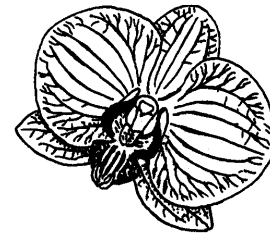




# Orchid Newsletter

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: SEPTEMBER 26, 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 after starting see receptionist at hospital to call.

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

- **Election of Officers**
- **Program:** "Getting Orchids Ready for the Winter", Pest Control.
- Chuck Hanson will have flowering orchid plants, an assortment of orchid varieties, plus Media: Pumice and Dyna-Rok ®.

## Everyone attending Sept. meeting will receive:

- **FREE one Orchid plant, donated by Chuck Hanson**
- **FREE Dollar Off Coupon to Fall Orchid Show**

## NEXT MONTH, MEETING: OCTOBER 31, 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.  
Next meeting will be January 2008.

- **Program:** "Potting and Mounting Orchids" 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 )

## FUTURE MEETING: NOVEMBER 28, 7:15-9:00 PM (NO DECEMBER MEETING)

### POT LUCK DINNER AND GIFT EXCHANGE:

Food to Kitchen, Meeting in Class Rooms 1 and 2

### Schedule, Tentative:

7:15 PM - Welcome and Register Attendance, 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

**Planning:** Bring food and gift. (Details next page.)

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### "Pot Luck Dinner and Gift Exchange", continued from page 1

**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.

### ■ RAFFLE PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 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.

• **August Raffle Plants donated by:** Chuck Hanson - 6 plants, Marty Haferman - 1 plant

• **September Raffle Plants donated by:** Lorna Kissling - 2 plants, and 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, Available at October Meeting**)
  - **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:

"**New Growers 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:

**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

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**Events:** (Details in Area Events listed below.)

**Sept. 16** - "Second Annual Veg Fest" sponsored by KZUM held in conjunction with Farmers Market, Old Cheney Center; 5500 Old Cheney Rd.; Lincoln Orchid Society LOS, Display and Seminar by Melvin Bates at Event.

**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](mailto:loshow2007@yahoo.com)

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

**Refreshments Committee - Coordinator:** LaFern Zentz

**Sep. 26:** Lorna Kissling, Klyda Steele, and June Ryan

**Oct. 31:** Arline Fowler, Sheryol Otjen, Pat Giddings

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

**Sep. 26:** Anne Pamperl

**Oct. 31:** Allen Bean.

■ **KITCHEN COMMITTEE:** Two volunteers each month, to set out the refreshments, making coffee, and cleaning up after meeting. Volunteers needed for next month.

**Sep. 26:** Maureen Carpenter and Betty Morrison

**Oct. 31:** Sign up sheet at meeting

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

**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](mailto:loshow2007@yahoo.com)

**Schedule of Events:**

• **Friday, Nov. 9:**

4:00 PM - ? - Set-up

7:00-11:00 PM - Plant registration

• **Saturday, Nov. 10:**

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Show & sales open to public

• **Sunday, Nov. 11:**

11:00 AM - Noon - Open to Photographers only

Noon - 5:00 PM - Show & Sales open to public

**Show Features:**

- Flowering Orchids, Exhibits & Displays
- Orchid Sales, continually restocked with new selections
- Hourly Demonstrations, different topics daily
- Hourly Raffles
- Educational Displays
- Artwork
- Photography
- Florist Displays

**Show Chairman:** Lorna Kissling



**Judges:** Joe Lankton - Show Chair, Dr. Craig Plahn, DDS - Mid-America Judging Center Chair; Dr. Diana L. Plahn, DDS - Mid-America Judging Center Vice - Chair; Marilyn LeDoux, and Matthew Nutt - Probationary Judge.

**LOS Display Coordinator:** Rich Sukovaty

**SPECIAL AWARDS:**

American Orchid Society Show Trophy, Best Exhibit in the Show, Provided by LOS, Best of Classes 1-9 Rosettes awarded to the Best Entry in each Class and Ribbons awarded to individual entries at judges discretion.

➤ **REGISTER YOUR PLANTS:**

If you would like your plants included in the **LOS display**, inspect your orchid collection and write down the names of the plants with flowers and those forming buds. If in doubt that it will open, we prefer that you include it on your list. The exact plant name (as it appears on the plant label) is needed to make our Show Labels; to identify the plants in the display and register the plant for judging. Plants without name tag (plant label) can be in the display but will not be judged and we still need to know genera: Cattleya, Dendrobium, etc.

• **Entry Registration for LOS Display:** We need the list of your plant names that **may be** in flower for the show, and flower color (not required for Dendrobiums or Specie Orchids).

🕒 **October 31 Meeting:** Bring a list of your comments to Dwight and Beth Languis, Editors.

✉ **By E-mail by Nov. 6:** "[Contact Us](#)" link posted on our web-site.

✉ **By Mail, postmarked by Nov. 3 :** Lincoln Orchid Society LOS; P.O. Box 5501; Lincoln, NE 68505-5501

**Plant Preparation:** Clean the plant, stake spike and support flowers prior to opening. Remove supports, if not needed prior to show. Details: <http://www.homes2sell.com/ozone/grooming/groomed.htm> or see 'Growing and Displaying Orchids - A Step by Step Guide' by Wilma Rittershausen, Smithmark 1993; available at Lincoln public library. It is very important for you to write your name or apply mailing label to back or bottom of pot to identify your plant, and keep a list of all of your plants as we often get plants of the same variety and almost identical features from two or more members.

### **Orchid Flower Without Name Tag?**

Would you still like to win an award? You can by entering the Floral Competition as we still do not have many registered, contact Lorna Kissling if interest in participating. This will provide you with the opportunity to compete for awards, plus display your artistic talent to the public. You may enter as many Floral displays as would like into the following Classes (Groups):

**Orchids in Use:** (Silk Flowers and silk foliage are NOT permitted.)

119. Orchids for personal adornment (Corsages, Bridal bouquets, Hair pieces, etc.)

120. Orchid Arrangements.

These may include other flowers but the orchid must be the predominating feature of the entry! Awards are determined by aesthetic skill in the use of orchids: Design, Harmony, Suitability for Purpose, Distinction, Originality, and Condition of flowers used.

### **Orchids Not Flower?**

Would you still like to win an award? You can if you own or make items adorned with orchids by entering the Artwork or Collectables Competition as we still do not have many registered, contact Lorna Kissling if interested in participating.

Art Entries - Orchid Related

115. Paintings, Etchings, Charcoals, etc.

116. Photographs

117. Other arts and crafts featuring orchids including: Ceramics, China, Sculpture, Jewelry and Metal Art, Needlepoint, Tapestry, other than above.

*(Note: Classes 115-117 must have been created by the exhibitor)*

118. Collectibles - Any type orchid related artwork, crafts or related articles.

**Set-up** - Friday at 5:00 PM GOOS and LOS members will be there to help unload and direct you to display areas. GOOS provides food and refreshments. Learn how to enter your plants for judging. Preview displays and orchids for sale.

**Sales, Preview** - After the displays are set up you can pick out the best of the sales plants and put your name on them, put them under the sales table and purchase them the following morning.

**Judging** - Saturday at 6:30 AM. Breakfast will be provided. Learn orchid varieties and qualities to look for when purchasing your orchids, when you help the judging teams.

➤ **Pictures and details of our 2006 Fall Orchid Show:** (also included in *Orchid Newsletter* issue Nov. 2006)

• **Pictures:** [http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/shows/2006\\_LOSshow.html](http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/shows/2006_LOSshow.html)

• **Details:** <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/shows/2006LOSShow/ShowResults2006.pdf>

➤ **2006 Fall Orchid Show, Additional Information:**

Continually updated, to keep you current with any additional information and details as they are finalized.

• **Show Details:** <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/LOSshow2007info.html>

• **Forms:** [Registration Form](#), [Exhibit Request Form](#), [Vendor Invitation](#), [Florist Invitation 2007](#)

• **Publicity for the Show:** [Show Poster](#) and [Bookmark](#)

• **Dollar Off Coupon:** <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/pdf/show2007/Coupon%20-%20single.pdf>

### **SHOW COMMITTEE, MEETING SCHEDULE:**

• Monday October 8, 7:00 PM at home of Lorna Kissling

**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) <b>President, 9/05-9/07:</b> Allen Bean   | <b>AOS Representative:</b> Dwight Languis                                       |
| 2) <b>Vice President, 9/05-9/07:</b> Rich Sukovaty   | <b>MAOC Representative:</b> Allen Bean  |
| 3) <b>Secretary, 9/05-9/07:</b> LaFern Zentz   | <b>Web Master:</b> Rich Sukovaty  |
| 4) <b>Treasurer, 9/05-9/07:</b> Miranda Harkrader  | <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>President - Retired, 9/05-9/07:</b> Beth Languis   | <b>Courtesy Committee:</b> Jan Learned 07, Keith Plank 08                       |
| <b>Past Presidents:</b> 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:** Sept. 9, 2007; Tentative Report

Officiating: Dwight & Beth Languis in absence of Miranda Harkrader

<b>Beginning Balance:</b> -----	<b>\$925.49</b>
Expenses, Bank Fee: -----	\$5.00
Expenses, Newsletter Expenses - July & August (1): -----	\$0.00
<b>Expenses Total:</b> -----	<b>\$5.00</b>
Income, Bank Interest: -----	\$0.29
Income, Plant Sales by Members, 10% Commission; Chuck Hanson: -----	\$14.00
Income, Raffle: -----	\$64.00
Income, Memberships (27 Renewals + 2 New = 29 x \$11): -----	\$319.00
(8/07 = 6 Family, NC; Total, 5/07 to 8/07 = 42 of 34 Single & 8 Family)	
<b>Income, Ways and Means:</b>	
Book: "Your First Orchid" (1 x \$10 ) -----	\$10.00
<b>Income Total:</b> -----	<b>\$407.29</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b> -----	<b>\$1,327.78</b>
<b>Outstanding Balances:</b>	
(1) Expenses, Newsletter Expenses - July (Submitted: 8/12 ) -----	\$8.88
(1) Expenses, Newsletter and Business Expenses - August (Submitted: 9/09 ) -----	\$121.94
<b>Total:</b> -----	<b>\$130.82</b>

**Donations, Sept. 9:**

- Dwight Languis: Invitations, 30 Printed; Thank You Cards, 4 used; Label, Return Address, 30 Printed; Purchased 300; Thank You, Insert; 8 pages printed = 32; 2 Newsletters, 20 ds copies to guests.
- Nancy Pittman: Postage, 4 mailed x .41 = \$1.64
- Super Saver; 5460 S. 56th St. (56 & Hwy. 2); three Oncidium Intergenerics (Hybrids), Clones; 4 inch pots

**BOARD DECISIONS:**

- Approve payment, August Newsletter & Expenses
- Approve "Kitchen Committee" Report
- Approve LOS participation in Veg Fest
- Approve donation of one LOS membership to Veg Fest
- Recommendation to Program Committee for "Guest Night" to be annual Fall event.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING SCHEDULE:**

- Sunday October 7, 2:00 - 4:30 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**

• **Marriage Announcements:**

Haferman and Miranda Harkrader where married September 8. Congratulations!

• **Sympathy Announcements**

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we inform you that LaFern Zentz husband, Walt Zentz, passed away September 23. Our hearts go out to LaFern and her family in this time of loss.

■ **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:**

➤ **Memberships expired August 31, unless you paid dues during May through August 2007.**

Dues, New or Renewal: **\$11 00 annually**, Single or Family Membership to the same household. Current fiscal year is from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008.

"**Membership Application/ Renewal**" form available at meeting, posted on our web-site, past *Orchid Newsletter*, and also available at most Lincoln area Garden Centers in our Brochure.

🕒 **Meeting:** Pay dues to Dwight Languis

📄 **Web Posting:** Renewal Form and Instruction, <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/member.html>

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

■ **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.

*The committee is currently reviewing the financial statements for the society from 9/1/06 to 8/12/07 and will submit report at meeting.*     **1) Auditor:** Gary Busek, **2) Auditor:** Tom McDonald, **3) Auditor:** Rich Sukovaty

■ **NOMINATING COMMITTEE, REPORT:**

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

The committee has prepared the following report: Names of Nominees for the August meeting (published in August *Orchid Newsletter*) 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 Meeting.

➤ **KITCHEN COMMITTEE:** responsible for setting up the refreshments, making coffee, and cleaning up after 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](mailto:loshow2007@yahoo.com)

■ **PRESIDENTIAL REPORT OF SOCIETY:**

**President's Report by Allen Bean, President 9/05-9/07**

This past year has seen many changes. The second annual Orchid Show was held November 10-12, 2006 at the Villager Inn in Lincoln. While not a financial success (which wasn't its intention), we had a fantastic show in every other respect. Many thanks go to everyone who helped out in that effort—especially to Lorna Kissling who worked so hard to organize everything.

We also changed meeting location in 2006 moving from Madonna to the Nebraska Heart Institute. This has allowed sufficient room for our expanded attendance.

The New Growers group which meets once a quarter has also provided some encouragement to those who are new not only to the club but also to the hobby of growing orchids. Thanks to Dwight, Tim and others who have provided programs to help our "newbies" learn more about growing orchids.

The Husker Lawn and Garden Show, Veg Fest, and other opportunities have allowed our club to become better known in the community over the past year. I would encourage each of you to be open and willing to lend your support in these efforts. Thanks to each of you who have volunteered your time to staff our booth this past year at these public events.

I have appreciated so much the opportunities over the last two years to serve as your President. As my term and responsibilities in this area expire, I hope to be of service to the club in other ways.

■ **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, AUGUST 29:**

➤ **"Guest Night"**

- This was a new opportunity to encourage members of the society to invite others to meeting.
- We had three First Time visitors and one guest attend the meeting for the event, A drawing was held for them and also for those members who invited guests to the meeting.
  - Phalaenopsis, in flower, was awarded to one of our guests: Lois Terry
  - Phalaenopsis, previously flowered, awarded to one of our membership: Allen Bean.
- **Program:** (plus the opportunity for membership and guests to view a very good program)
  - "ABC's of Phalaenopsis Orchids", species and hybrids, audio and slide Program from Orchids by Hausermann

### ■ VEG FEST, SEPTEMBER 16:

This was the First time the Lincoln Orchid Society participated in the event. We had a booth, display of orchids in flower, and Seminar at Event; which was held Sept. 16 Sunday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This was the "Second Annual Veg Fest" sponsored by KZUM held in conjunction with Farmers Market, Old Cheney Center; 5500 Old Cheney Rd. Attending Horticultural Clubs and Societies, Craft and Food Vendors, plus demonstrations. There were family activities, crafts, salsa contest, pepper competition, 3 celebrity chefs and demos, gardening booths, butterflies, bees, hands-on workshops, and live music during event.

- Seminar: "Orchids In The Garden" by Melvin Bates provided you the information to add a hardy orchid to your landscape; *Bletilla striata* (Chinese Ground Orchid) a delightful hardy plant with 1.25 inch Lavendar Flowers that look like a miniature *Cattleya*, with 8 to 10 flowers per spike in May to June. Picture link:  
<http://www.bluebirdnursery.com/productimage.asp?partno=BLETST3>
- LOS Display: We will have a small display of orchids in flower to show visitors some of the common types available and staff to answer questions about orchid culture. Brochures and Show information were distributed.
- Booth Staffing: Allen Bean, Melvin Bates, Betty Morrison, Dwight and Beth Languis.

### ■ 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 am confused as which potting mix I should use for my Orchids?*

1) A. **Potting Media:** Watering is probably the greatest concern for beginners to understand, when to water and more often that they water too often. The next concern is the media the plant is growing in. They both work together to provide the proper conditions for the plant to take up air, moisture, and nutrients for its survival. The media you choose has a lot to do with where you live, so check with your local orchid society to learn what mixes they are using for the various types of orchids. The other consideration is how you care for your plants in frequency and method of watering. If you love to water you may need an open mix or only Fir Bark that drains quickly and does not retain moisture for an extended time. The other extreme are those who tend to forget them or their work requires travel away from the home, with no one to tend to the plants, for those conditions a Bark Mix or use of Sphagnum Moss will ensure that the plant will do well; if extended periods between waterings is the best one can do, you should purchase varieties that need those conditions (*Cattleya* and avoid *Phalaenopsis*). Our society offers two bark mixes:

- **Orchid Potting Mix, Fine Grade, Seedling Mix** - General purpose for **all orchids with fine roots**, varieties that prefer more moisture at roots, and seedling plants to 4 inch pot size; and these orchids: *Oncidium* Hybrids, *Paphiopedilum*, and *Cymbidium*.
- **Orchid Potting Mix, Medium Grade, Standard Mix** - General purpose for all other types orchids 4-8 inch pot size.

For more information on media and repotting, see: "Steps to Repotting Orchids" *Orchid Newsletter* issue April 2005  
[http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/newsletter.html/pdf/Newsletter/Newsletter 04-27-05 Web.pdf](http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/newsletter.html/pdf/Newsletter/Newsletter%2004-27-05%20Web.pdf)

### ■ 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:**

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

**July 2007 Issue:** Orchids in Art - Kefersteinia koechlinorum, The Other Disas, The American Heritage Collection of Orchids, Breeder's Notes: Oncidium leucochilum, Orchid Checklist: July - Patriotism and Vanishing Bees, Growing With Orchids: Out of Africa, Culture: The Fuqua Orchid Center, Books: The Genus Cymbidium in China, Awards: Certificate of Recognition, Judging and Exhibiting Orchids at the 19th WOC, Vancouver Orchid Festival Plants, Lending a Helping Hand to Save Orchids, Arresting the Slug Problem, Orchid of the Month: Miniature Stanhopea, What the Artist Says, Growing Oncidium leucochilum.

**August 2007 Issue:** Senor Endres - Profiling a Mysterious Collector of Orchids, Orchids in Art - Coelgyne fimbriata, Giant Grammatophyllum, Taiwan Winners, Orchid Checklist: August a Warming Trend, Growing With Orchids: Volunteers Needed, Connoisseur's Collection: Angraecum scottianum, Nomenclature Notes - Coppensia, Culture: Orchids in the Desert, Books: Angraecoid Orchids, AOS Awards: Certificate of Horticulture Merit, AOS Funds Conservation and Research, 19th WOC Commemorative Pin, AOS Awards in Taiwan, My First Members Meeting, Preserving America's Orchid Heritage, Orchid of the Month: Macroclinium and Stigmatostalix, What the Artist Says, How to Grow Grammatophyllum speciosum.

■ **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>

- 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)

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

**Oct. 7, 2:00 - 4:30 PM** LOS Board Meeting at Gere Library, 56th St. & Normal Blvd., Room 2 (East end of hallway).

**Oct. 8, 7:00 PM** LOS Show Committee Meeting, see article above.

**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](mailto:webmaster@denverorchidsociety.org) or [http://www.denverorchidsociety.org/fall\\_show.html](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](mailto:sjfuller62@comcast.net)

**Oct. 19-21** AOS Members Fall Meeting; AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden; Delray Beach, Florida. Contact: [cjholdren@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:loshow2007@yahoo.com) (See details in article above)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:magreyn@aol.com)

**2008**

**Jan. 23-27, 2008** "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>

■ **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/>

■ **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. 1-Oct. 31, Wednesdays**, 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM: Farmers' Market, Havelock, 62nd and Havelock Ave.; Horticultural & Food Vendors

**Oct. 6, 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/enviro/pollu/waste/pdf/wstcolec.pdf>

**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.

**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](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>