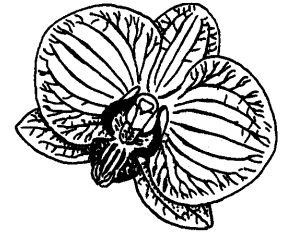




Orchid Newsletter

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:

OCTOBER 25, LOCATION: Nebraska Heart Institute, Medical Office Building; 7440 S. 91st St.
(Between Pine Lake Road and US Hwy. 2, access via S. 84th St. or US Hwy. 2)
Maps, two links on page: <http://www.nebraskaheart.com/Locations/>

SPECIALTY GROUP at 6:30 PM, Class Rooms 1

Program: "Orchid Basics" by Allen Bean - Discussion of light, water, and potting media; followed by program requests for January meeting. This will be the **first meeting** of the newly-formed small group with a focus to assist New Growers! Various subjects will be discussed (topics selected from survey, June meeting; input from membership) This will also provide you the opportunity to meet others in the society on a personal level who share the same interest or grow the same type of orchids. These meetings are currently planned to be held quarterly at 6:30 PM (prior to our General Meeting) and may be changed to a monthly meeting to meet the needs of our membership.

Schedule: January, April, July, and October.

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

Program: "Fragrance In Orchids" Slide Program from Orchids by Hausermann. An interesting look at how and why many orchid flowers have a delightful aroma. Discover the floral mechanisms that produce fragrance and their role in perpetuation of the family of orchids. Includes pictures of many fragrant varieties. Time: 25 minutes.

MEETING LOCATION: (Handicap Accessible Facility)

The society will meet at the Nebraska Heart Institute NHI, Medical Office Building (North of the Heart Hospital); 7440 S. 91st St. This location is near Southeast corner of the Lincoln city limits:

Directions:

- 1) Members living in the Northern or Eastern areas of the city should use major routes East to 84th St and travel South to Pine Lake Road, turn left East on Pine Lake Road to S. 91st St., turn right South and proceed to 7440 S. 91st St. (if you miss Pine Lake Road proceed South to US Hwy. 2)
- 2) Members living in the Western, Central, or Southern areas of the city should use major routes South to US Hwy. 2, turn left East on US Hwy. 2 and proceed to East to S. 91st St. (next intersection past South Wal-Mart and Menards), turn left North and proceed to 7440 S. 91st St.; if you prefer you may exit US Hwy. 2 at 87th St. (entrance to South Wal-Mart and Menards Plaza), use right side of left turn lane onto 87th St., dead ends at Andermatt Dr. turn right East onto Andermatt Dr. to 89th St., turn left North on 89th St. proceed North (will drive between Wal-Mart and Menards) to Heritage Lakes Dr., dead ends at Heritage Lakes Dr. turn right East to S. 91st St. turn right South and proceed to 7440 S. 91st St.

Maps, two links on page: <http://www.nebraskaheart.com/Locations/>

Parking:

- Handicap accessibility with parking close to door, South of entrance and drop off area in front of building.
- Main parking West side of street before main parking area for hospital.

MEMBERSHIP:

Dues, New or Renewal: \$10 00 annually, Single or Family Membership to the same household. Fiscal year is from September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007. Memberships received during May, June and July are applied towards the following year. Please complete the "**Membership Application/ Renewal**" form available at meeting, posted on our web-site, or request by mail at following address. Completion of the form is necessary to ensure delivery of your Newsletter by postal or e-mail, should we encounter an problems; plus proper credit of your account. Monthly meetings, pay dues to **Membership, Co-ordinator:** Dwight Languis or mail by sending "**Membership Application/ Renewal**" form with payment, personal check or money order made payable to LOS (do not mail cash) and mail to:

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

Benefits - Advantages of Membership:

- Youth Membership, FREE to anyone 18 years of age or younger.
- New Members receive a FREE orchid plant at monthly meeting.
- Monthly Newsletter and News Releases via e-mail (HTML or PDF), or only postal edition of Monthly Newsletter.
- Monthly Plant Raffle - Ticket only \$1 each, win plants donated by members
- Group Purchases, plants at discounted prices.
- Library of Orchid Literature. (To check out items from the Library, contact Rich Sukovaty)
- Name Badge (Plastic) available at monthly meeting, choice from several types.

ORCHID PLANT SALES BY SOCIETY: (Additional plants purchased.)

Special purchase by society of Orchid Plants, previously flowered (some still have a few flowers remaining at the end of the flower spikes). All are on sale for **\$10.00** Most are labeled with plant name and are clones in 4 inch square pots. An assortment of orchid varieties: Oncidium Intergenerics and Phalaenopsis. Plants will be available at meeting for inspection and purchase. (**Pictures of flowers available.**)

ORCHID PLANT AND MEDIA SALES AT MEETING:

Chuck Hanson will be selling plants, an assortment of orchid varieties.

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 re-flower them.)

Only **current members** of the society may purchase a raffle ticket \$1 each, buy one or several, for opportunity to win plants! Plants located on the table to the left at the front of the meeting room.

September Plants donated by: Allen Bean, Marty Haferman, Chuck Hanson, Lorna Kissling

October Plants donated by: Lafern Zentz and Society

2007 AOS CALENDAR FOR SALE AT MEETING AND SHOW:

Our society has purchased 50 calendars and will be selling them for \$15.00. Great gift idea for the upcoming holiday season. Contains 24 pages, 12 color photographs, 11 x 22 inches when open, shrink-wrapped with heavy card stiffener.

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)
 - **Standard or Seedling Mix** - one gallon bag for \$3.00
 - **Coconut Husk Chips** - one gallon bag for \$3.00
 - **Dyna-Rok** - one quart bag for \$3.00
 - **Pot Hangers** for 3-4 inch \$1.00, 6 inch (18 inches long) \$1.50

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" and "The Genus Dendrobium" 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** Two Greenhouse Tours at residences of Greg Arp and Dave Taylor 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: volunteers 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, LaFern Zentz, and Marty Haferman
- Sep. 27 - Jane Delano, Jan Learned, and Merri Skrdla
- Oct. 25 - Arlene Fowler, Lorna Kissling, and Allen Bean

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, 9/06-9/08:** Nancy Pittman
- 6) **Board Member, 9/06-9/08:** Greg Arp
- 7) **Board Member, 9/06-9/08:** Melvin Bates
- 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, 2007: Rich Sukovaty

Program - Coordinator, 2007: Rich Sukovaty; Committee: **OPEN**

Publicity: Dwight Languis

Courtesy Committee - Coordinator, 2007: Jan Learned
Membership, Coordinator: Dwight Languis
Refreshments Committee - Coordinator, 2007: LaFern Zentz
Show Chairman, 2006: Lorna Kissling
Specialty Group - Coordinator, 2007: Allen Bean (Focus on New Growers, Meetings Quarterly)
Ways & Means - Coordinator, 2007: Marty Haferman (Sales: Potting Media and Supplies)

TREASURY REPORT: Oct. 8, 2006

Beginning Balance: \$2,366.56

Expenses:

\$ 5.00 Bank fee, 2 Signature
\$392.28 Group Order, Tropical Orchid Farm
\$150.00 LOS Show, Insurance
Group Order, H&R: Not Submitted
Expenses, Newsletter; April through October: Not Submitted

\$547.28 Total Expenses

Income:

\$323.28 Group Order, Tropical Orchid Farm (\$69.90 still outstanding, .67 to LOS Treasury)
\$.71 Income, Bank Interest
\$ 32.00 Plant Sale
\$300.00 Memberships, renewals plus one New
\$ 3.50 Sales, Pot Hanger
\$ 12.00 Sales, Potting Media - Bark Mix
\$.9.00 Sales, Potting Media - Coconut Chips
\$ 55.00 Raffle

\$735.26 Total Income

Ending Balance: \$2,554.54

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEETING SCHEDULE:

Sunday Nov. 19, 2-5 PM at Gere Library, 56th St. & Normal Blvd., Room 2 or B (from entrance, East end of hallway)

BOARD DECISIONS:

- Show; review requirements and details to finalize.
- Motion, made to purchase 50 of the 2007 AOS Calendars for sale at Show, second, 6 for 1 against.

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:

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.

Library Contents:

See your 2005 October Newsletter, also posted on our web page.

NEW ITEM IN LOS LIBRARY. DONATION FROM MAOC:

ORCHID NAMES: A PRONUNCIATION GUIDE CD - The Mid-American Spring 2006

If you have been a society member within the MAOC for any length of time you may remember when the audio tapes of Gerda Ferrington's invaluable orchid pronunciation guide sold out. Gerda narrated the pronunciation guide as one of a series of audio tapes for the MAOC and it was the one which went 'platinum' so to speak. Now thanks to Dr. James Harper, chair of the Education and Research Committee, and Alvin May, former chair of the Cincinnati Judging Center, Gerda's words are once again heard, this time on a CD. The CD is a remastered version of Gerda's tape so those quaint with striking clarity, the proper way to pronounce all those multi-syllabic orchids names that many of us stumble over. Copies of the CD are available directly from the MAOC. The price is \$10 plus \$3 shipping and handling, by check payable to the MAOC. Orders should be mailed to: Jan Yates, Treasurer, 4110 Rose Hill Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229.

COURTESY COMMITTEE: Committee to send cards and extend other courtesies for events affecting members. Please inform our Co-ordinator, Jan Learned 466-9754; 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.

SLATE OF OFFICERS, APPROVED BY MEMBERSHIP:

The Nominating Committee prepared a Slate of Officers and was presented at the August meeting, one candidate for each office. The list was also published in the August and September Newsletters. No additional nomination made from floor. A motion was made to accept the Slate of Officers, second, and approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

Board Members (three positions), two year term:

- 1) Board Member, 9/06-9/08: Nancy Pittman
- 2) Board Member, 9/06-9/08: Greg Arp
- 3) Board Member, 9/06-9/08: Melvin Bates

ORCHID PLANT GROUP PURCHASE, REPORT:

This year LOS placed two Group Purchases: **Spring to H & R Nurseries** (March 29) and **Fall to Tropical Orchid Farm** (Aug. 30) for **current members**. This allowed our membership you to purchase many of the orchid varieties that are not locally available and the size of plant that you want at discounted prices. Last order to:

Tropical Orchid Farm, Inc.; P.O. Box 170; Haiku, Maui, HI 96708; Toll Free 866-572-8569

The society placed an order for 37 plants (\$536.00 Retail) received 27 plants (\$411.00 Retail) for \$392.28 (with Shipping and Handling Charges) with eight members participated in the order. Beautifully grown plants, many previously flowered with some in bud or spike when received.

ORCHID SHOW, LOS: <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org/LOSshow2006info.html>

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

Schedule of Events:

- **Friday, Nov. 10:**
 - 4:00 PM - ? - Set-up
 - 7:00-11:00 PM - Plant registration
- **Saturday, Nov. 11:**
 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Show & sales open to public
- **Sunday, Nov. 12:**
 - 11:00 AM - Noon - Open to Photographers only
 - Noon - 5:00 PM - Show & Sales open to public

Show Chairman: Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529; loshow2006@yahoo.com
Judges: Joe Lankton - Show Chair, Dr. Diana L. Plahn, DDS - Mid-America Judging Center Chair; Dr. Craig Plahn, DDS - Mid-America Judging Center Vice - Chair; Marilyn LeDoux, and Matthew Nutt - Probationary Judge.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

American Orchid Society Show Trophy, Best Exhibit in the Show, Provided by LOS, Best of Classes 1-9
Best Orchid Plant Award, Donated by Lincoln Camera Club; Best of Classes 18-114

EXHIBITORS AND VENDORS: (Additional entries possible.)

Artwork and Photography:

Lincoln Art Guild, 477-9847 <http://www.lincolnartistsguild.org>
Lincoln Camera Club, 486-1456 <http://www.lincolncameraclub.org>

Florist:

Petal Creations; 5310 S. 56th St., Suite 2A; Lincoln, NE, 423-6500; <http://www.petalcreations.com>
Stem Gallery; 5630 P St., Ste 101; Lincoln, NE 68505; 489-1700; <http://www.stemgallery.net>

Orchid Societies:

Lincoln Orchid Society; P.O. Box 5501; Lincoln, NE 68505-5501 <http://www.lincolnorchidsociety.org>
Greater Omaha Orchid Society; P.O. Box 241871; Omaha, NE 68124 <http://omaha-orchid-society.org>

Vendors, Orchids:

Bird's Botanicals; 1404 S.W. 24th St.; Blue Springs, MO 64015; 816-228-1044
Prairie Orchids; 7538 Sherman Dr.; Omaha, NE 68134; 402-390-0140
Palmer Orchids; P. O. Box 1143; Pasadena; TX 77501; 713-472-1364; <http://www.palmerorchids.com>
Iowa Orchids, Inc.; 3910 Columbia St.; Des Moines, IA 50313; 515-265-6879; <http://www.orchidmall.com/iowaorchids/>
Natt's Orchids; 24645 W 103rd St.; Naperville, IL 60564; 630-904-0947; <http://www.nattsorchids.com>

Vendors, Orchid Supplies:

Finke Gardens & Nursery; 500 N. 66 St.; Lincoln, NE 68505; 466-1995; <http://www.finkegardens.com>
Paradigm Gardens; 8949 J St. # 5; Omaha, NE 68127; 339-4949; <http://www.paradigmgardens.com>

Show Features:

- Demonstrations both days, including Kevin Smith of Petal Creations on Saturday at 2:00 PM
- Raffles both days.

Publicity Committee: Lorna Kissling, LaFern Zentz, Dwight Languis

Ads: Event will appear in the September, October and November issues of 'Orchids' magazine. **Web postings:** AOS web-site, Orchid Mall; **Calendar of Events:** KLKN-TV, KOLN/KGIN-TV, KTVG-TV; Radio: KFOR, KLIN; **Newspapers:** Lincoln Journal Star, Neighborhood Extra, The News (Waverly), The Voice (Adams/ Bennet/ Hickman), Beatrice and Fremont; **News Stand Flyers:** LincolnKids, Lincoln 55+; **Magazines:** AAA Living, Americanprofile, Midwest Living, Women's Edition; **Organizations:** Colleges and Universities, Art Guild, Camera Club, Garden & Horticultural Societies.

TV Interviews: Nov. 6 between 12:10-12:20 AM (2-3 minutes) KOLN/KGIN-TV Channel 10/11;

November 7 between 11:10-11:20 AM (2-3 minutes) KLKN-TV Channel 8

Both "Mid-day Forum", Noon News (Lorna Kissling)

Posters: copies available at meeting or **download from our web-site** to distribute.

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, better to include in your list as we will use to print show labels. 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. The exact plant name as it appears on the plant label is needed to make Show Labels to identify the plants in the display and register the plant for judging.

Entry Registration, Deadline Nov. 7: Send the list of your plants, flower color (not required for Dendrobiums or Specie Orchids), provide a copy of your list at the **meeting Oct. 25**, (e-mail preferred) or **mail postmarked by Nov. 4** to Dwight Languis; 14510 Ivanhoe St.; Waverly, NE 68462-1367-02.

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.

SHOW COMMITTEE, MEETING SCHEDULES:

Monday, October 2 and 23; Nov. 6 all at 7:00 PM at home of Lorna Kissling; 3330 Timberview Ct.; Lincoln, NE 68506; 402-327-8529

POT LUCK DINNER AND GIFT EXCHANGE:

November 29

7:15 PM - Register Attendance, Name Tag, Welcome

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, Allen Bean will co-ordinate activity for participants.

Planning: bring food and gift.

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 see Allen Bean; this option has been left open for those receiving items that they would not be able to provide the culture or room to grow.

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://www.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

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. *Received a number of questions regarding bud drop and slow progress of flowers to develop or open from members glowering orchids outside during the Summer and next to windows during the Winter. Rather than address each separately, the following is a generalization of the problem and possible solutions.*

1a) A. Bud Drop: Dramatic changes in growing conditions will cause this problem and it occurs more on plants flowering for the first time as they do not have the energy reserves to complete the flowering process. The Fall weather this year provided ideal temperatures and humidity plus morning rains, almost eliminated the need to even water the plants. Normally our Fall weather allows for transition between cooling and heating of our homes; which allows for better growing conditions for the plants when they are brought back inside for the Winter. This Fall had many of us going directly from cooling to heating our homes, so the humidity in our homes was extremely low. In addition to this problem, the cloudy weather for last several weeks also stresses the plants due to lack of sufficient light. Plants will abort some or all of the buds when stressed. If the plant is severely stressed (over watered and all or most of the roots have rotted) the plant will flower and expend all of its energy into setting seed, to perpetuate its genetics. To prevent this problem check the humidity level in your home and maintain the humidity above 30 percent (some varieties require more), you will feel better and the orchid plant will not be stressed. Secondly would be to supplement or use only artificial lighting to provide the light requirements needed for the plant to flower. Bud drop can also be caused by Ethylene gas released from ripening fruit, so do not put in the same room; some varieties (especially Phalaenopsis) are more sensitive than others.

1b) A Controlling Your Growing Environment: The upcoming Orchid Show has many members taking a closer inspection of their orchid collection and what they can do to have more of their flowers at the show. This involves better control of light, temperature, and humidity in your growing area. Growing any plant in windows makes it subject to the

weather as listed in the above article. Additional problems include elongation of flower spike and new if not yet matured plus flowers will turn towards any interior lights. Artificial lighting will allow for better flowering and plants health for most varieties during the Winter months as will be able maintain fertilizing the plants, Balanced Fertilizer (10-10-10) for actively growing plants and Blossom Buster Fertilizer (high phosphorus, 10-30-20) when forming spikes or buds. Flowering will not be delayed and will prevent buds from dying in the sheath or dropping as with windows in cloudy weather. The draw back to artificial lighting is the expense of the fixtures, lamps, and operating expense. To speed up flowering move plants to area with artificial lighting and warmer area of home. To extend flowering move plants to cooler area of home (basement or unheated room, do not exceed the minimum temperature requirement for the plant) and reduce light level slightly from its previous location. Humidity is the most important factor in maintaining life of flowers! Low humidity will prevent flower from opening properly and drastically shorten the life of the flower.

CULTURE SHEETS: how to care and re-flower commonly grown varieties of orchids. **PDF or HTML**

AOS Culture Sheets PDF <http://www.theaos.org/aos/orchids/orchids.aspx?sec=29>

HTML http://www.taygeta.com/aos_culture.html

Phalaenopsis (Moth Orchid)

These are direct links to the index pages above, so you will not have to navigate through them

AOS Culture Sheets PDF <http://www.theaos.org/aos/uploadedfiles/docs/culturephals.pdf>

AOS Culture Sheets HTML <http://www.taygeta.com/phalaenopsis.html>

Detailed Requirements by Genus <http://www.orchidculture.com>

Free List of above link for examples <http://www.orchidculture.com/COD/FREE/index.html#Sheets>

Specie Orchids: Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia <http://www.orchidspecies.com>

ARTICLES OF INTEREST:ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

Monthly Calendar of Requirements for Orchids: Monthly Checklist, November - December

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

Cattleya: Growers of just about every level of expertise will have begun to notice autumn conditions by now. Days are becoming shorter, hence cooler; the sunlight has less intensity as a result of the sun's lowering angle, nights are longer and generally cooler. Plants are responding by slowing and ripening their growth in preparation for winter.

The first cultural change noticed should be a reduced frequency of watering, as the plants dry out more slowly. This is a function of both the reduced day length and lower temperatures, as well as the plants' slowing growth rate. Reduced water needs signal a reduced need for fertilization. Note that the key word is reduced, not eliminated. Feed less frequently and at lower dosage, but feed. Growths, made during summer's heat, and relatively soft and green, will be ripening -- hardening -- in preparation for a brief period of rest (in many cases). Many of these ripening growths will have a sheath, presaging the coming winter or spring flowering season. In some cases, these sheaths will have been evident since as early as July. (Early sheath development does not mean early flowering on plants with winter-spring seasons.) You may notice that some of these sheaths are showing signs of yellowing. This is not abnormal. Autumn's more pronounced temperature fluctuation can lead to water condensation inside the sheath, hastening the normal process of senescence, so yellowing sheaths can be left on the plant only so long before they must be carefully removed to preserve the bud primordia within. Water condensation left unchecked can rot the bud primordia. The sheaths can be safely removed by slitting open and peeling down toward the pseudobulb.

Cool-Growing Orchids: One can almost hear a sigh of relief from all of the cool-growers, from masdevallias to odontoglossums. As day temperatures decline, one can see a noticeable improvement in these plants. Shorter days and lower light levels do not seem to bother them. Repot before winter arrives.

Cymbidium: Finally we begin in earnest the main cymbidium season. Cymbidium ensifolium can give some early and fragrant hybrids, but it is now that the bulk of the crop will be flowering. The season lasts for about seven months, adding color to any collection. Miniature varieties will peak for the next three to four months. There are three important things to do: stake inflorescences ramrod straight for best presentation, watch for slugs and snails (especially just after a rain), and fertilize with a mild balanced formula regularly.

Oncidium crispum Complex: This is the season for plants in Oncidium section crispum from Brazil to shine. Extremely vigorous hybrids come in wide varieties of markings dominated with chestnut and brown and butter yellow. Give plants high light to produce strong upright inflorescences. The pseudobulbs should be plump, so do not let the plants dry out while they are in bloom. Later, plants will enter a dormant period.

Paphiopedilum: The flowering season for the "toads" or "bulldog" paphs is just getting underway. These cannot be grown everywhere, but where cooler summer nights allow their growth, there is no longer-lasting or more exotic display than these. Paphiopedilums are, in general, not heavy feeders, and it is especially important with this type to reduce nitrogen levels now for best flowering and spike length. Be watchful for water accumulating in the growth around the sheath, or for

the late-season warm spell, either of which can lead to the sheath's rotting. As the spikes emerge, do not change the orientation of the plant toward the light, as this can lead to a crooked or twisted spike. While paphiopedilums rarely like to dry out entirely, water needs are significantly reduced beginning now. Overwatering at this time of year can quickly lead to root rot or erwinia problems. Now is the time to practice good sanitary practices in your greenhouse or growing areas, as pest and disease problems have a way of multiplying rapidly in the darker and more crowded conditions that generally mark the winter growing area. With paphiopedilums, especially, "cleanliness is next to godliness" and if the growing area is littered with old foliage, weeds and dying flowers, keeping the plants alive and flowering will be next to impossible.

Phalaenopsis: Shortening days and cooler nights are the signals for inflorescence initiation in phalaenopsis. In more northern climates, or on the west coast, growers have already begun to see the early inflorescences that may be ready for Christmas. In the eastern areas, nights in the greenhouse will now be in the low to mid 60s, depending on the thermostat setting, so the first of our phalaenopsis will not begin to bloom until Valentine's Day at the earliest. A reduction in nitrogen levels will go a long way to giving the best possible spiking, as will a boost in potassium and phosphorus. In other words, a "bloom booster"-type fertilizer is definitely indicated in the next few months. Disease and pest problems are best dealt with now, especially as mealybugs hide in the bracts and flower buds. Once they have established themselves, they are difficult to eradicate, and flower damage or crippling results. Potential disease problems can be dealt with by the application of a copper-based compound to control/alleviate rot problems before they start. There is nothing more frustrating than to have shepherded your plants through a growing season, only to have them decline before your eyes.

Vandaceous Genera: Whereas the general decline in temperatures is beneficial to cool-growing orchids, it is not for vandaceous plants. The only cold-hardy member is *Neofinetia falcata*. Orient your plants in such a way as to take advantage of as much light as possible. This can be a problem in northern latitudes. Reduce watering and feeding schedules. ©2005 American Orchid Society. <http://aos.org/aos/orchids/monthly.aspx?sec=24>

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ENTERING YOUR ORCHIDS IN A SHOW By Stephen Benjamin; Mid-American Newsletter of MAOC, July 2006

The shows in this area of the country typically use the Mid-America Orchid Congress (MAOC) orchid show schedule. This schedule is quite complete, and repeatedly using it allows exhibitors and the show registration personnel to become accustomed to it, so that the process becomes simpler and more accurate. One should always check the local show schedule for each show however, as the host society may add, delete, or alter classes to suit their local needs. The following guide for hobbyist exhibitors is based on the MAOC schedule. If you are entering an exhibit or a plant for the first time, you should read the instructions contained in the MAOC Show Schedule, which is available in its entirety at the MAOC website, under Show Rules and Regulations, pages 3 through 7. These rules are not always reprinted in the local rule booklet.

Exhibits- When you ask for exhibit space, you will normally request a specific amount of floor or table space, i.e. 25, 50, or maybe 100 square feet. The hosting society will usually mark these areas out on the floor or table. If your exhibit falls within their outline, your exhibit will properly be entered in that category. If your exhibit expands outside the given outline, you should probably move to the next larger class.

Plant Entry- Each group/alliance of orchids has its own set of classes. Each set has several options, one of which will best fit your orchid. The first things you will need to know are the name and parentage of your plant. The name tag which came with your plant should provide the plant name for you, and it will often list the parentage as well. To understand that name tag, please note that the first part of the name will be the Genus; it will always start with a capital letter and is often abbreviated. The second part of the name will start with a small letter if your plant is a naturally-occurring species, or a capital letter if it is a hybrid. As an example, consider the hybrid *Lc. Mini Purple*- The genus is *Lc.*, which is the abbreviation for *Laeliocattleya*. The rest of the name starts with a capital letter, so you know that the plant is a hybrid. If you are unsure what the genus abbreviation means, you should look it up in the MAOC Orchid Classification and/or the MAOC Intergeneric Cross Reference guides, both of which are available on the MAOC website. These are often available at the desk of the Show Registrar, as well. If your tag also lists the parentage of a cross such as: *L. pumila* x *C. walkeriana*, then you have the information needed to complete your entry. If the parentage is not on the tag, you should look it up in "Sanders" or in a computer database such as Wildcatt, e-AOS, or Orchidwiz. If your tag only lists a hybrid cross, then you should also check to see if it has been named since the time that your tag was printed. Again "Sanders" or one of the computer data bases should help. If the cross has not yet been named, then leave the space on the entry tag for "Name" blank, and enter the parentage in the "Cross" area. The process of choosing the class into which your plant should be entered starts with the Genus. In the case of *Lc. Mini Purple*, *Lc. (Laeliocattleya)*, *L.(Laelia)*, and *C. (Cattleya)*, all are in the *Cattleya* alliance, classes 10-28. In general, you should always choose the first class that the plant fits into. The first class that it might seem to fit is Class 16, which is for "*Laelia* species, hybrids and intergenerics, other than above, but excluding *Cattleyas*". In this case, our hybrid example plant does contain *Cattleya*, so Class 16 would be an incorrect choice. This plant would correctly fall into the group of classes 20-26, because it contains *Cattleya* in its heritage. This group of classes is then broken down by color. The flowers of *Lc. Mini Purple* could be: lavender, pink, white, or possibly blue. Lavender flowers easily fit into class 20 Lavender. Pink would fit into class 20 or possibly class 26 Other Colors. When in doubt, put your entry into the first category where it fits, so put it into 20. White-flowered plants would go into class 21 White. Blue-flowered plants would go into 26 Other Colors. You should also note that within the *Cattleya* alliance, there is a class for Miniatures, class 28. You could elect to enter your plant in this class as long as it satisfies the criteria listed in the schedule. The MAOC does not allow for "double entering" a plant in two categories, but some local schedules allow you to "double enter", so read the local schedule. This same decision-making process described above applies to all the Orchid alliances, plus the Miscellaneous groups. Entering your plants- Whether the show has the paper entry tags or electronic entry, take some time to review the form/tag. The information is generally all the same, but the format may vary. You will get an Exhibit number from the registrar, which is where you will exhibit your plants/entries. You will also get an Exhibitor number/letter for each person who has plants in that exhibit. You will fill out the entry form/tag with this information for each entry. If the entry is a plant, the name and cross must be filled in. If the entry is an Exhibit, Art, orchids in use, etc. write in the appropriate type in the name section. Each entry must have the show classification number entered for the appropriate plant/exhibit. The completed form/tag will be turned into the registrar who will assign "tag numbers" and return your entry form/tag or computerized entry to you. The returned entry tag should be placed in the exhibit with the plant so the judges can readily find it. Some good points to keep in mind- Color- Colors may be perceived differently according to the light, so check under show conditions if possible. In general, blush colors and two-toned flowers should be entered in the "Other Colors" classifications, with the exception of *Phalaenopsis*, which has a dedicated Blush class. Color in *Paphiopedilum* and most other alliances is based on the dominant flower color: ask yourself what color is the most prominent of the several colors that may be present in your flower, and choose that class as your entry class. If you cannot make up your mind, put it into the first of the classes where it could go. Equitant *Oncidium* hybrid classification is based on the lip color and its markings. For purposes of the MAOC schedule, the word "hybrid" means a cross made within the genus listed (such as *Cattleya aelandiae* x *Cattleya walkeriana* = *Cattleya Measuresiana*), unless preceded by the word "intergeneric", in which case, two or more different genera are used in the cross (such as *Lc. Mini Purple*). "Primary hybrid"- This is a first-generation cross, i.e., it was made from two naturally-occurring species (such as *Paph. rothschildianum* x *Paph. primulinum* = *Paph. Prime Child*). "Complex hybrids" have at least one parent which is a hybrid (

Paph. Susan Booth x *Paph primulinum* = *Paph.* Prime Susan). If you enter a plant in a Primary Hybrid class and one of the parents was not a species, your plant will be disqualified. Equitant *Oncidium*s are separated out within the *Oncidium* group. If you have questions, ask the Registrar or another knowledgeable person. Dendrobiums are separated out by types, and again, if you have questions, ask the Registrar or another knowledgeable person. Class 111, covers any Orchid that does not fit anywhere else. Review classes 112 through 114, Miniatures, Specimen Plants, and Seedlings Blooming for the First Time, as these are also options for orchids that may have other appropriate classifications but may be optionally placed here. The MAOC does not, but some local schedules do allow you to double-enter a plant in 112, 113 or 114 plus one other class. Most important, if you have questions or any doubt about your entry, ask the registrar or another knowledgeable person. It's always discouraging to find out that your plant could not be considered by the judges because it was entered in the wrong class. The judges will generally transfer a plant into the correct class, but often they cannot do this because the class your plant belongs in has already been judged when the error is discovered. I want to thank Tom Ott (Chairman of the MAOC Show Schedule Committee) for reviewing and adding some great insight to this document.

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Beginners' Group meets at 7:00 PM, Monthly Meetings start at 7:30 PM. Membership: \$15 Single, \$20 Family.
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November 8 Program: "Orchid Names" - Chuck Hanson

December 13 Holiday Party

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

Oct. 27-29 Blackhawk Orchid Society Show, Klehm Arboretum, 2701 Clifton Ave., Rockford, IL. Contact: Brian Lang, 3509 S. Baileyville Rd., Freeport, IL 61032; (815) 297-4723; langfam@aeroinc.net

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: Cassie Costa, American Orchid Society, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach, Florida 33446; 561-404- 2011 ccosta@aos.org

Nov. 4-5 Kansas Orchid Society Show, Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, 701 N. Amidon, Wichita, KS. Contact: Karlene Sanborn, 1925 SW Mustang Rd., El Dorado, KS 670427910 ; (316) 321-0822

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

Nov. 11-12 Michiana Orchid Society Show, Holy Cross College, 54515 State Road 933 North, Notre Dame, IN. Contact: Sandy Ohlund, 3888 East 600 N., Rolling Prairie, IN 46371; (219) 7784457; sohlund@csinet.net

Nov. 14, 7:30 PM Meeting of Denver Orchid Society; Denver Botanic Gardens; John C. Mitchell Hall; 1005 York St.; Denver, CO 80206. Speaker: Steve Eagle: Warmth Tolerant *Oncidium* Intergenerics

Nov. 17-19 Oklahoma Orchid Society Show and Sale, Will Roger's Garden Center, 3400 N. Portland, Oklahoma City, OK. Contact: Margaret & Vernon Reynolds, 3225 Prairie Rose Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73120; (405) 752-2398; magreyn@aol.com

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Feb. 3-4 Orchid Growers Guild Orchid Quest; Alliant Energy Center; Madison, Wisconsin. Contact: E. Malter, 3914 Cherokee Dr., Madison, Wisconsin 53711; 608-238-5871; egadzicki@charter.net

Mar. 19-24 International Orchid Conservation Congress; Jardin Botanico Lankester. Contact: Carlos Ossenbach, P.O. Box 136, 1150 LaUruca; San Jose, Costa Rica; caossenb@racsa.co.cr

Mar. 23-25 Ilowa Orchid Society; 32nd Spring Show, Putnam Museum and IMAX® Theatre, 1717 W. 12th St., Davenport, Iowa. Contact Karen S. Pedersen, 2520 E. Hayes St., Davenport, IA 52803; 563-441-0824 kspedersen@mchsi.com

Apr. 27-29 Illinois Orchid Society, Spring Mid-American Orchid Congress, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL. Contact: Lois Cinert, 595 Sharon Way, Bolingbrook, IL 60440; (630) 7391068; geolocin@earthlink.net
<http://www.midamericanorchids.org>

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

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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>

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Oct. 6 - Nov. 19 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.

Nov. 8, 7 PM; Nov. 9, 10 AM & 1 PM Holiday Design Seminar by J. Schwanke; Campbell's Nursery 2342 S. 40th (40th & Normal Blvd.); Lincoln, NE 68506; 483-7891

Nov. 10, 10 AM Holiday Design Workshop Seminar by J. Schwanke; Campbell's Nursery; 7000 S. 56th (56th & Pine Lake); Lincoln, NE 68516; 423-1133 Call for reservation, fee \$125.00

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES:

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

Friends of Maxwell Arboretum - 484-8032

Friends of Wilderness Park - 477-8282

Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society - 796-2191

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

Lincoln Garden Club - Culler Middle School Cafeteria, 52nd and Vine St.; 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM;

Dues: Individual \$8, Family \$10

Lincoln Gladiola Society - 489-5264

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

Individual \$6, \$4 for each additional; 423-7172

Lincoln Rose Society - Antelope Park Shelter House, North of Auld Recreation Center; 3rd Monday of February, March, May, September, and October at 7:00 PM, 486-1420

Nebraska Herbal Society - 5901 'O' St., Lincoln; last Saturday at 10:00 AM, 476-1635

Nebraska Nutgrowers Association - 472-3674

Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, P.O. Box 830715; Lincoln, NE 68583-0715; Membership: \$35, 472-2971

<http://arboretum.unl.edu>

River City Cactus and Succulent Society - Papillion Public Library; 320 N Washington St.; Papillion, NE 68046; 402-597-1584 or cactus@river-city-cactus.org Meets at 1:30 PM on the first Sunday of each month. Dues: Individual \$15,

Family \$20; <http://www.river-city-cactus.org>

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