides filtered light and storm protection. Orchids are summered inside a 3 season Sunroom and outside throughout the yard. Various locations are utilized to meet the different light requirements for the orchids in her collection.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

➤ **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

- **Volunteers:** Three volunteers needed to serve on the Nominating Committee, sign up list at meeting or contact Allen Bean by **July 14** for consideration; if none received the positions will be appointed by the President. Membership approval by election at the July meeting of the Candidates for the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominees shall first have been obtained. Members of the Nominating Committee can NOT be considered as Nominee for any office.
- **Responsibility:** The Nominating Committee is to prepare the following report: "Tentative Slate of Officers, Names of Nominees" for the to be presented at the August meeting to be voted on at the September meeting by the membership. The committee shall select one or more candidates for each position of office to be filled: by consent of incumbent for re-election, from a list of volunteers, or persons selected from the membership and their prior consent obtained to serve the position of office. Nominees must have active interest in the objectives and goals of our Society, and should have but not required to have previous experience working other clubs, societies, and organizations that would benefit LOS.
- **Selection of Officers:** Four Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer 9/05-9/07; to be elected to serve a two year term (Sept. 2007 to Sept. 2009) at the annual meeting in September. The terms of office become effective immediately. Nominees should attend the September Board Meeting.
Anyone interested in serving as an Officer are encouraged to contact one of the members of the current Board of Directors or Nominating Committee.

- Sign up list at meeting.

➤ **SHOW COMMITTEE:**

- If you would like to help with our Fall Orchid Show, please contact our Show Chairman:
Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529 loshow2007@yahoo.com
We will soon be establishing additional committees and begin Show Committee Meetings to finalize show details.

FABULOUS ORCHID TOUR OF ECUADOR:

By Chuck Hanson

The Ecuagenera Orchid Tour will be 15 days in length. Departure will be between 4/15/08 and 5/15/08, final dates to be set later this year. We will travel from Quito in the north to Pangui in the south and from sea level to 12,000'. We will see active, snow-capped volcanoes. We should see several hundred species of orchids in flower plus many species of bromeliads and gesneriads. Our leader will be Pepe Portilla, the Executive President of Ecuagenera. Pepe is a most personable and knowledgeable person, someone that you will forever after consider a friend. All travel will be on a first class tourist bus with no more than 22 people. All accommodations will be near first class to first class. All activity levels will be accommodated. There will be jungle walks for those interested and easy strolls through orchid rich habitat for those who don't feel up to a more strenuous jungle hike. We will have ample opportunity to see indigenous peoples and will be entertained occasionally by musicians and dancers. We will also have the opportunity to sample some of the wonderful jungle fruits that will be in season then.

Ecuador is a very safe country to travel in. The currency is the US dollar, the electrical current is 110 AC and they drive on the proper side of the road. The people are very open and friendly and the food will be guaranteed Gringo safe. We will visit all three of Ecuagenera's fabulous nurseries and will have the opportunity to buy plants at all three. Be prepared to go crazy when you see these nurseries! Prices for plants at the nurseries will be almost 1/2 of the price that the plants are sold for at shows in the US. Any plants purchased will be processed for CITES permits and phytosanitary permits and then shipped to us in Omaha.

Ecuagenera is a unique business world wide. They sell NO field collected plants. All plants are grown from seed processed through their own very large and modern orchid seed lab where they produce thousands of flasks of orchid seedlings monthly. Ecuagenera is a family business, started and run by the Portilla family. They are very dedicated to conservation and use the proceeds from sales to purchase large tracts of lands to set aside as preserves and to fund a primary and secondary school and a University. They very wisely recognize that the key to conservation is education. All of their employees and families are offered free education.

*The cost of the 15 day tour will be \$1,800 plus airfare, which should be \$600-\$700 from Omaha. The total cost should certainly be well below \$3,000. For more info concerning [Ecuagenera \[Click Here \]](#)
For more info on the tour contact Chuck Hanson at chuck@orchidrenaissance.com or 712-520-0082*

INVITATION FOR LOS, SPECIAL EVENTS AT GOOS MEETINGS:

Sunday June 10, 1:00 PM Annual picnic and auction at Orchid Renaissance, [Map \[Click Here\]](#). **Directions** from Lincoln: Interstate 80 East to I-29 South to Exit 35, US 34; Left on US 34, past the Glenwood exit 1/2 mile to Levi Rd.; right on Levi Rd. 5 miles South to junction with Pease Rd. at the top of steep hill; right on Pease Rd. 2.5 miles to 65364.

Wednesday July 11, 7:15 PM Erich Michel of Hoosier Orchids will speak on "Madagascan Orchids".
slides by Fred Hillerman

- **Itineraries:** See article in **Articles of Interest/ GOOS**
- **LOS Carpool:** We will have sign up sheets at meeting to investigate interest in forming carpool/s.

SPEAKER'S DAY, CARPOOL:

Sunday July 29 "Speaker's Day" hosted by Central Iowa Orchid Society provides you the opportunity to listen to commercial orchid hybridizers and growers. Many of our society members attend this annual event. Some attend the special event Saturday night and stay overnight to attend the "Speaker's Day" the following day, while others leave very early Sunday morning to attend only the "Speaker's Day".

- **Itinerary:** See article in **Area Events, Orchid Related.**
- **LOS Carpool:** We will have sign up sheets at meeting to investigate interest in forming carpool/s.
- **[Registration Form:]** Deadline for discounted admission: **July 15**, LOS can not guarantee availability of carpool.

■ HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIVE ORCHID PROGRAM:

Jim Pyrzynski, with Greater Omaha Orchid Society, presented a slide presentation "Orchids of Nebraska and Beyond" at the May 10 meeting of the Wachiska Audubon Society, Lincoln. The program featured photographs of Native Orchids of North America and Canada taken by Mr. Pyrzynski during his travels. Conservation and rescue of Native Orchids was discussed. Guests also had the opportunity to view a *Cypripedium* hybrid in flower grown by Mr. Pyrzynski.

■ 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.** *Where would you recommend a beginner get information on how to grow orchids?*

1) **A.** Attend meetings at a local orchid society in YOUR area as they have experience as to the orchid varieties that would do well for you. They will provide you with tips and information that will help you to be successful growing orchids, so you do not have to learn the hard way through trial and error. If you do not attend the events you miss the educational opportunities available, as well as the fellowship of others who share your interest and hobby. If there is not a society in your area libraries and the Internet have a wealth of information available but consider the author's location as recommendations are for THEIR location.

Orchid Society Information: With the following two Internet links you can locate an orchid society. The first are societies that are affiliated with the American Orchid Society <http://www.aos.org/aos/affiliate/page21.aspx> navigate the site by selecting your geographical location. The second lists all societies, some may be new organizations that are not affiliated with the American Orchid Society <http://www.orchidmall.com/society.htm> geographical locations are listed and societies are listed alphabetically; to quickly find one on this page click on **Edit** function of your browser (top of screen on Internet Explorer or Netscape) then click **Find**, type abbreviation for State and click **Match case** then click **Find Next**; this will find your information. To close the **Find** Window click the X, upper right corner. Note, the Find Window also works in your Word Processor (text documents).

2) **Q.** *Where can I find information to identify Native Orchids?*

2) **A. Native Orchid Information:** Most States publish field identification guides of their native Wildflowers, for an example of [Nebraska Wildflowers](#) which lists flowering season and flower color. Local orchid societies also list information for Native Orchids in their State on their web-sites. A resource on North America Native Orchids and listing by State, use the following web-site: than click on State for species list, then on name to view picture, description, and distribution.
http://www.orchids.org/ooc/na_orchids/us_orchids_java.shtml

■ 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

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:

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

Contact Rich to check out from the LOS Library.

March 2007 Issue: Orchids in Art - *Dendrophylax lindenii*, American Legends: Lager and Hurrell, Introduction: On Recent Name Changes, *Prosthecha ionophlebia* and *Prosthecha chacaoensis*, Natural Intraspecific Hybridization in the *Paphiopedilum* Species, Two Additional Taxa in the Genus *Tuberolabium*, Orchid Checklist, Beginners Start Here, Dinema

and Nidema, Growing the Best Phalaenopsis - Part 3, Books: [Orchids for Florida](#), [Wild Orchids of the Prairies and Great Plains Region of North America](#), Second Commemorative Poster Released, AOS Nomenclatural Task Force Interim Report, Orchid of the Month: Cohniella.

April 2007 Issue: Cattleya Species Now in Flower, Orchids in Art - Promeneia stapeliodes, Cypripediums In China - Part IV, Cuitlauzina pendula, April: Bloomin' Fools, Small Wonders, Coelogyne speciosa, Growing the Best Phalaenopsis - Part 4, Books: [Icones Pleurothallidinarum](#), Welcome 19WOC Attendees, OCI Funds Conservation Efforts in Mexico and Colombian Andes, Deciduous Dendrobiums, What the Artist Says: Promeneia stapeliodes.

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

• **Newsletter, July 2006:** <http://midamericanorchids.org/MidAmerican/MidAmNewsJul2006.pdf>

MAOC Fall Show, Report of MAOC Spring Show, Entering Your Orchids In A Show, Congratulations to Lowell Jacks, Future Mid America Congress Dates, Officers and Committee Chairpersons, MAOC Fall Registration Form

• **Newsletter, Feb. 2007:** <http://midamericanorchids.org/MidAmerican/MidAmNewsFeb2007.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.

(Members without Internet, contact Allen Bean for your copy of [The Mid-American](#) issue Feb. 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>

- June 10, 1:00 PM Annual picnic and auction at Orchid Renaissance
- July 11 Program: Erich Michel of Hoosier Orchids will speak on "Madagascan Orchids", slides by Fred Hillerman
- August 8 Program: "Orchid Tour of Ecuador" by Chuck Hanson
- September 12 Program: Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids will present a program "Brazilian Cattleya Alliance, how to succeed with species and hybrids".
- October 10 Program: "Genus Eulophia" presented by Scott Evans.
- November 14 Program: "Orchids" PBS Video
- December 12, 7:00 PM, Annual Holiday Party. Venue to be announced.

■ **AREA EVENTS, ORCHID RELATED:** http://aos.org/aos/events/documents/ShowSchedule_009.pdf (List)

June 24: LOS, Orchid Growing Area Tours; see article above.

July 11 , 7:30 PM Greater Omaha Orchid Society; Douglas/ Sarpy County Extension Office; 8015 West Center Rd.; Omaha. **Guest Speaker:** Erich Michel of [Hoosier Orchids](#) will speak on "Madagascan Orchids", slides by Fred Hillerman. They will also be bringing plants for sale.

June 12, 7:30 PM Meeting of Denver Orchid Society; Denver Botanic Gardens; John C. Mitchell Hall; 1005 York St.; Denver, CO 80206. Speaker: Greg Butler from [Oak Hil Gardens](#) will speak on "Erias of Interest - a floriferous and funky genus of Epidendroideae". Plants available for sale.

July 15 Deadline for discounted admission to "Speaker's Day" hosted by Central Iowa Orchid Society **July 29.**

July 29 "Speaker's Day", Central Iowa Orchid Society at Camp Dodge, 77 NW Beaver Dr., Johnston, Iowa (just North of Des Moines). Registration Fee \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door. Contact: Leo Schlunz, 422 S. 5th St.; Chariton, IA 50049-22402 or <http://www.c-we.com/cios/>

[**Registration Form:**] Deadline for discounted admission: **July 15**

Speakers: Peter Lin of Big Leaf Orchids [Big Leaf Orchids](#) and George Hatfield of [Hatfield Orchids](#).

Peter Lin will speak on the importance of Phalaenopsis gigantea in modern novelty hybrids and the use of Phalaenopsis species in the development of modern red hybrids by American hybridizers (this talk will also be given at the 2007 Taiwan Orchid Show).

George Hatfield will speak on miniature Cymbidiums and pendulous Cymbidiums.

The event includes: continental breakfast, plant sale at 8 a.m., buffet lunch and afternoon dessert bar. NOTE: A picture ID is required for entrance into Camp Dodge (Military Facility).

July 28, 7-10 PM Informal meeting with the speakers at the home of Elaine Notis; 6003 Redland Ct.; Johnston, Iowa
Sept. 12, 7:30 PM Greater Omaha Orchid Society; Douglas/ Sarpy County Extension Office; 8015 West Center Rd.; Omaha. **Guest Speaker:** Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids will present a program "Brazilian Cattleya Alliance, how to succeed with species and hybrids".

Sept. 21-23, Fri-Sat 8-5, Sun 10-3 15th Annual, Chicagoland Orchid Festival; Chicago, IL. Festival takes place simultaneously at four different locations: Oak Hill Gardens, Windsong Orchids, Orchids by Hausermann, and Natt's Orchids. All four growers will feature lectures, refreshments, greenhouse visitation, and visiting: US and Overseas growers and speakers. <http://www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com/>

Oct. 13-14, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4 Denver Orchid Society, Fall Orchid Show & Sale; Denver Botanic Gardens, John C. Mitchell Hall, 1005 York St.; Denver, CO. Cost is free with Denver Botanic Gardens admission. (720) 865-3500 webmaster@denverorchidsociety.org or http://www.denverorchidsociety.org/fall_show.html

Oct. 19-21 AOS Members Fall Meeting; AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden; Delray Beach, Florida. Contact: cjholdren@gmail.com

Nov. 10-11 Third Annual Fall Orchid Show & Sale, Lincoln Orchid Society; EDGE 64, 6400 Cornhusker Hwy.; Lincoln, NE. Admission: \$3.00, 14 and under FREE. Contact: Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529; loshow2007@yahoo.com

Nov. 17-18 "Orchids and All That Jazz", Kansas City Orchid Expo/ MAOC Show; Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City; Hilton Garden Inn; Independence, MO. Contact: Beth Martin; 15523 Johnson Drive; Shawnee, KS 66217 913-248-8669 bethdoug@kc.rr.com or <http://www.osgkc.org/show.htm>

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Jan. 23-27, 2008 "Orchids—Nature's Masterpiece"™, 19th 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 or Col. Kenneth M. Kone, Cochair; 5571 Northeast 26th Ave.; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33308; kenkone@earthlink.net ; Web site: <http://www.19woc.com>

■ **AREA EVENTS:** Additional Lists <http://www.visitnebraska.org> http://www.kfor1240.com/lincoln_events/
<http://www.kolnkgin.com/community> <http://www.lincolnkidsinc.com/>

■ **Photography Contest:** Nebraska Statewide Arboretum "A Year in the Garden" entry deadline Sept. 14. Rules and entry forms <http://arboretum.unl.edu> or by calling 402-472-2971. The contest is open to all persons but entries are limited to four images each.

■ **Artwork, Photography, Collectable Contest, Floral Competition:** Lincoln Orchid Society, Third Annual Fall Orchid Show, entry deadline Nov. 9. Open to all persons but entries content must be orchid related. Contact: Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529

May - Sept. Lincoln Farmers Market, Piedmont Shops; Cotner & A St.; **Saturdays** 8:00 AM to Noon; Vendors

May-Oct. Lincoln's Haymarket Farmers Market, 7th & 'P' St.; **Saturdays** 8:00 AM to Noon; Craft, Horticultural & Food Vendors

May-Oct. Farmers Market, Old Cheney Center; 5500 Old Cheney Rd.; **Sundays** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM; Craft, Horticultural & Food Vendors

May -Oct. [Omaha Farmers Market](#) 11th & Jackson; **Saturdays** 8:00 AM to 12:30; Horticultural & Food Vendors

June -Sept. . [Omaha Farmers Market](#), 11th & Howard; **Wednesdays** 3:00 - 7:00 PM; Horticultural & Food Vendors

June 1 Omaha Rose Show held at Lauritzen Gardens, [Omaha Botanical Center](#), 100 Bancroft St., Omaha NE 68108, 402-346-4002. Daily 9 AM to 5 PM, Admission: \$7.00

June 2, 9:30-11:00 AM "Wildflower Wonders", Pioneers Park Nature Center; Register by **May 30**, fee: \$6.00, 441-7895

June 3, 1:00-4:00 PM Shady Choice Hosta Society, Annual Plant Sale; Jensen Specialized Printing, 1446 S. 13 St,

Omaha <http://www.shadychoice.org/>

June 9, 7:30-9:00 AM Lincoln Garden Club; Breakfast, Bethany Park Shelter, 65th and Vine St; Donations: \$3.50/adults and \$1.50/under 12.

June 9, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM Lincoln Garden Club - Garden Tours, FREE; call 310-7177 for more information.

June 9, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Plant Sale; greenhouse on UNL East Campus; 472-2971. Directions to Greenhouse: Take Huntington St. to 38th St. and turn South (North entrance to UNL East Campus); Go 1 block South and turn East, NSA banner is on greenhouse.

• Plant List: <http://arboretum.unl.edu/plantsales.html> or call the NSA.

June 10, 1-4 PM Wachiska Audubon Society Prairie Walk at Dieken Prairie, 1 mile South and 3/4 West of Unadilla.

June 15-16, Fr 8:30-6:30, Sa 10:00-5:00 Art Show and Sale held at Cambpbell's Garden Center, 56 & Pine Lake Rd., 423-1133. Features local artists in jewelry, pottery, and sculpture. A portion of proceeds to Cedars Home for Children.

June 22, 9 AM - 1 PM Household Hazardous Waste Collections - Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Dept. (LLCHD), 441-8040 Collection for heavy metals, fluorescent lamps, solvents, pesticides (including those EPA banned), and PCBs. Call or view web page for complete list. Collections dates and locations:

<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/environ/pollu/waste/pdf/wstcolec.pdf>

Fri. June 22 Union College, Parking Lot, 52nd & Cooper 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sat. June 23 NE Wesleyan University, Parking Lot, 56th & Huntington 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 8 Goodyear Tire & Rubber, 4021 North 56th Street 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 6 Lincoln Plating, 600 West E Street 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 3 State Fair Park, 4-H Youth Complex 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

July, Fridays, 10-4 Sam Hill Gardens 9405 NW 112th St.; Malcolm, NE 68402; 402-796-2191; Located 1 1/8 mi. North of US Highway 34 on NW 112th Street, (Southwest of Malcolm). 'Daylily Daze' will not be held this year.

Aug. 1-5 Lancaster County Fair, Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln; 441-6545 FREE Admission.

<http://www.lancastereventcenter.com/fair.html>

Sept. 9 Fall Rose Show, Lincoln Rose Society, Auld Recreation Center located in Antelope Park, South of "A" Street.

Oct. 15, 7:00 PM Lincoln Rose Society, Antelope Park Shelter House, North of Auld Recreation Center, 486-1420 "Roses and Climate Change"

■ 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 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>

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**Powell Gardens
Annual Orchid Show**

**1609 NW US Hwy. 50; Kingsville, Missouri
March 10 - May 6, 2007**

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April 21, Lincoln Orchid Society Tour of Powell Gardens and Bird's Botanicals



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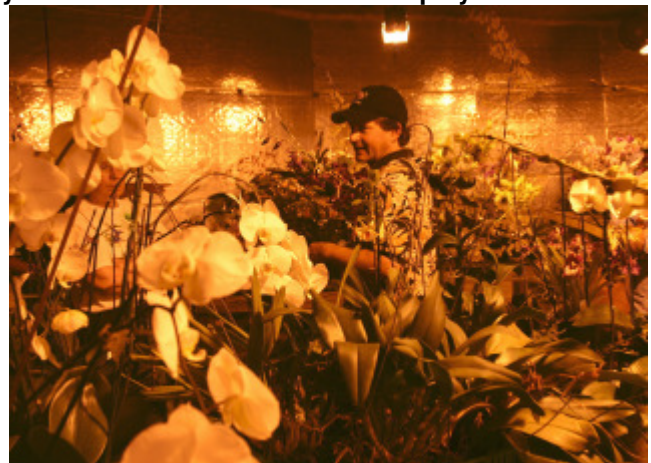
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