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## Newsletter

June/July 2010

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

July meeting to be held Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup> at Nebraska Heart Institute located at 7440 South 91<sup>st</sup> Street at 7:30 PM. The program features "Plant Talk" with Q&A. Media sales will be available; however, there will not be a raffle this month. We apologize for the inconvenience.

August is "Membership Renewal Month." Current memberships will expire August 31, 2010. Renewal rates remain \$11.00 per year for a single and/or family membership. We welcome you to fill out the enclosed membership renewal form included with this newsletter and an extra is provided for a friend!

Volunteers are welcomed and are needed for our monthly meetings. If you are able to help with setup and/or teardown or snack items for our meetings please contact Marty Haferman at (402) 304-7253.

Your editor would like to apologize for combining June and July newsletters. This is a new experience and a work-in-progress. I am open to any constructive criticism you may have to offer.

Minutes and the Treasury Report from the June meeting are currently unavailable.

### UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR:  
August 5 – 14 at the Lancaster County Event Center. Free tickets can be obtained at local U-STOP convenience stores. For more information visit [www.superfair.org](http://www.superfair.org).

WILBUR CZECH FESTIVAL:  
August 6 - 8 in Wilbur, NE.  
For more information visit <http://czechevents.net>.

GREATER OMAHA ORCHID SOCIETY (GOOS) meets on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Beginner's group: 7:00 PM, regular program begins at 7:30 PM and will feature "Orchids of the Canadian Rockies." GOOS meetings are held at the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office located at 8015 West Center Road in Omaha.

## HATS OFF TO YOU!

A big "Thank You" to Dave Taylor for hosting our 2010 Annual LOS Picnic at your home and for conducting tours of your beautiful greenhouse on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you, Tim Janssen, for conducting our July 2010 LOS meeting! We appreciate your time and effort!

## RECENT EVENTS

On June 12, Dave Taylor hosted the LOS Annual Picnic at his home and gave tours of his beautiful greenhouse. We had a great turn out of people, about 25-30, and a wonderful potluck dinner.

LOS Members held a special talk at Eastmont Towers for the residents on June 19<sup>th</sup>. There was a fair turnout and a nice two-table display of blooming orchids provided by a few members.

The Central Iowa Orchid Society's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Speakers Day was held on July 25 in Johnston Iowa. Eight of our very own LOS members attended the event.

## AOS MONTHLY CHECKLIST FOR JULY/AUGUST

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### Cattleya

Cattleyas this month require careful attention to their watering and fertilizing needs owing to characteristically high temperatures. Evaporative cooling is a must in areas of the country where it is effective. Where it is not (the more humid regions), care needs to be paid to proper venting to keep temperatures within reason. Bottom vents in conjunction with top vents provide enough rising airflow to help keep plants cool. Increased air flow lessens humidity and dries plants out more quickly, necessitating more frequent damping down and watering, in areas where high humidity is not a problem. Higher light and heat indicate more fertilizer. The growths your plants are making now are the source of this autumn, winter and spring's blooms, so applying adequate fertilizer this month is the best way to ensure future blooms. Higher temperatures and humidity may also lead to fungal or bacterial rot problems, so it is important to closely observe your plants for any early indication of problems. Pests are also at a high point this month for the same reason.

THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR will be held August 27 – September 6<sup>th</sup> in Grand Island, NE. Advance Gate Admission began July 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$6 and are available at Bosselman's Pump and Pantry convenience stores as well as HyVee grocery stores in Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island and the Fonner Park Ticket Office. For more information visit [www.statefair.org/fair](http://www.statefair.org/fair).

### **Paphiopedilum**

Cooling and air circulation are especially critical in these two months to prevent stress and avoid disease problems. Watering needs to be closely monitored to ensure that plants do not dry out. Warmer-growing hybrids will be at the peak of their blooming, with attention needing to be paid to staking of spikes. Look for water lodging in growths, which can rot emerging spikes and lead to the loss of the entire growth.

### **Phalaenopsis**

Most, if not all, potting should be complete by now. This month and next are when these plants achieve their maximum growth. This growth will be that from which they set their spikes for the coming season. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for spiking will be realized. Growers in cooler areas such as the Pacific coast have the advantage this month, should they choose, of cooling for early season spikes. Lots of heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.

### **Cymbidium**

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

### **High-elevation Plants**

For cooler-growing plants, such as masdevallias, other pleurothallids and the like, the next few months will be a challenge. During the hottest times, keep your plants more shaded and be sure to keep the humidity level much higher. Do not let plants dry out. Delay any potting until the weather cools.

### **Laelia purpurata**

The flowering season of this majestic plant will be coming to an end, presenting a good time to report. As soon as the new roots start to appear, clean off old bark and repot into a clean medium-grade fir bark. Place the plant in a little less light and higher humidity to relieve stress until it is more established, which is about one month after potting.

### **Odontocidium**

Many of the intergeneric crosses between odontoglossums and oncidiums, such as *Odontocidium*, *Wilsonara* and *Colmanara*, will be blooming now. Take special care to train the spikes for best floral display. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs.

### **Vandaceous**

Genera Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days so similar to their native habitat. Watch for pests though, as many of these also enjoy the same conditions as the plants. Check flower spikes so that they can extend unimpeded for the best flower presentation later.

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