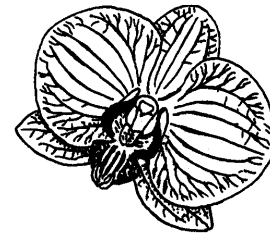




Orchid Newsletter

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: AUGUST 29 (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.

GENERAL MEETING at 7:15 PM, Class Rooms 1-2

➤ "Guest Night"

- First time visitors and guests have a chance to win a blooming Phalaenopsis.
- LOS members: invite your friends, neighbors, relatives, coworkers, or acquaintances that share your passion for orchids! You too can have the opportunity to win, a non blooming plant. (Your guest must not be part of your household to qualify for the drawing.)
- Members to introduce their guests and introduction will be requested of guests.

➤ Program:

"ABC's of Phalaenopsis Orchids", species and hybrids, audio and slide Program from Orchids by Hausermann. One of the many rental educational programs available to orchid societies. This 30 minute program covers the "Basics of Growing Phalaenopsis" plus pictures of selected species and discussion their progeny (hybrids).

Many of the Phalaenopsis species are just as easy to grow and flower as the hybrids. Learn which varieties are good choices for growing in your home.

➤ Sales by Members:

- Chuck Hanson will have flowering orchid plants, an assortment of orchid varieties, plus Media: Pumice & Dyna-Rok ®.

NEXT MONTH, MEETING: SEPTEMBER 26

GENERAL MEETING at 7:15 PM, Class Rooms 2-3

➤ Election of Officers

➤ **Program:** "Getting Orchids Ready for the Winter", Pest Control.

FUTURE MEETING: OCTOBER 31

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.
Next meeting will be January 2008.

➤ **Program:** "Potting and Mounting Orchid" AOS Video VHS (28 minutes)

GENERAL MEETING at 7:15 PM, Class Rooms 2-3

➤ **Program Topic Changed:** "Paphiopedilum bellatulum and its Progeny". Slide program from AOS. The breeding habits and characteristics of the popular Paphiopedilum specie are the subjects of this interesting program by Bernice H. Steiner. (40 minutes)

■ RAFFLE PLANNED FOR AUGUST 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.

- **July Raffle: Plants donated by:** Chuck Hanson - 1 plant, Society - 5 plants
- **August Plants donated by:** Society

■ MEETING, ACTIVITIES:

- **"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 \$4.00
 - **Standard Mix** - one gallon bag for \$4.00
 - **Coconut Husk Chips** - one gallon bag for \$4.00 (**Out of Stock**)
 - **Dyna-Rok ®, Medium Grade** - one quart 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.

■ 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:

June 27 - "Orchids of Costa Rica", travel pictures 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. (Panel Discussion)

October 31 - "Potting and Mounting Orchid" AOS Video

"Paphiopedilum bellatulum and its Progeny". Slide program from AOS

November 28 - "Pot Luck Dinner and Gift Exchange"

December 26 - No Meeting

Events: (Details in Area Events listed below.)

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 Tours: 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.)

Refreshments Committee - Coordinator: LaFern Zentz

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

■ **GREETER:** (One volunteer each month, to open entrance door and greet Membership and Guests to meeting.)
July 25: Beth Languis, **Aug. 29:** Jeannette Bean, **Sep. 26:** Anne Pamperl, **Oct. 31:** Allen Bean.

■ **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:

- 1) **President, 9/05-9/07:** Allen Bean
- 2) **Vice President, 9/05-9/07:** Rich Sukovaty
- 3) **Secretary, 9/05-9/07:** LaFern Zentz
- 4) **Treasurer, 9/05-9/07:** Miranda Harkrader
- 5) **Board Member, 9/06-9/08:** Nancy Pittman
- 6) **Board Member, 9/06-9/08:** Melvin Bates
- 7) **Board Member, 5/07-9/08:** Anne Pamperl
- 8) **President - Retired, 9/05-9/07:** Beth Languis

Past Presidents: Don Steinegger, Beth Languis, Dave Taylor, Tim Janssen

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)

AOS Representative: Dwight Languis

MAOC Representative: Allen Bean

Web Master: Rich Sukovaty

Newsletter Editors: Dwight and Beth Languis

Historian/ Librarian: Rich Sukovaty

Program - Coordinator: Rich Sukovaty

Publicity: Dwight Languis

Courtesy Committee - Coordinator: Jan Learned

Membership, Coordinator: Dwight Languis

Refreshments Committee - Coordinator: LaFern Zentz

■ **TREASURY REPORT:** (July 15, 2007)

Beginning Balance:	\$640.30
Expenses, Bank Fee:	\$5.00
Expenses, Newsletter Expenses - June:	\$6.95
Expenses Total:	\$11.95
Income, Auction:	\$204.00
Income, Bank Interest:	\$0.14
Income, Memberships (2 Renewals, 0 New x \$11):	\$22.00
Income, Raffle:	\$43.00
Income, Sales:	
Plants, Orchids (2 x \$10):	\$20.00
Potting Media (2 x \$4):	\$8.00
Income Total:	\$297.14
Ending Balance:	\$925.49

Donations, August 12:

- Dwight Languis - Newsletter: 16 double sided color copies, plus \$6.00 off copy cost;
- New Growers Group: Program - Dendrobium 27 Copies;
- Refreshment Committee: Styrofoam Plates - 6 inch, 45 count and 9 inch, 150 count; Forks, Plastic, 50 count.

■ **BOARD DECISIONS:**

- Approve payment, July Newsletter.
- Authorized Purchase one bag each of "Standard Mix" and "Coconut Husk Chips", Greg Arp will get at ChicagoLand to save shipping.
- "Guest Night" - Award one flowering Phalaenopsis to guest and one non-flowering plant to those who invited guest.
- Authorized 6 months renewal of Post Office Box.
- Create "Kitchen Committee"
- Greeters assigned to allow access into NHI.
- Finalize activities and itinerary for August Meeting.

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

- Sunday September 9, 2:00 - 4:30 PM at Gere Library, 56th St. & Normal Blvd., Room 2 (East end of hallway).

■ **SHOW COMMITTEE, MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- Monday Sept. 10, 7:00 PM at home of Lorna Kissling

■ **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

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

➤ **Current memberships expire August 31.**

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 web-site, May Newsletter, 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)

■ **AUDITING COMMITTEE:**

The Auditing Committee is responsible for auditing the Treasurer's accounts following the regular August meeting and will render a report at the regular September meeting.

1) Auditor: Gary Busek, 2) Auditor: Tom McDonald, 3) Auditor: Rich Sukovaty

PROGRAM COMMITTEE, 2008:

Request of membership to submit your comments about past Programs and Events, and ideas for new ones at our meetings (what problems you have or information you need); help us, so we can help you!

This will assist the committee in scheduling events and programs for our Calendar of Events 2008.

Please reply by Sept. 8:

🕒 **At the August 29 Meeting:** Bring a list of your comments to Dwight and Beth Languis, Editors.

✉ **By E-mail:** "[Contact Us](#)" link posted on our web-site.

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, ACCEPTED:

The Board has made the following appointments as candidates for the Nominating Committee. The slate of nominees was posted in the July edition of the *Orchid Newsletter*. At the July 25 General Meeting a Motion was made and second to accept the slate of nominees as the Nominating Committee; vote by membership, unanimous approval.

Coordinator: Dwight Languis, 1) Jan Learned, 2) Anne Pamperl, 3) Anne Vidaver

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, REPORT:

The committee has prepared the following report: Names of Nominees for the August meeting to be voted on at the September meeting.

Tentative Slate of Officers and Board Member (five positions), two year term:

(Three current Board Members plus above for eight Board of Directors as required per By-Laws.)

- 1) **President, 9/08-9/10:** ----- Dave Taylor
- 2) **Vice President, 9/08-9/10:** ----- Don Steinegger
- 3) **Secretary, 9/08-9/10:** ----- Miranda Harkrader
- 4) **Treasurer, 9/08-9/10:** ----- Allen Bean
- 5) **Board Member, Interim, 9/08-9/10:** ----- Betty Morrison

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Unless noted, a Sign Up list will be available for each Committee at the August 29 Meeting; if you can not attend, contact us via one of the methods listed above for PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

- **KITCHEN COMMITTEE:** responsible for setting up the refreshments, making coffee, and cleaning up after meeting.
- **PROGRAM COMMITTEE, 2008:** determine events and programs for the society by review input received, schedule speakers, reserve slide programs, and develop a CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2008.
- **NATIVE ORCHID CONSERVATION PROJECTS:** your help is needed to assist Tim Janssen, Jim Pyrzynski, Melvin Bates, and Spencer Trowbridge with native orchid conservation. Open schedule and level of participation of your choice. Projects typically done during week but may include weekends with overnight stays as most locations are not near the greater Lincoln metro area. Learn to identify native orchids by leaf type and other indicators, count plants for population monitoring, record data and mapping for research and governmental documentation. Assist with relocating orchids threatened by construction projects. For additional information or If you would like to help, please contact Tim Janssen 476-3877.
- **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

ALAN KOCH OF GOLD COUNTRY ORCHIDS, GUEST SPEAKER AT GOOS:

Sept. 12, 6:30 PM Greater Omaha Orchid Society GOOS at the Joslyn Castle, 3902 Davenport Street in Omaha.

Guest Speaker: Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids will present a program "Brazilian Cattleya Alliance, how to succeed with species and hybrids". Fee, proceeds from the event will be donated to the Joslyn Castle fund. Speaker to many Orchid Societies and author of two articles published in *ORCHIDS*, Monthly Magazine of the American Orchid Society, both in the June 2007 issue: "My Addiction to Miniature Cattleyas" page 426 and "Hybridizing Miniature Cattleyas for Orchid Hobby Growers" page 429. **Plants available for purchase.**

■ TOUR OF NATIVE PRAIRIE:

Sept. 23, 2:00-4:00 PM Hosted by [Wachiska Audubon Society](#), Lincoln 486-4846. Opportunity to see Deacon Prairie near Unadilla Nebraska (Southeast of Lincoln). It is hoped that *Spiranthes cernua* (Native Orchid) and a number of wildflowers, including the Downy Gentian will be in flower.

Additional information or to verify plants in flower, contact Tim Janssen 476-3877.

● CAR POOL AVAILABLE:

If you would like to attend and do not have transportation please contact: Tim Janssen 476-3877.

■ CIOS SPEAKERS DAY REPORT, JULY 29:

Several LOS members attended the Central Iowa Speakers Day, July 29, at Camp Dodge, IA. Members in attendance included: Karen Rovang, Mel Bates, Chuck Hanson, and Tim Janssen. Chuck Hanson had four plants which received AOS awards: *Sophranitis braedei*, AM, 80 pts.; *Polystachya rosea*, CBR; *Maxillaria brachybulbon*, CBR; *Oeceoclades lonchophylla*, CBR. Congratulations Chuck. The speaker were interesting and informative plus the food is always great.

■ ORCHID AUCTION, HIGHLIGHTS; JULY 25:

Officiating as Auctioneer was Greg Arp, who made the auction a lively and entertaining event.

• **Donations donated by:** Greg Arp - 1 Orchid & 2 Plants, Allen Bean - 5 Orchids, Wes and Carol Chistensen - 2 Orchid Items, Chuck Hanson - 5 Orchids, Society - 5 Orchids.

■ 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 been using Distilled Water for my orchids, can I use the water from my dehumidifier?*

1a) A. Water Quality Required for Orchids and Tropical Plants: Glad to hear that you are not using tap water! You have saved yourself from a lot of problems and disappointments in growing orchids and many other house plants due to the use municipal water. Especially in the Mid-West the water is "Hard", contains high levels of minerals, mainly Calcium, though beneficial in minuet amounts the concentration level in Mid-West water will quickly change the pH of the media from slightly acidic which required of most orchids to alkaline; continued use of hard tap water will: shorten life of media, difficult to remoisten media and will cause it to dry out quicker, plus impede the plants ability to take in moisture and use any fertilizer that is applied. Municipal water also contains Chloramines to eliminate bacteria and Fluoride for dental heath but both will have harmful effects on plants, those with thin leaves being the most sensitive to these chemicals. Symptoms from excessive minerals and salts will be dieing of the leaves, beginning at the leaf tip and progressively back to the base of the leaf.

1b) A. Water for Orchids and Tropical Plants: The most cost effective method and used by most of our membership is to have barrels under the down spouts to catch rain off the roof of their home. Some precautions: do not use rain water from under the drip line of a Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra* L.) and Butternut (*Juglans cinerea* L.) both emit Juglone a chemical that is toxic to most plants ✱. You must keep your gutter relatively clean of dirt and debris that will quickly foul the water and should not be used as the high bacteria levels can make the plants sick or die, and in the Fall the dead tree leaves contain tannin (especially Oak trees) that leach into the water which can also have harmful effects on plants. You must have a screen or cover over the barrel to prevent animals from falling into it and drowning and lastly properly store it to prevent a nesting area for mosquitoes. Another option is to buy the water refills in the grocery stores which is processed by Reverse Osmosis (RO Water) which removes impurities by physically filtering them out, this process cost less per gallon to produce than Distilling which separates impurities by heating the water into steam and condensing the vapors. The local Building Supply Stores sell under sink units RO Systems and business that install water softener systems sell higher capacity RO systems. To maximize the life of the RO System it should be connected to softened water. Check the efficiency ratings before you buy as they do vary, typically you get one gallon of RO water for ten gallons used. If you have only a few plants, collecting the water from the Dehumidifier will also work, the process condenses humidity in the air into water, though it is not pure as it will also contain dust and any contaminates in the air. The number of plants you have will effect which method you can use. Always use water with the same temperature as the ambient air temperature, to prevent

plant injury. *"Black Walnut Toxicity to Plants, Humans and Horses" Ohio State University Extension Fact Sheet HYG-1148-93 <http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/1000/1148.html>

2) Q. *I have read a number of books and also Internet Postings that Orchids benefit from soft water, is softened water the same thing? I have been using the un-softened tap water.*

2) A. **How to Kill Plants, Use Softened Water:** The term "Soft" water as frequently used in many references, is water that has a low mineral content. Unfortunately the term is being confused many times with "Softened Water" which is NOT the same! Soaps and detergents react chemically with the Calcium so they no longer work properly and produce a residue on the surface. The process to "Soften" water involves taking in the "Hard" water, replacing the Calcium in the water with Sodium, and discharging "Softened" water (essentially salt water); the harder the water, the higher salt content will be. Though the water now works better for cleaning, if used to water plants it may cause injury or death.

■ **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:**

Monthly Calendar of Requirements for Orchids:

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

Monthly Checklist, September - October

Cattleya

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and the sheaths are giving the promise of the next six-months' bloom. Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold. This is the month for purples derived from *Cattleya labiata* breeding to flower. If you are short on flowers, look into this group. There is nothing that can quite match this type for beauty and fragrance. They are easy to grow, too. Plants summered outdoors should begin to be prepared to be brought back into the winter growing area. Clean the plants up and be on the lookout for any pests they may have picked up during the summer. Treat as necessary.

Cycnoches

This little-known and under-appreciated genus, which can have male or female flowers, is at its best in the autumn. Two of the spectacular varieties are *Cycnoches loddigesii*, with its large brown flowers resembling a prehistoric bird, and *Cycnoches ventricosum*, the swan orchid. This last one has large, fragrant green flowers. The biggest problem, culturally, will be red spider mite infestations that require immediate attention. Plants are quite seasonal, requiring heavy watering in the growing season and then a drier dormant winter season.

Cymbidium

Through diligent modern breeding programs, the cymbidium season gets stretched longer and longer. Now we can expect to have flowers open as early as September and October. Stake inflorescences and move the plants to a shadier location to help the flowers develop successfully. Because the plants will have warmth tolerance "built in" genetically, keeping the plants as cool as possible will help prevent bud curl. For the midseason varieties, inflorescences should be initiated by now. Feed plants on a regular schedule with a balanced fertilizer (20-20-20) and shade the plants lightly.

Dendrobium

This is a good season for hybrids of the *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* and *Dendrobium canaliculatum* types. Both are capable of putting on tremendous shows of long-lasting flowers. Fertilize with a low-nitrogen formula to promote the best flowers. *Dendrobium phalaenopsis* can get tall and top heavy, suggesting an attractive and heavy container would be appropriate for this type.

Lemboglossum bictoniense

Both *Lemboglossum* (syn. *Odontoglossum*) *bictoniense* and its hybrids bloom in this season. *Lemboglossum bictoniense* is a showy species from Mexico that has three different color forms: *sulphureum* (green with white lip), *album* (brown with white lip) and *roseum* (brown with a pink lip). It is a vigorous grower with tall inflorescences of many flowers, and imparts to its progeny (as seen in *Odcdm. Bittersweet* and *Odm. bicross*) ease of culture, warmth tolerance and eye-catching patterns. They make a prime candidate for *odontoglossum* beginners and advanced alike.

Paphiopedilum

Standard, green-leaved *paphiopedilums* begin to show their bloom sheaths this month. Late season heat waves can blast these early sheaths, so be observant about proper cooling and air circulation. As with the rest of your plants that may have been summered outdoors, it is time to prepare for their move inside. Clean each plant and implement pest-control practices. Repotting, if necessary, is appropriate.

Phalaenopsis

The bulk of this season's growth is being ripened this month, with growers in cooler climates seeing the first emerging inflorescences. Some night heating may be necessary in the cooler areas. Begin to watch watering more carefully, and reduce feeding proportionately with reduced watering needs. An extra dose of phosphorus and potassium, such as a bloom-booster or high-acid-type fertilizer, is beneficial.

Rossiglossum grande

Once known as *Odontoglossum grande*, this is a spectacular orchid with six to eight flowers up to 8 inches across. Often known as the tiger orchid, it has bright golden yellow flowers heavily marked with chestnut brown barring. The plants are beautiful with a grey-green cast to the foliage, which is borne on succulent pseudobulbs. It prefers hot and wet summers with cooler, even down to 40 F, dry winters. Grow under filtered light. Watch for snails and slugs that eat the flowers, pseudobulbs and leaves.

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<http://aos.org/aos/orchids/monthly.aspx?sec=23>

■ **ORCHIDS - ARTICLES**, Monthly Magazine of the American Orchid Society AOS: <http://www.theaos.org/>
Contact Rich to check out from the LOS Library.

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■ **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.

(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>

- September 12 Program: Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids will present a program "Brazilian Cattleya Alliance, how to succeed with species and hybrids". Plants available. (Not at Extension Office, see article above.)
- 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://www.aos.org/aos/events/page02.aspx> (Complete List)

Sept. 9, 2:00 - 4:30 PM LOS Board Meeting at Gere Library, 56th St. & Normal Blvd., Room 2 (East end of hallway).

Sept. 10, 7:00 PM LOS Show Committee Meeting, see article above.

Sept. 11, 7:30 PM Meeting of Denver Orchid Society; Denver Botanic Gardens; John C. Mitchell Hall; 1005 York St.; Denver, CO 80206. Speaker: Author Steve Frowine will speak about Fragrant Orchids.

Sept. 12, 6:30 PM Greater Omaha Orchid Society; **Guest Speaker:** Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids will present a program "Brazilian Cattleya Alliance, how to succeed with species and hybrids". See article above.

Sept. 15-16 Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Mitchell Park Domes, 524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI. Contact: Bil Nelson, PO Box 341606, Milwaukee, WI 53234; (414) 467-6642; qorchids@wi.rr.com

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/>

- Schedule of Programs and Speakers: http://www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com/images/2007_schedule.pdf
- Guest Growers and hosting locations:

Oak Hill Gardens:

Andy's Orchids - CA
EFG Orchids! Powerplant - FL
J & L Orchids - CT
Plantio La Orquidea - Venezuela
Purple Clay Imports - IL
Orchids, Ltd. - MN

Windsong Orchids:

Hoosier Orchid Co. - IN
Ecuagenera - Ecuador
The Orchid Trading Co. - IL
Cyp Haven (Carson Whitlow) - IA

Natt's Orchids:

Miranda Orchids - Brazil
Best of Thai Orchids - Thailand

Orchids by Hausermann:

Orchid Inn - IL
Fox Valley Orchids, Ltd.

Sept. 23, 2:00-4:00 PM Praire Tour Hosted by [Wachiska Audubon Society](#), (see article above)

Oct. 4 Houston Orchid Society Judging Seminar, Houston Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Cir. Dr., Houston, TX. Contact: Don Ghiz, (713) 661-1885; doninhouston@aol.com

Oct. 5-7 Alamo Orchid Society Show, San Antonio Garden Center, San Antonio, TX. Contact: Eric C. Shepherd, 113 High Vista St., San Antonio, TX 78233; (210) 646-7927; ecshepphd@aol.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
Contact: Carrie Klaus, 1568 S. Clarkson St., Denver, CO 80210

webmaster@denverorchidsociety.org or http://www.denverorchidsociety.org/fall_show.html

Oct. 13-14 Illinois Orchid Society Show, Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL. Contact: Sandy Fuller, 352 Cheryl Lane, Palatine, IL 60067; (847) 977-5842; sjfuller62@comcast.net

Oct. 19-21 AOS Members Fall Meeting; AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden; Delray Beach, Florida. Contact: cjholdren@gmail.com; <http://www.aosfall2007.com>

Oct. 27-28 Michiana Orchid Society Show, Holy Cross College, 54515 State Road 933 North, Notre Dame, IN. Contact: Sandy Ohlund, 3888 East 600 North, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371; (219) 778-4457; sohlund@csinet.net

Nov. 2-4 Hill Country Orchid Society Show, Elks Lodge, 353 S. Seguin St., New Braunfels, TX. Contact: Dick Ester, 353 E. Coll St., New Braunfels, TX 78130; (830) 629-3145

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. A limited number of rooms have been reserved at a special rate of \$84.00 a night available until October 26. Contact: Beth Martin; 15523 Johnson Drive; Shawnee, KS 66217, 913-248-8669 bethdoug@kc.rr.com or <http://www.osgkc.org/show.htm>

Programs/ Guest Speakers:

- "The Lost Orchids of the Organ Mountains, Brazil" - Dr. Richard Warren, Trustee of the Rio Atlantic Forest Trust and founder of the Equatorial Plant Company, Durham, UK. Dick and David Miller of Brazil have spent the past 32 years working to protect the fragments of the Atlantic Coastal Rain Forest that now make up the Sitio Bacchus and nearby reserves. Dick established the Rio Atlantic Forest Trust (UK Charity # 1057621) to support their conservation efforts. During visits to Brazil, Dick started to write descriptions of the orchids found at Sitio Bacchus. These descriptions formed the basis of their books: Orchids of the High Mountain Atlantic Rain Forest of South Eastern Brazil and the soon to be released, The Organ Mountains, Their History and Their Orchids.
- "Herding Catts: A Beautiful Trail through Difficult Phylogeny" - Tom Mirenda, Museum Specialist, Orchid Collection, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC. Tom has worked at some of the East Coast's most cherished botanic gardens and private estates and is in his 6th year as the Museum Specialist for the Orchid Collection at the Smithsonian Institution. The collection is an extremely diverse assemblage of species and hybrids from all over the world collected for their educational, conservation, and ornamental value. Tom is an accredited American Orchid Society judge and writes the "Orchid Checklist" column in Orchids magazine.
- "Culture and Hybridization of Reed-Stemmed Epidendrums" James Rose, Cal-Orchid, Inc., Santa Barbara, CA. James, with his wife, Lauris, is the owner and operator of Cal-Orchid, Inc. James began his orchid career at Santa Barbara Orchid Estate in 1971. In 1987, he left to establish Cal-Orchid. Together, James and Lauris have built a world-renowned orchid nursery providing one of the largest varieties of orchid species and hybrids in the U.S. James is known for having a sharp eye for the new and unusual plant. He has published articles in numerous magazines and is an international lecturer appreciated for his depth of knowledge as well as his sense of humor. He is an accredited Cymbidium Society judge.

Vendors:

Bird's Botanicals, Kansas City, MO	Cal-Orchid, Inc., Santa Barbara, CA
Ecuagenera, Cuenca, Ecuador	Hilltop Orchids, Cloverdale, IN
Hoosier Orchid Company, Indianapolis, IN	Miranda Orchids. Haines City, FL
Natt's Orchids, Naperville, IL	New Vision Orchids, Yorktown, IN
Oak Hill Gardens, Dundee, IL	Orchid Outlet, Peoria, IL
Purple Clay Imports, Chicago, IL	Roberts Mfg. Jeweler, Inc., Natchitoches, LA

- Attendees can also sign up for "Orchid Cave Tours" (home of Bird's Botanicals).

Nov. 18 Meeting of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance at Kansas City Orchid Expo/ MAOC Show (see above)

- "The 2007 IPA Symposium in Taiwan" - Tom Harper of Stones River Orchids, Franklin, TN.

Nov. 17-18 Oklahoma Orchid Society Show, Will Rogers Garden Center, 3400 NW 36th St., Oklahoma City, OK. Contact: Vernon & Margaret Reynolds, 3225 Prairie Rose Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73120; (405)752-2398; magreyn@aol.com

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Jan. 23-27, 2008 "Orchids—Nature's Masterpiece"TM, 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>

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<http://www.kolnkgin.com/community> <http://www.lincolnkidsinc.com/> <http://lincolnite.com/events/>

■ **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

Aug. 24-Sept. 3 Nebraska State Fair, State Fair Park, Lincoln NE <http://www.statefair.org> FREE Parking;

Admission: Adults M-F \$6.00, Weekends & Labor Day \$8.00; Children Ages 6-12 \$2.00, Ages 5 & Under FREE (No Orchid Display or Events)

Sept. 8, 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>

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.

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

Sept. 9, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM "Autumn Joy" A Garden Festival sponsored by: The Omaha Council of Garden Clubs & Joslyn Castle. Joslyn Castle; 3902 Davenport St.; Omaha. Information: Nona Clark 554-9150.

Tours of the castle and the gardens throughout the day. The Omaha Council of Garden Clubs will sponsor a plant sale.

There will be a number of activities, refreshments, and vendors on the Joslyn grounds. Donations will be accepted to help raise funds to restore the Joslyn Gardens.

Programs: Coordinator: Ron Crampton

Time:	Room:	Program, Speaker:
1:00 PM	Music	"Cool Ideas for Your Autumn Garden" Jan Riggenschach
	Ballroom	"Planting and Care of Fall Bulbs" Kathleen Cue, Master Gardener Program
2:00 PM	Music	"Plants for the Fall and Winter Gardens" Harlan Hamernik; Bluebird Nursery; Clarkson, NE
	Ballroom	"Tips on Fall Pruning" Jim Keepers
3:00 PM	Music	"Information on The Nebraska State Arboretum" Jim Locklear
	Ballroom	"An Introduction to Earthkind Roses" Member of the Texas A&M Earthkind Team Coordinator, Dr. Steve George
4:00 PM	Music	"The Story of the Historic Sass Irises" Ron Crampton
	Ballroom	"The Earthkind Approach to Soil Management" "Landscape Design with Earthkind Roses" Members of the Texas A&M Earthkind Team

Oct. 5 - Nov. 18 Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St., Omaha NE 68108, 402-346-4002

[Fall Chrysanthemum Show](#)- A variety of ornamental grasses, chrysanthemums, shrubs and trees will provide a changing display of color outdoors, and the visitor and education center will be festooned in autumn colors. The mum show in the indoor floral display hall will articulate the beauty of fall with thousands of brightly colored mums and Japanese lanterns. Admission: \$7 for adults and \$3 for children age six to 12.

Oct. 15, 7:00 PM Lincoln Rose Society, Antelope Park Shelter House, North of Auld Recreation Center, 486-1420
Program: "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> <http://bga.unl.edu/Newsletter/index.cfm>



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