

Orchid Newsletter

Lincoln Orchid Society

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

Orchid Culture and Conservation, Sowing the Seeds of Knowledge.

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MEETING:

MAY 31, 2006 at Madonna; 5401 South St.; Agee Room

6:15 to 6:30 PM - SETUP: ORCHIDS, GARDEN & HOUSE PLANT SALE

Members donate those extra plants: start cuttings of your tropical plants, or divide your perennials! Mark the plant with variety name, describe characteristics (flower color, height, etc.), culture requirements (moisture needs, sun or shade), and selling price \$1 to \$5 (depending on plant size). Proceeds to society treasury.

• Jan Learned & LaFern Zentz will be adding color coded price stickers to the plants, to aid in selling & paying for plants.

6:30 to 7:15 PM - PLANT SALE OPEN TO PUBLIC

(Only Garden and House Plants not sold during this time will be discounted after the meeting.)

7:15 PM - PROGRAM: "Summering Orchids Outside"

Learn what varieties and when to move them outside for the Summer months. HOW TO: select locations, shading, and fertilizing plants.

ORCHID PLANT SALES AT LOS MEETING:

Lincoln Orchid Society received a donation of seedling orchid plants as part of our group purchase with H&R Nurseries. These will be offered for sale at the meeting for \$10.00 each, an assortment of orchid varieties ONLY ONE OF EACH (Cattleya Genera): all are labeled with plant name, in 2 inch square pots, (these DO NOT have flowers as they are small immature plants that will require one or several years to flower depending on type selected).

H&R No., Plant Name Description

• 18909 Brassavola Little Stars = B. nodosa x B. cordata; Compact plant, Fragrant White Flowers

<http://www.martysorchids.com/catt2/blittlestars.jpg>

• 18052 Blc. Momilani Rainbow = Lc. Mari's Song x Blc. Orange Nugget; Compact plant, Fragrant Lavender and Yellow Splash Petals Flowers; H&R Catalog picture 46

<http://www.martysorchids.com/catt2/blcmomilanirainbowthegypsy.jpg>

• 18640 Cattleya Classic = C. violacea x C. walkeriana; Compact plant, Fragrant White or Lavender petals with Purple lip. (Higher light levels and keep dryer than most Cattleya varieties.)

http://www.orchid.or.jp/orchid/people/hashizume/kakeizu/present/C_Classic/C_Classic1.jpg

• 17370 Lc. Mari's Magic = Lc. Mari's Song x Lc. Tokyo Magic; Reduced or Compact size plant, Fragrant White or light Lavender petals with Purple Splashes and darker lip.

http://www.cloudsorchids.com/images/4869_a2.jpg

• 18094 Lc. Rojo 4N x self (L. milleri x C. aurantica); Compact or Miniature size plant, Red-Orange flowers; H&R Catalog picture 38

<http://www.orchidworks.com/orchids/july/foto026.htm>

• 18135 Lc. Tokyo Magic '6-1' x Slc. Tangerine Imp 'H&R'; Compact or Miniature size plant, variable shade of Red-Orange flowers; Each parent is pictured here; ideal would be plant size & color from Slc. Tangerine Imp plus flower size and form from Lc. Tokyo Magic.

http://www.orchid.or.jp/orchid/people/hashizume/kakeizu/present/Lc_Tokyo_Magic/Lc_Tokyo_Magic.JPG

<http://www.sdahldtp.com/tangimp.jpg>

• 18707 Lc. Trick or Treat x C. Carribean; Standard or Compact size plant, Peach to Orange flowers, Each parent is pictured here; ideal would be plant & flower size from C. Carribean plus flower substance and color from Lc. Trick or Treat.

<http://www.odt.bio.br/Fotos/Lc%20Trick%20or%20Treat%2001g.jpg>

<http://www.jefflubchanskycpa.com/orchids/orchidalbum/slides/ORCHID36DLRYBFL-MAY19-4D20.html>

Special purchase, **Flowering Orchid Plants** available at meeting. All are on sale for **\$10.00** Most are labeled with plant name and are clones in 4 inch square pots with bark, coconut husk chips, and lava rock media. Large assortment of orchid varieties: most are Oncidium Intergenerics, Dendrobium, and Cattleya (compact types).

Allen Bean has donated 3 Phalaenopsis clones to the society. These will be offered for sale at the meeting for **\$15.00 each**, all are labeled with plant name (these DO NOT have flowers as season has past) they will reflower next year. These are in 6 inch pot in Coconut Husk chips, peat, and perlite for originally sold for **\$34.98**.

- Phal. Little Mary - flowers Pink with Red candy stripe, multifloral type (2 Plants)

http://www.nhbirdsnest.com/images_orchids/phal0009_2004.jpg

"A Good Phalaenopsis" by Dr. John Martin, Evergreen Hill Orchids, before the Dallas Supplemental Judging Center, Richland Jr. College, on January 13, 1996. Description of quality Phalaenopsis plus a listing of varieties, including: Phal. Little Mary. <http://www.orchidmall.com/general/goodphal.htm>

- Doritaenopsis June Hill (Twyford Plant Patent) Registered RHS = Phal. Leucorrhoda x Dtps. Gerona - 5" White flowers
<http://www.twyford.com/showplant.php?plant=160>

ADDITIONAL ORCHID PLANT SALES AT LOS MEETING:

- **Chuck Hanson** will be selling **flowering plants for \$12-20 each** depending on variety and pot size, an assortment of orchid varieties. Also available, **Media for Desert Orchids: diatomite (Dyna-rok)**

FOR SALE, FLORESCENT FIXTURE:

- **Keith Plank** has one florescent fixture, 4 ft. long, lamps are not included for sale at \$3.00 each. Ballasts are probably standard type. To purchase contact Keith at meeting.

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:**
- **Monthly Plant Raffle** - Ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants donated by members.
- **Program**
- **Potting Media** - Standard or Seedling Mix, one gallon bag for \$3.00, contact Marty Haferman
- **Coconut Husk Chips** one gallon bag for \$3.00
- **Pot Hangers** for 3-4 inch \$1.00, 6 inch (18 inches long) \$1.50

Membership, New or Renewal: \$10 annually, Single or Family Membership; Includes monthly ***Orchid Newsletter*** due September 1, contact Dwight Languis.

- New Members receive a free orchid plant at monthly meeting.
- Youth Membership, FREE to anyone 18 years of age or younger.

(Completion of the "Membership Application/ Renewal" form is required to verify that our documentation is current and to ensure delivery of your Newsletter by postal or e-mail, if we encounter any delivery problems; plus proper credit of your account with LOS.)

LOCATION: Meetings held at Madonna; 5401 South St.; Lincoln, the **last Wednesday of each month** at 7:15 PM in the **Agee Room** located on the lower level. Lower Entrance located South of the Main Entrance to Madonna on the East side of building. Access under Blue Green awning labeled "Rehabilitation Science and Engineering". Use stairs or ramp to enter lower level and proceed to Agee Room adjacent to Lower Entrance. Park at the South end of Visitors Parking Area.

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

LOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2006:

Programs:

January 25 - "Growing Orchids in a Terrarium" DVD presentation from Fantasy Orchids

February 22 - "Catalog and Internet Ordering"

March 29 - "Questions & Answers", Group discussion about new purchases

April 26 - "Repotting Orchids"

May 31 - "Summering Orchids Outside"

June 28 - "Flower Arranging with Orchids" by Kevin Smith, owner of Petal Creations and Instructor at SCC

July 26 - "Picnic and Auction" at Antelope Park, Lincoln

August 30 - "Growing Orchids in Soil Culture" by Chuck Hanson

September 27 - "Getting Orchids Ready for the Winter, Pest Control"

October 25 - "Fragrance In Orchids" Slide Program from Orchids by Hausermann

November 29 - "Pot Luck Dinner and Gift Exchange"

December 27 - No meeting

Events: (Details in Area Events listed below.)

- Feb. 18** "Questions & Answers" Orchid Seminar at Finke Gardens & Nursery 500 N. 66, Lincoln NE 466-1995
- Mar. 17-19** Husker Lawn and Leisure, Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln; LOS Display
- Mar. 18** Orchid Seminar at Central Community College; 4500 63rd St.; Columbus, NE
- Mar. 24-26** 19th Annual Spring Orchid Show, Greater Omaha Orchid Society, and Mid-America Orchid Congress MAOC Show, Omaha; LOS Display.
- July 29, 2-4 PM** Greenhouse Tour at residence of Greg Arp with LOS
- Nov. 11-12** Second Annual Fall Orchid Show, Lincoln Orchid Society at Villager Courtyard & Gardens Hotel; 5200 'O' St.; Lincoln, NE.

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE: two volunteers per month to provide refreshments at monthly meetings.

- Jan. 25 - Allen Bean and Dwight Languis
- Feb. 22 - Greg Arp and Richard Sukovaty
- Mar. 29 - Anne Pamperl and Nancy Pittman
- Apr. 26 - Jan Learned and Arlene Porter
- May 31 - John Biehle and Marilyn Biehle
- Jun. 28 - Gloria Arroyo and Anne Vidaver
- Aug. 30 - Lelia Coyne and LaFern Zentz
- Sep. 27 - Jane Delano and Merri Skrdla
- Oct. 25 - Arlene Fowler and Lorna Kissling

OFFICERS/ CONTACT INFORMATION:

Board of Directors, 8 Members: Allen Bean, Rich Sukovaty, Miranda Harkrader, LaFern Zentz, Jan Learned, Allen Busch, Marty Haferman, 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, 9/05-9/06:** Allen Busch
 - 6) **Board Member, 9/05-9/06:** Marty Haferman
 - 7) **Board Member, 9/05-9/06:** Jan Learned
 - 8) **President - Retired, 9/05-9/07:** Beth Languis
- Past Presidents:** Don Steinegger, Beth Languis, Dave Taylor, Tim Janssen

AOS Representative: Dwight Languis

Web Master: Rich Sukovaty

Newsletter Editors: Dwight and Beth Languis

Historian, Librarian: Rich Sukovaty

Programs, 2006: Coordinator - Rich Sukovaty; Committee: Board of Directors

Publicity: Dwight Languis

Courtesy Committee, Co-ordinator: Jan Learned

Membership, Co-ordinator: Dwight Languis

Refreshments Committee, Co-ordinator: Rich Sukovaty

Show Chairman: Lorna Kissling

TREASURY REPORT:

Beginning Balance: \$2,543.61

Expenses, Bank Fees: \$5.00

Expenses, H&R Group Order: Not Submitted

Expenses, Oak Hill Gardens: \$35.00 = Standard Potting Mix

Expenses, Newsletter; April: Not Submitted

Income, H&R Group Order: \$695.04

Income, Interest: \$0.41

Income, Membership - 3 New: \$30.00

Income, Pot Hangers Sale, LOS: \$25.00

Income, Potting Media Sale, LOS: \$42.00

Income, Raffle: \$57.00

Expenses Approved, June:

Bowman & Krieger, LOS Not-for-profit Incorporation: \$924.89

Tami Weissert, Cloth for LOS Display at GOOS Show: \$41.99

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING SCHEDULE:

Sunday June 4, 2:00 PM at home of Allen Bean

BOARD DECISIONS:

- Garden and House Plant Sales, Orchid Plant Sales; determine procedure.
- H&R Group Order, 10 seedling orchids donated; choice of 3 to Dwight Languis as co-ordinator, remaining 7 to be sold at meeting for \$10 each.
- Meeting Location, New: Review report by LaFern Zentz.
- Mid-America Orchid Congress Newsletter, determine quantities and distribution to LOS membership without e-mail.
- Program June: Flower donations needed, finished floral arrangements to be raffled.
- Specialty Groups, investigate needs of society and assist in start up; Allen Bean co-ordinator.

LOS WEB-SITE UPDATES: <http://lincolnorchidsociety.org> Our new web-site allows for additional information to be posted, past Newsletters plus additional pictures of displays and Orchid Shows are now included.

Membership Form: web posting as a PDF file <http://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://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:

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. Contact Rich Sukovaty to check out items from the LOS Library.

- **New Addition:** "The Fascinating World Of Orchids" DVD, program details listed in April Newsletter.

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 our co-ordinator, Jan Learned; when you, your family, or if you know of another member in our society that has a major event in their life.

CAR POOL AVAILABLE:

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

Contact: Allen Bean

NAME TAG AND ATTENDANCE REMINDER:

Members and Guests attending meetings please fill in a Name Tag and register your attendance prior to the meeting. Guests attending for the first time will need to register. If you have attended a meeting in the past please verify that all contact information is correct and then mark your attendance.

PHOTO JOURNAL:

Tim Janssen and Marty Haferman will be taking pictures at the meetings to create a journal to document members and events at our monthly meetings. The journal will help members to know everyone in the society. If you do not wish to be included in the Journal please advise Tim Janssen and Marty Haferman. **Pictures posted on our web page.**

<http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/pictures2.html>

RAFFLE PLANNED:

(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 reflower them.)

Plants located on the table to the left at the front of the meeting room. Selected plants may be auctioned, with other plants to be raffled. Only **current members** of the society may purchase a raffle ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants! **(Pictures of flowers at meeting.)**

April Plants donated by (revised listing): Allen Bean (4 plants), Chuck Hanson (1 plant), & Dave Taylor (1 plant)

May Plants donated by: LOS

ORCHIDS DISPLAYED:

The society was asked to provide flowering orchids for an dinner May 19 hosted by Heritage Lakes Academy, 9300 Heritage Lakes Drive. The event generated a lot of interest in orchids and provided publicity for our society. Flowers were provided by: Allen Bean, Allen Busch, and Dwight Languis.

SPECIALTY GROUPS: co-ordinator, Allen Bean

The Board of Directors is investigating the needs of the membership in establishing and assisting with the start up of Specialty Groups. These will be small group meetings sanctioned by the society. The meeting location and time will be determined by members of the specialty group. The formation of these groups would not effect scheduling or programming of our General Meetings. They will be help members meet others in the society on a personal level who share the same interest or grow the same type of orchids.

A sign up list will circulated at the meeting for members to suggest a specialty that they would like to attend. Some suggestions: one for novice growers (New Growers Group), a selected orchid genera (Phalaenopsis - Moth Orchid), miniature orchids, fragrant orchids, or different meeting schedule (Saturdays for our out town members). If you are unable to attend the meeting, please submit your request to Allen Bean by June 2 for consideration by Board of Directors.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AT JUNE 28 MEETING:

"Flower Arranging with Orchids" by Kevin Smith, owner of Petal Creations; 5310 S. 56th St., Suite 2A (Edgewood) <http://www.petalcreations.com> and Instructor of Floral Design at Southeast Community College, both located in Lincoln. He graduated from Concordia College with a degree in Arts & Science. He has been teaching at Southeast Community College SCC - Lincoln/Beatrice for the past 20 years and has taught: flower designing, landscaping, and horticultural classes; seven Floral Design classes are scheduled for the Summer Quarter. <http://www.southeast.edu> He has also been a judge for the Lancaster County Fair and Nebraska State Fair.

This is an event for friends and family to attend as the program content applies to the use of all types of floral arrangements; not just the use of orchids, even though they will be featured in the program. Our upcoming orchid show has several categories to enter floral arrangements. **Posters will be available to help promote this event.**

Planning:

If you will be bringing orchids in flower to the June meeting, please consider donating the flowers for the demonstrations. Finished floral arrangements to be raffled after the program.

CENTRAL IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY SPEAKER'S DAY:

The society will hold the event **July 30** at Camp Dodge, 7700 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston, IA. Contact: David Brightwell, 5726 NE 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50213; (515) 289-2853; dabrightwell@excite.com Preregistration Fee: \$25.00, \$30.00 at door. Speakers: Chuck Acker of Orchids by the Ackers and Harry Phillips of Andy's Orchids.

During the mid 80's Chuck Acker took a deep interest in slipper orchids and began an avid hybridizing program with Phragmipediums. He is now so passionate about Phragmipediums that he has his own collection of plants for breeding to produce seedlings for sale in the flask under his own business on the Internet, Flasks by Chuck Acker. In the wake of the discovery of Phragmipedium kovachii in 2002, Chuck followed his passion to Peru in 2003 to see the plant and its habitats. In April 2005 the first plants of this species were available for export in the flask and Chuck again traveled to Peru to be one of the first two growers to import them to the U.S. His Speakers Day presentations are "Phragmipediums ... from the Dull to the Dazzling!" and a presentation on his quest for Phrag. kovachii "Krazy for kovachii!"

Harry Phillips assisted his brother Andy part time, with the beginnings of Andy's Orchids, going full time about 7 years ago. His passion in orchids are in the Genera Sobralia and Elleanthus, but you ask him at any particular time of the year which is his favorite orchid, and it will most likely be the one or ones in bloom at that time. He has traveled in Mexico and Ecuador viewing orchids in the wild. Harry believes that growing epiphytic orchids the way they grow in nature is best and the orchids seem to agree. He will share with you his experiences with growing mounted orchids, and would like to dispel the fantasy that growing mounted orchids is difficult. The cost covers all the speakers as well as a continental breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon dessert bar. With your paid admission you also get a ticket for the doorprize drawings held throughout the day. You can purchase additional doorprize tickets at the door. Also, each speaker will be bringing plants to sell throughout the day so you will get a chance to buy plants we usually cannot obtain locally. To gain entrance into Camp Dodge, please be sure you bring a photo ID or you will not be permitted to enter the facility.

ORCHID PLANT GROUP PURCHASES:

This year LOS will be placing two Group Purchases: **Spring to H & R Nurseries** (March 29) and **Fall to Tropical Orchid Farm** (Aug. 30). This will only be for **current members**. This will allow you to purchase many of the orchid varieties that are not locally available and the size of plant that you want. Plants will not be in bud or flower unless you select a flowering size plant and in season.

Fall Order Deadline: Aug. 30, send an e-mail or bring a list of your selections to the meeting. **Delivery - Sept. 27**

Tropical Orchid Farm, Inc.; P.O. Box 170; Haiku, Maui, HI 96708; Toll Free 866-572-8569; \$100 - \$250 = 5% Discount, \$251 - \$500 = 10% Discount, \$501 - \$1000 = 15% Discount. This purchase will coincide with their annual Fall Sale for additional discounts. They specialize specie orchids (large variety) including warm tolerant Masdevallia and Pheurothallids.
<http://www.tropicalorchidfarm.com>

If you do not have Internet please write vendor to request a catalog, allow one week for delivery; or **contact Rich Sukovaty to check out a copy for one month from the LOS Library.**

ORCHID SHOW, LOS:

Nov. 11-12: Second Annual Fall Orchid Show, Lincoln Orchid Society, (same date, NEW location); at Villager Courtyard and Gardens Hotel; 5200 'O' St.; Lincoln, NE. **Admission: \$3.00, 14 and under free.** Special room rate available during show dates, call 1-800-356-4321, local 464-9111; <http://www.villagerhotels.com>

Show Chairman: Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529; loshow2006@yahoo.com

• This will be an AOS judged show and the AOS Show Trophy will be awarded.

• LOS is affiliated with Mid-America Judging Center.

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

Vendors: we have a number who have made commitments to attend our show.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need your help filling the following positions, [sign up lists at meeting.](#)

LOS Fall Orchid Show, Staff: establish committees for LOS to host Second Annual Fall Orchid Show.

SHOW COMMITTEE, MEETING SCHEDULE:

Monday June 12, 7:00 PM at home of Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529

FREE ORCHID, AOS Membership Campaign:

With your new subscription to **Orchids** magazine as referral from Lincoln Orchid Society or any other AOS member, you and your referral will each receive one **FREE** orchid in a 4 inch pot; a blooming size or near blooming size plant. LOS will be using the plants we receive for raffles. Everyone wins you get one we get one! Plus you get additional AOS benefits.

First Time Member Benefits:

- 12 issues of **Orchids** - An 80 page, award winning magazine filled with informative articles, color photographs, and sources for orchid plants and related products.
- One copy of **Your First Orchid**, a great introduction to the care and selection of orchids (**\$7.95 value**)
- One copy of the AOS Orchid Source Directory listings of Affiliated Societies, sources for plants and supplies, special awards, judging information and much more (**\$29 value**)
- One free catalog from the **Orchid Emporium** featuring orchid books, videos, clothing, jewelry, decorative containers, glassware and gifts
- 10 percent discount on items purchased through the **Orchid Emporium**
- Reduced subscription rates for **Awards Quarterly**
- Free admission to the American Orchid Society Visitors Center and Botanical Garden in Delray Beach, Florida
- Discounts on classes at the AOS Visitors Center and Botanical Garden
- Discounts at select botanical gardens and arboreta in the United States

On-line Special: receive an extra FREE issue for each subscription year, 13 issues vs. 12 or 26 issues vs. 24

(Be sure to complete the referral section to get your FREE Plant and LOS credit.)

Subscription: Annual membership of \$60.00, two years \$108.00, includes to monthly issue of **Orchids** magazine plus additional benefits. American Orchid Society; 16700 AOS Lane; Delray Beach, FL 33446-4351; (561)404-2000

Form on our web page <http://lincolnorchidsociety.org> as a PDF file or attached to Postal Edition of Newsletter.

Subscription, 2 Year New or Renewal: receive a coupon for **\$30.00 discount** on a retail purchase of \$100.00 or more to one of the following vendors: Carmela Orchids, Carter & Holmes Orchids, Gold Country Orchids, Hoosier Orchid Co., IGS, Krull-Smith Orchids, OFE, Piping Rock Orchids, Quest Orchids, R.F. Orchids, Soroa Orchids, and Stewart 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.

[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

<http://lincolnorchidsociety.org/contact.html>

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

1) Q. *I was told my orchid is cool grower, what does that mean ? How do I know what my other orchids are?*

1) A. **Temperatures:** The correct temperature range are of great importance in growing and blooming orchids successfully. Orchids are classified into one of the following groups: WARM, INTERMEDIATE or COOL. This is the preferred night time temperature for the plant. Most orchid growers list this information in their catalogs, an excellent resource, because the offer so many varieties would be: Oak Hill Gardens; 37W550 Binnie Road; P.O.Box 25; Dundee, IL 60118-0025; for varieties not listed, see the "Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia" <http://www.orchidspecies.com> the temperature range is listed in the details for each specie. Most varieties of orchids require a difference between day and night temperature of 10 degrees. By placing plants outside during the Summer this is easily accomplished. COOL growers out first and last in, then INTERMEDIATE growers, last to be put out are WARM growers and first back in. Indoor growers to accomplish day to night temperature change, can be done by opening or closing a door to the growing area or trapping the heat given off of artificial lighting.

WARM temperature range of 64 degrees at night, 70-75 during daytime and 80 with sun. Vandas, Phalaenopsis, and other orchids from low elevations and tropical climates are included in this group. Phalaenopsis require a two week period of 55-60 degree nights to rebloom, November for flowers in March (GOOS Show); easier to start earlier in Fall by placing near open window or outside in shade but the plant will also flower earlier.

INTERMEDIATE temperature range is 60 degrees at night, 65-70 during daytime and 75 with sun. Most orchids are including in this group. Some varieties, especially spring blooming Cattleyas, require the low night temperature to set buds. Cattleya varieties without this requirement are: miniatures, Summer flowering, or those that flower twice a year.

COOL temperature range is 55 degrees at night, 60-65 during daytime and 70 with sun.. Varieties like Cymbidium, Odontoglossum, Noble Dendrobium, Masdevallias, and other orchids from high elevations require the cool temperatures to grow well and to initiate flowers. These varieties prefer morning light and protection from afternoon sun. They suffer above 80 degrees but is tolerated if the roots can be kept cool. Use clay pots or shade pot by placing it inside another with an air space between or surround plant with sphagnum moss (do not block holes for drainage). On warm dry days you need to provide addition shade to prevent sunburn. Cymbidium require a period of 38-40 degrees at night in the Fall to reflower.

2) Q. *How do other members keep track of their orchids and their particular needs?*

2) A. **Grouping Your Orchid Collection:** With only a few plants it is easy to remember special requirements needed for each plant. As your collection grows in size this will soon become a problem. Some members do this with a notebook, but the best method is to use a database program on your computer. This will allow you categorize their needs and treat them as groups rather than individual plants. A sample categories would be the following:

MAOC Class, Plant Name, Parentage, Color, Temperature, Light, Special Requirements

CULTURE SHEETS: how to care and rebloom 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:

Monthly Checklist, May - June

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

Cattleya

The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.

Paphiopedilum

The Paphiopedilum Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in Paphiopedilum fairrieanum-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.

Phalaenopsis

Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

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<http://aos.org/aos/orchids/monthly.aspx?sec=20>

Orchids - Articles, Monthly Magazine of the American Orchid Society AOS:

(Contact Rich to check out a copy from the LOS Library)

December 2005 Issue: The Great Cattleya Species of the Cut Flower Era, Insulating Your Greenhouse, Orchids in Art - Cyrtochilum, Phragmipedium, Weathering Wilma, AOS Funds & Grants, Pollination in Lepanthes, Having the Blues, Calanthe cecilie, Holiday Arrangements, Slide Programs.

January 2006 Issue: Slipper Orchid Alliance, Orchids in Costa Rica, AOS Membership Campaign, Bamboo Shade House, Orchids in Art - Cym.sinese, Microthelys rubrocallosa, Orchid Scents, Managing Your Collection, Orchid Cards.

February 2006 Issue: Broughtonia Breeding, Orchids in Costa Rica - Part 2, Orchids in Art - Maxillara tenuifolia, Special Awards 2004, Orchid Checklist, Look to Any Window, Zygostates apiculata, Orchid Portrait, Saving Cyp. acaule.

March 2006 Issue: Slipper Orchid Culture, Orchids in Costa Rica - Part 3, Orchids in Art - Catesetum tenebrosum, Laeliocattleya Ophir, Evaluating Research Proposals, The Carmine Trichopilias, Orchid Checklist, Easy Orchids, Thai Orchid Show, Delivering Your Message, Orchids of Mexico

April 2006 Issue: Masdevallia coccinea (culture and preservation), Orchids and Humming Birds, Orchids in Costa Rica - Part 4, Orchids in Art - Plieone praecox, Orchid Checklist, Garden Variety Orchids, Charming Cattleya Hybrids, Volunteers, Books: The World's Most Beautiful Orchids and Fragrant Orchids: A Guide to Selecting, Growing, & Enjoying

May 2006 Issue: Saving Orchids & Birds, Exhibiting Botanical Art, Adaptive Repotting Approach, Holcoglossum flavescens, Orchid Checklist - May: A Time to Thrive, Support Your Local Orchids, Vegetative Propagation, Books: The Classic Cattleys and Masdevallias - Gems of the Orchid World .

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

June 11, 1:00 PM Annual Picnic and Auction at residence of Chuck Hanson, 65364 Pease Rd, Glenwood IA. Directions: I-80 east to I-29 South; I-29 to Exit 35, US 34; Left on US 34, past the Glenwood exit 1/2 mile to Levi Rd.; Right on Levi Rd. 5 miles South to junction with Pease Rd. at the top of steep hill; Right on Pease Rd. 2.5 miles to 65364. Maps will be available at meeting. <http://omaha-orchid-society.org/arid%20map.html>

INVITATION FOR LOS TO ATTEND GOOS PICNIC & AUCTION:

GOOS would like to extend an invitation to all LOS members to attend their Annual Picnic (pot luck) and Auction.

LOS CAR POOL TO GOOS, MAY MEETING:

The society would like to thank Dave Taylor for providing transportation for Jan Learned and LaFern Zentz to attend the dinner with the speaker at Anthony's Steakhouse and Meeting of the Greater Omaha Orchid Society on May 10. Special guest speaker was David Bird from Bird's Botanicals in Blue Springs Mo., with a presentation on his orchid cave as well as general tips on creating conditions that are right for your plants. Plants were also available for sale.

AREA EVENTS, ORCHID RELATED: http://aos.org/aos/events/documents/ShowSchedule_006.pdf (Complete List)

June 14, 7:30 PM Meeting of Denver Orchid Society; Denver Botanic Gardens; John C. Mitchell Hall; 1005 York St.; Denver, CO 80206. Speaker: Jame Rose from Cal-Orchids about Epidendrums. For many years now Cal-Orchid has been developing the "Pacific" line of Epidendrums. At this time they offer the finest product of this kind to be found anywhere worldwide. Though long considered a minor group, today's modern Epidendrum hybrids are completely different. The plants now are much stouter and shorter. The flowers are much larger and shapelier, often mistakenly thought to contain Cattleyas in their breeding. There is also now a wide variety of colors to choose from, providing something for everyone. The size and density of the flower clusters is extraordinary as is the length of bloom! They initiate spikes from Fall into Spring, and flower from Winter through Summer.

July 29 LOS Greenhouse Tour at residence of Greg Arp with LOS

July 30 Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day; Camp Dodge, 7700 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston, IA. Contact: David Brightwell, 5726 NE 9th St., Des Moines, IA 50213; (515) 289-2853; dabrightwell@excite.com
Preregistration Fee: \$25.00, \$30.00 at door. Speakers: Chuck Acker of Orchids by the Ackers and Harry Phillips of Andy's Orchids. See article above.

August 25-27 Blue Grass Orchid Society/Mid-America Orchid Congress Show, Ramada Conference Center, 2143 N. Broadway, Lexington, KY at exit 113 on Interstate 64/75. When booking your room at the Ramada Conference Center, request the Mid-America Orchid Congress block. A limited number of rooms with a rate of \$69 + tax, single or double, have been set aside for this Congress meeting. Contact: Tim Brooks, 867 Edgewater Dr., Lexington, KY 40502; (859) 268-4567; timcbrooks@aol.com

Information: <http://midamericanorchids.org/files/FallMAOCinfo.pdf>

Registration: <http://midamericanorchids.org/files/MAOCregistration.pdf>

Saturday Seminars: Claude Hamilton, Hamlyn Orchids, Kingston, Jamaica; Weyman Bussey, Abunda Flora, Mission, Texas; and Harry Phillips, Andy's Orchids, Encinitas, California will provide presentations. Mr. Hamilton will provide the Shirley Burr Moore Lecture with his topic being, "Broughtonia, Cattleyopsis, Laeliopsis And Their Hybrids". Mr. Bussey will be speaking on "Mexican Species" and Mr. Phillips presentation will be on "The How To Of Mounted Orchids".

Sept. 15-17 Galveston Orchid Society Show, Nessler Center, 2010 5th Avenue North, Texas City, TX. Contact: Sheila Skov, 15727 Brook Forest Dr., Houston, TX 77059; (281) 286-1471; orchidsandtropicals@msn.com

Sept. 22-24 14th Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival, 8 AM to 5 PM daily <http://www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com>

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 Orchid Society of Greater St. Louis, Missouri Botanical Garden, Orthwein Floral Display Hall; 4344 Shaw; St. Louis, MO.

Oct. 14-15 Denver Orchid Society, Fall Orchid Show & Sale, Denver Botanic Gardens in Mitchell Hall; Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM. Cost is free with Denver Botanic Gardens admission. (720) 865-3500
webmaster@denverorchidsociety.org <http://www.denverorchidsociety.org>

Oct. 14-15 Illinois Orchid Society Show; Chicago Botanic Garden; 1000 Lake Cook Rd.; Glencoe, IL 60062.

Oct. 21-22 Heart O'Texas Orchid Society, 35th Annual Show & Plant Sale, Hosting: Southwest Regional Orchid Growers Association, SWROGA. Austin's Texas Star Events Ctr., 11810 Manchaca, Austin, TX. Contact: Geoffrey L. Frost, 1011 Strickland Dr., Austin, TX 78748-4847; (512) 280-0511, geoffreyfrost@yahoo.com Daily: 9 AM to 5 PM. Hourly raffles and door prizes. Admission: \$2.00, 14 and under free. <http://www.hotos.org/>

Nov. 3-5 AOS Fall Members Meeting hosted by the American Orchid Society at the Embassy Suites Hotel, St. Louis Airport in Bridgeton, MO. 314-739-8929. Contact: Lee Cooke, 561-404-2011 lcooke@aos.org

Nov. 11-12 Second Annual Fall Orchid Show, Lincoln Orchid Society at Villager Courtyard & Gardens Hotel; 5200 'O' St.; Lincoln, NE. Setup Nov. 10 (**See article above.**)

May 2-6, 2007 Fort Worth and Greater North Texas Orchid Societies Show and AOS Members Meeting, Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, TX. Contact: Ronnie & Jerry Brandenburg, 11045 Swaffar Dr., Dallas, TX 75228; (972) 279-4075; roneidab@aol.com

Feb. 27- Mar. 2, 2008 19th World Orchid Conference hosted by the South Florida Orchid Society (SFOS) and the Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Society (FLOS) at the Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami Beach, Florida. Having hosted the 11th WOC in 1984 in Miami, the local societies are looking forward to bringing this event back to South Florida for a spectacular and successful conference. Held once every three years in a different international location, the World Orchid Conference is the largest and most prestigious gathering of orchid enthusiasts, growers, hybridizers and scientists. In addition to educational and scientific seminars, the conference also features a spectacular orchid show with displays from orchid growers around the world. The first WOC was held in October 1954 in St. Louis, Missouri. Since then, WOCs have been held in Honolulu, London, Singapore, Long Beach, Sydney, Medellin, Frankfurt, Bangkok, Durban, Miami, Tokyo, Auckland, Glasgow, Rio de Janeiro, Vancouver, Shah Alam and Dijon. Contact: Robert F. Fuchs, Cochair; 28100 Southwest 182nd Ave.; Homestead, Florida 33030; WOC19@aol.com or Col. Kenneth M. Kone, Cochair 5571 Northeast 26th Ave.; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33308; kenkone@earthlink.net ; Web site: <http://www.19woc.com>

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

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

May 6-Oct. 14 Lincoln Farmers Market, 7th & 'P' St.; **Saturdays** 8:00 AM to Noon; Craft, Horticultural & Food Vendors

May 6-Oct.14 Omaha Farmers Market, 11th & Jackson; **Saturdays** 8:00 AM to 12:30; Horticultural & Food Vendors
<http://www.omahafarmersmarket.org>

June 7-Sept. 20 Omaha Farmers Market, 11th & Howard; **Wednesdays** 3:00 - 7:00 PM; Horticultural & Food Vendors
<http://www.omahafarmersmarket.org>

June 4, 1-4 PM Shady Choice Hosta Society, Omaha; Annual plant sale at Jensen Specialized Printing, 1446 S. 13 St, Omaha, <http://www.shadychoice.org>

June 9-10 Household Hazardous Waste Collections; Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Dept. (LLCHD), 441-8040 Residents of Lancaster County only. <http://www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/health/enviro/pollu/waste/housewas.htm>

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.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/health/enviro/pollu/waste/pdf/wstcolec.pdf>

June 9 Malcolm Fire & Rescue, 10740 West 2nd Street 3:00 - 7:00 PM.

June 10 NE Wesleyan University, Parking lot, 56th & Huntington 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sept. 9 Goodyear Tire & Rubber, 4021 N. 56th St., 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Oct. 14 State Fair Park, 4-H Youth Complex 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

June 10, 10:00 AM-?? Shady Choice Hosta, Omaha; Bus trip to Dennison, IA to view three outstanding gardens

June 10, 10 AM - 3 PM Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, Plant Sale; greenhouse on UNL East Campus; 472-2971

Directions to Greenhouse: Take Huntington St. to 38th St. and turn South (North entrance to UNL East Campus); Go 1 block South and turn East, NSA banner is on greenhouse. Plants listing and pricing

<http://arboretum.unl.edu/plantsales.html>

June 10, 8 AM River City Cactus and Succulent Society - Papillion, Field trip to Bluebird Nursery

<http://www.river-city-cactus.org/bluebird.html>

June 11, 1:30 to 3 PM As part of Nebraska Wildflower Week, Spring Creek Prairie Audubon is offering a guided wildflower walk. Participants will learn how to identify many native prairie wildflowers and discover the beauty and the diversity of the tallgrass prairie. Pre register by June 9th by calling 402-797-2301.

June 25, 10 AM-2 PM Sunken Gardens Tour, 27th and Capitol Parkway hosted by Southeast Community College, Continuing Education, 1-800-828-0072, 437-2700; registration required, tuition: \$14, Course Number: LLLXO40S.

Enjoy the beauty of the newly renovated Sunken Gardens, as you learn about the plantings; color combinations, and resources. Bertine Loop, co-host of the popular radio show "How's It Growing," will be your guide for the day. Class will meet at the Gazebo on the North side of the gardens. After the garden tour, class will travel to a local nursery. 30 minutes for lunch on your own.

July 9-10 Sam Hill Gardens, 9405 NW 112th St.; Malcolm, NE 68402; 402-796-2191; Located 1 1/8 mi. North of US Highway 34 on NW 112th Street, (Southwest of Malcolm). <http://www.samhillgardens.com>

'Daylily Daze', More than 6000 daylilies representing hundreds of cultivars in flower, free workshops, plant sales. Free Admission, Free Parking, No Pets Please. <http://www.samhillgardens.com/daylilydaze.html>

July 9, 11 AM - 3 PM Special activities for children, ages 6-12

July 10, 10 AM - 4 PM "Daylily Festival", FREE Seminars:

10:30 AM "Designing with Daylilies" Hope Robb, Master Gardener & Floral Arranger

11:45 AM "Growing Many from One" Gladys Jeurnik, Master Gardener

1:00 PM "Multiply Your Daylilies by Dividing" Linda Vavrus, Master Gardener

2:15 PM "Mixing It Up" Bertine Loop, Master Gardener

July 29-30, 9 AM-5 PM River City Cactus and Succulent Society - Papillion, Annual Show & Sale at Mulhall's Nursery. No admission fee. Vendors: Crumps, Joyce Bateman, and The Cactus Patch.

<http://www.river-city-cactus.org/show-sale.html>

Aug. 2-6 Lancaster County Fair, Lancaster Event Ctr., 4100 N. 84, Lincoln; 441-6545

<http://www.lancastereventcenter.com>

August 5, 8 AM River City Cactus and Succulent Society - Papillion, Field trip to Reiman Botanical Garden, Butter Fly Wing - Iowa State University <http://www.river-city-cactus.org/fieldtrip.html>

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; East door, room E11; 4th 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>