

Orchid Newsletter

Lincoln Orchid Society

Lincoln Orchid Society LOS; 933 S. 9th St.; Lincoln, NE 68508; 476-3877

Meeting:

February 23 - "Plant Names and Buying Plants" Learn how to interpret name tags and tips to help you be a good buyer.

- **New Growers' Group** - 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/s.
- **Refreshments provided by:** Tami Weissert and Tom McDonald
- **Monthly Plant Raffle** - Ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants donated by members.
- **Plant Talk** - Members display orchids in flower and explain how they grow them.
- **Program:**
- **Potting Media** - Standard or Seedling Mix, one gallon bag for \$3.00 contact Tim Janssen; Chilean Sphagnum also available for \$5.00 (compressed block 2.5"x4"x5"expands when moistened).

Current Yearly Membership: \$5 (Includes monthly newsletter)

- New Members receive a free orchid plant.
- LOS offers free membership to anyone 18 years of age or younger.

Location: Meetings held at Madonna; 5401 South St.; Lincoln, NE the last Wednesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. Flanigan Room located on the main level, adjacent to West Entrance on 52nd Street.

Lincoln Map and Building Floor Plan http://www.madonna.org/about_findus.htm

LOS Calendar of Events, 2005:

January 26 - "Preparations for the Orchid Show"

February 23 - "Plant Names and Buying Plants"

March 30 - "Repotting Orchids and Home Made Hangers"

April 27 - "Putting Plants Outside"

May 25 - "Native Orchids" by Tim Janssen

June 29 - Program Topic to be Announced

July 27 - "Picnic and Auction" at home of Dwight and Beth Languis

August 31 - Program Topic to be Announced

September 28 - "Growing Orchids Under Lights" AOS Video

October 26 - "Indoor Lighting" discussion by members

November 30 - "Pot Luck Dinner and Gift Exchange"

December 28 - No meeting

Inclement Weather Notice:

Meeting cancellations due to adverse weather conditions, contact Tim Janssen 476-3877

Officers/ Contact Information:

Meeting Co-ordinator: Tim Janssen

Treasurer: Miranda Harkrader

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

AOS Representative: Tim Janssen

Newsletter Editors: Dwight & Beth Languis

Publicity: Dwight Languis

LOS Web-site: <http://www.psfdev.com/los>

Large Raffle and Auction of Plants Planned at Feb. 23 Meeting:

There were many plants and a florescent light with lamps were included at our last meeting. Many more will be included this month. All of these were donated to LOS by Elizabeth DaSilva. Selected plants will be auctioned, with other plants to be raffled. Ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants!

Transporting Orchids:

With cold temperatures prevailing, extra caution is needed if you plan to bring plants to meetings and GOOS Orchid Show! Exposure to severe cold could kill your plant, even brief temperature extremes can cause flowers or buds to drop. Place plants inside an insulated container (Thermos or Igloo, Ice Chest) or cardboard box enclosed with a plastic bag and sealed with a twist tie. Warm your vehicle prior to placing the packaged plants inside.

LOS Display at the GOOS Orchid Show:

Bring your plants for the LOS display to meeting as Tim Janssen will take them to Omaha and enter them for Judging. You can pick up your plant/s at the close of the show Sunday Feb. 29 at 6:00 PM or make special arrangements with Tim to bring them back. Reminder: 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.

LOS Display Coordinators: Tami Weissert and Allen Bean

GOOS Orchid Show:

TV Ads - Friday, Feb. 25 on Channel 8 KLKN during Noon News, 2-3 minute spot between 11:20 - 1130 AM TV interview of show by Stacey Kulow (Midday Anchor) and Dwight Languis (LOS); also shown on Calendar of Events all week on: KLKN TV8, KOLN/KGIN TV10/11, and KTVG TV17.

Set-up - Friday at 9:00 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 - 7:00 AM. Breakfast will be provided. Learn orchid varieties and qualities to look for when purchasing your orchids, when you help the judging teams.

Car Pool - If will be attending any of the events or would like a ride to Omaha to do so, please advise Tim Janssen and he will try to match up needs to provide transportation for any one in need.

Plant Talk:

Often times referred as the "Show and Tell" portion of our monthly meeting, everyone is encouraged to participate and is open to all members, regardless if you are new to the society or long time member; if you only have one plant or many. Everyone enjoys seeing orchids in flower! Do not worry about pronouncing plant names or if your culture practice follows traditional recommendations; because what you did worked in growing and flowering your orchid. You are not required to explain how you grow them when you bring plants; it is when you feel comfortable to do so and you can opt out any time but we want you to bring your flowering plants to the meetings.

The **Plant Talk** is consider the highlight of our monthly meeting by many, by giving members the opportunity to display orchids in flower and explain how they grow them; which benefits novice and experienced growers alike by providing the information about orchid varieties (that may not be available locally), which varieties do well in our area, and what culture is needed for the plant to grow and reflower successfully. When explaining how you grow and flower your orchid try to answer some of the following questions: 1) Plant Name?, 2) Where obtained?, 3) How long have you had the plant?, 4) When did begin to flower?, 5) How much light does it take and how do you provide that light?, 6) How do you water and when?, 7) What fertilizer do you use

and when?, and 8) Special requirements (short daylight, temperature, or rest period) needed to reflower? When possible, group orchids with similar needs to save time. New members and guests are encouraged to ask questions.

International Orchid Register:

Royal Horticultural Society RHS in England maintains a list of registered orchid hybrids. History, information about the system, and links to search engine pages will allow you to look up parentage information on your orchids. This information is also required to enter plants into orchid show for ribbon and AOS judging. It can also be used to assist in determining culture requirements. The Hyperlinks in center of page, or use links below to access the search engines.
http://www.rhs.org.uk/seedlist/registration_orchids.asp

Examples

1) Parentage of Phalaenopsis Artemis, results = Phalaenopsis amabilis x Phalaenopsis equestris by Veitch in 1892

Use **GreX Name Search** to find the parentage of particular grexes.

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/seedlist/registerpages/orchidsearch.asp>

Do not use abbreviations when completing **Genus**, Leave blank and complete **GreX Name**, do not check **Exact Match**, and click **Search**, results will be all varieties using that name; then select the genus for . Reset clears entries, do not need to use if you type in a new search. This is helpful as sometimes label plants as Phalaenopsis are actually Doritaenopsis; though the foliage is identical the plants, Doritaenopsis requires higher light levels to grow and flower.

2) Phalaenopsis amabilis x Phalaenopsis equestris, result = Phalaenopsis Artemis; the hybridizer would not be able rename as was previously registered. Many hybrids are remakes of previously registered grexes but the hybridizer has used newly awarded parents or has treated the seed to increase the chromosome count; this increases the potential of getting a plant with award quality flowers.

Use **Parentage Name Search** used to identify any grex from particular seed and pollen parent

http://www.rhs.org.uk/seedlist/registerpages/orchid_parentage.asp

Orchid Seminar, Summary:

Finke Gardens & Nursery of Lincoln held a 3 hour orchid seminar on Feb. 19 at 1:00 PM "Orchids: Basics for Success" by Dwight and Beth Languis. Tim Janssen discussed native orchids of Nebraska. More than 60 people attended the Seminar, many traveled for several hours from Southern and Central Nebraska to attend the event. LOS gained 6 additional members due to the seminar and 5 at our January meeting.

LOS Display at Event Center Show:

March 18-20 Husker Lawn & Leisure Show <http://www.huskerlawshow.com> ; Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln <http://www.lancastereventcenter.com/> 18th 5-9 PM, 19th 10 AM - 7PM, 20th 10 AM - 5PM; Fee \$3.00; 420-5678

March 20 at 3:30 PM Orchid Seminar, "**Introduction to Orchids**" at the show by Dwight Languis. We will need volunteers to staff our booth during the show. Sign up list at meeting, you would like to help but will not be able to attend the meeting please contact Dwight Languis

DBLANGUIS@juno.com CELL: 416-6802 or TEL: 786-2015. Gate passes will be given to persons volunteering to staff the show at set up, see the show for free for helping LOS. Additional details at the meeting. Show Plants Needed - bring any flowering orchids that you have during set up Thursday March 17 4-8 PM and Friday 8 AM - 2 PM. Non-blooming orchids such as Ludisa (Jewel Orchid) or a Vanilla would also be appreciated. You need to pick up your plants at the close of the show Sunday March 20 at 5:00 PM.

Questions & Answers: (Send your questions to mailto:DBLANGUIS@juno.com?subject=LOS_Questions we will send an answer to your message and publish it in the Orchid Newsletter)

Articles of Interest:

Monthly Calendar of Requirements for Orchids: great resource for new growers to learn culture and seasonal requirements for maintenance of their orchid collection. Information for many types of commonly cultivated orchids.

American Orchid Society AOS, Monthly Do List

<http://www.theaos.org/aos/orchids/monthly.aspx?sec=18>

Mid-America Orchid Congress - Newsletter is posted at <http://midamericanorchids.org>

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>

March 9 - Growing Orchids in the Home

April 13 - Annual Repotting Session

Area Events, Orchid Related:

Feb. 26-27 18th Annual Spring Orchid Show, Greater Omaha Orchid Society, Crossroads Mall, 72nd & Dodge St., Omaha, Nebraska. No admission fee. Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun, Noon-6pm; Contact: Jim Pyrzynski, 2107 Alberta Ave., Bellevue, NE 68005; (402) 734-4112;

pyrzynskij@worldnet.att.net

Feb. 26-27 Greater Lansing Orchid Society Show. Contact: Doris Asher, 277 N. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823; (517) 332-0004; asherdoris@juno.com

March 1-6 Wichita Garden Show, Kansas Orchid Society will be selling plants

March 4-6 Northeast Wisconsin Orchid Society Show, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 2040 Airport Dr., Green Bay, WI. Contact: Julie Eckberg, 910 Catherine St., Green Bay, WI 54301; (920) 468-6219

March 12-13 Denver Orchid Society Show, Denver Botanic Gardens, John C. Mitchell Hall, 1005 York Street, Denver Colorado. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 9-5; Contact: Keith Funk, 10081 W. 9th Drive, Lakewood, CO 80215; (303) 234-9290; keithfunk@comcast.net Show Information:

http://www.denverorchidsociety.org/spring_2005.html

March 11-20 18th World Orchid Conference, Dijon Congress and Exhibition Centre, Dijon, France. Contact: Mrs. Vinciane Dumont, Chateau de Messey, F-7170 Ozenay, France; 33-385-51-33-83; contact@woc2005.org

Show: <http://www.woc2005.org/>

March 18-20 Illowa Orchid Society Spring Show, Putnam Museum & Imax Theatre Lobby, 1717 West 12th St., Davenport, IA. Contact: Karen Pedersen, 2520 E. Hayes St., Davenport, IA 52803; (563) 441-0824

March 18-20 Michigan Orchid Society Show, Laurel Park Place Mall, Livonia, MI. Contact: Rosie Kiley, 22306 Kramer, St.Clair Shores, MI 48080; (586) 776-6222

March 25-27 Heart O'Texas Orchid Society Show, Zilker Botanical Gardens Center, 2220 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX. Contact: Geoff Frost, 1011 Strickland Dr., Austin, TX 78748; (512) 280-2271; geoffreyfrost@yahoo.com

April 1-3 Houston Orchid Society Show, Reliant Park Convention Center, Kirby Dr. & South Loop, Houston, TX. Contact: Don Ghiz, 3217 Amherst St., Houston, TX 77005; (713) 661-1885; Doninhoustontx@aol.com

April 15-17 Orchid Society of the Ozarks Spring SWROGA Meeting & Show. Contact: Tom Larkin, 9790 Larkin Lane, Rogers, AR 72756; (479) 925-2228

April 20-24 Orchid Society of Minnesota presents 'Minnesota Orchid Fever'; American Orchid Society Members Meeting and Mid-America Orchid Congress Show; Sheraton Bloomington Hotel; Bloomington, MN; free shuttle to Mall of America. Contact: Kent Peterson 651-483-3935. Many speakers and vendors, see web page for details. Fee \$5 & \$30 for lectures.

http://www.orchidsocietyofminnesota.com/orchid_show/

April 30-May 1 Three Rivers Orchid Society Show. Contact: Rose Poehler, 6322 S. 800 E-92, Fort Wayne, IN 46814

May 21-22 Kentucky Orchid Society Show. Contact: Jo Boudinot, 1576 Beech St., Radcliff, KY 40160

Oct. 21-23 Mid-America Orchid Congress, Kings Island Resort & Conference Center; Kings Mills, Ohio

March 24-26, 2006 Greater Omaha Orchid Society, Mid-America Orchid Congress Show, Marriot Hotel Regency Court

Area Events: Additional Lists - <http://www.visitnebraska.org>
http://www.kfor1240.com/lincoln_events/

Horticultural Classes Available:

Finke Gardens & Nursery 500 N. 66, Lincoln NE 466-1995 <http://www.finkegardens.com> Classes are at no cost except as noted and are held at 10:00 AM in the classroom East of main retail store.

<http://www.finkegardens.com/3/article.asp?id=55>

Feb. 26 Audubon: Prairie Gardening

March 5 Landscape Design

March 12 Viburnums

March 19 "Perennials" with Harlan Hamernik of Bluebird Nursery

March 26 Growing Small Fruits

April 2 New Trees, Shrubs and Perennials

April 9 How to Be Successful with Rhododendron and Azaleas

April 16 Combining New Annuals

March 17-20 Husker Lawn and Leisure, Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln

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

April 23 "Spring Affair", Nebraska State Fair Park, Lancaster Building, Lincoln. Free, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (402)472-2971 Plants, programs and demonstrations. <http://springaffair.unl.edu/>

May 3 Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha Botanical Center, 100 Bancroft St., Omaha NE 68108, 402-346-4002; Ron Morgan, Internationally recognized floral designer, demonstration and tips held from 10 AM to Noon followed by a luncheon. Fee

<http://www.omahabotanicalgardens.org/RonMorgan/>

<http://www.ronmorgandesigns.com>

Horticultural Societies:

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

Lincoln Garden Club - Culler Middle School Cafeteria, 52nd and Vine St., Lincoln; 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM.

Plant Sales April and May at 6:30 PM

Feb.14 - "The latest and best in Vegetable Gardening plus Vegetables as Ornamentals", Speaker Susan Schonweiss

March 14 - "Flowering Shrubs: Fragrance, Forcing, Berries and Fall Color", Speaker Bob Hendrickson

April 11 - "Container Gardens", Speaker Gladys Jeurink

May 9 - "Plant Propagation"

June 13 - Annual Garden Tour

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

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, 488-0174

Nebraska Herbal Society - 5901 'O' St., Lincoln; East door, room E11; 4th Saturday at 10:00 AM, 435-0640 or 477-6787

Lincoln Iris Society - Antelope Park Church of the Brethren, 3645 Sumner St.; Last Monday at 6:30 PM; 423-7172

Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society - 796-2191

Lincoln Gladiola Society - 489-5264

Nebraska Statewide Arboretum - 472-2971

Friends of Maxwell Arboretum - 484-8032

Nebraska Nutgrowers Association - 472-3674

Friends of Wilderness Park - 477-8282