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Dues should be made payable to G. O. O. S. and may be mailed to the G. O. O. S. post office box: G. O. O. S., PO Box 241871, Omaha, NE 68124.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MEETINGS

NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGES FOR EACH MEETING BELOW:

July 11, 2012 Extension Office 8015 West Center Rd.

7:00 PM speaker plant sales 7:30 PM Guest speaker, Doug Martin: The Birds, the Bees and the Orchids: Pollination Biology Refreshments: Marilyn Hawes

July 25, 2012 6:45 PM Papillion

6:45 PM, Papillion Library Board meeting

August 8, 2012 6:30 PM

annual picnic/auction
Jacque Lewzader's
Residence, 6117
Lamplighter Dr., Omaha,
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EVENTS

July 29, 2012

Central Iowa Orchid Society Speakers Day, Scheduled Speakers: John Stubbings (Clown Alle

John Stubbings (Clown Alley Orchids) "Oncidium Intergeneric Orchid Care" "Unusual Relatives of Cymbidiums" Francisco Miranda (Miranda Orchids) "Orchids from the Brazilian Amazon" "Brazilian Cattleyas and Laelias"

September 21 -23, 2012

Twentieth Annual Chicagoland Orchid Festival. 8:00 am – 5:00pm Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Sunday. Natt's Orchids, Hausermann Orchids and visiting vendors.

October 6 - 7,2012

Denver Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale. Denver Botanic Gardens, 909 York St, Denver CO 80206. Contact; Shirlee McDaniels, 303-905-7014, shirlee. mcdaniel@comcast.net

October 13 - 14, 2012

Illinois Orchid Society Show Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe, IL Contact: Rose Matchen, 38374 N. 9th St., Spring Grove, IL 60081, 847-587-6525, goldrosey@att.net

October 26 – 28, 2012

Haunting Beauty, the Kansas City Orchid Expo and the Fall 2012 meeting of the Mid-America Orchid Congress at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO.

GUEST SPEAKER DOUG MARTIN ORCHID POLLINATION ALSO BY-LAWS CHANGE MEETING IS AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Birds do it, bees do it, even orchids do it. What's it? Reproduce. Orchids are so smart, they have evolved over time a myriad of contrivances to entice bees, moths, flies, birds, and now even man, to help in orchid reproduction. Dr. Doug Martin of the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City will give a talk on orchid pollination biology.

Doug is a past president of the OSGKC and also the Mid-America Orchid Congress and has served as MAOC Conservation Committee Chair. Doug originally is from Buffalo, NY. He has a degree Ph. D. in organic chemistry from Clarkson College in Potsdam, NY. He did post-doctorate work at Yale Medical School and was a Research Associate Professor in the Department of Therapeutic Radiology. He moved to Kansas City and the Kansas University Medical School where he was Director of Research for the Brain Tumor Institute of Kansas City. In 1988 he moved to St. Louis and sold genetic research equipment and supplies – and – discovered orchids! He opened a lab – Biosource Orchid Lab to do seed flasking and

stem propagation for orchid growers in 1992. And then they (Doug and his wife Beth) moved back to the KC area and Doug began teaching chemistry at Penn Valley Community College. Doug's interests lie with the species and slipper orchids. His real passion in native North American orchids which he loves to find in the wild and photograph.

The program should be highly informative and one that should not be missed.

BY-LAWS CHANGE

The business meeting agenda will have some important items. There will be a vote on a by-laws change. During the preparation of our non-profit status paperwork to the IRS there was a question about whether we had a "conflict of interest" policy. Our by-laws do not contain such a provision. We were required to provide comments on how we would assure that persons who have a conflict of interest would not have influence over decisions under consideration. The board discussed the requirement and agreed unanimously that we should incorporate a conflict of interest policy into our by-laws. The results of that effort is on page 4 of this newsletter. We will hold a discussion and vote on the by-laws change at the July meeting in accordance with Article X, Section 1 which states that "By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present provided the proposed amendment was submitted at the previous meeting or notice was given in writing with the call of the meeting." This Issue of The Informer is the "notice in writing." Please review the by-laws change; if you have concerns, raise them at the meeting and be prepared to vote.

Another item to be discussed is the August 8 picnic/auction. It will be held at Jacque Lewzader's residence. We will discuss the picnic plans at the July meeting. The annual auction is an opportunity to get some great plants either from what the Society purchases from a vendor or from donations from other members. If you have something that's in the way, perhaps an orchid that does not meet your growing conditions, consider bringing it to the auction.

DINE WITH DOUG AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE MEETING

If you would like to have a very casual dinner with our guest speaker, Doug Martin, we will be ordering out from Jimmie Johns. See the attached menu (page 7) for selections. Enter your name on the form, check your menu items and scan it and email it to Jacque at ilewzader@ ini-agworld.com or mail it to Jacque Lewzader, 6117 Lamplighter Dr., Omaha, NE 68152. She will need to receive the information **no later than Tuesday, July 10.** Drinks will be provided.

CIOS SPEAKERS DAY REMINDER JULY 29 CAMP DODGE, IA

Remember, Central Iowa Orchid Society's annual speakers day is only a couple of weeks away. It's on July 29 at Camp Dodge, Johnston, IA (just north of Des Moines). Since this is a military facility you will need your photo ID for entrance. Cost is \$25 if you preregister (see form on page 6 of this newsletter) or \$30 at the door.

The event starts with a continental breakfast which is followed by the first two talks. Then there is a break for lunch. The afternoon has 2 more talks separated by dessert and then there are drawings for prizes. Plant sales occur throughout the day.

Speakers are John Stubbings of Clown Alley Orchids who will talk about "Oncidium Intergeneric Orchid Care and "Relatives of Cymbidiums." Francisco Miranda is the owner of Miranda Orchids and he will talk on "Orchids from the Brazilian Amazon" and "Brazilian Cattleyas and Laelias." For more info go to http://c-we.com/cios/ciosspk.htm

GOIN' TO KC FOR THE FALL MAOC?

The fall meeting of the Mid-America Orchid Congress is just down I-29 in Kansas City. The Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City will host

"Haunting Beauty, the Kansas City Orchid Expo and the Fall MAOC at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO, October 26 - 28. The Greater Omaha Orchid Society will have a display at the event and a number of members already plan to attend. Check the OSGKC website for registration forms and hotel reservations. http://www.kcorchidshow.org/index.html

The keynote speaker for the meeting is Dr. Ed de Vogel will lead off the programs for the MAOC fall meeting with a program on Saturday about Bulbophyllums, the largest orchid genus in New Guinea. On Sunday he will discuss the second largest genus of orchids in New Guinea, Dendrobiums. Copies of his CDs The Orchids of New Guinea will be available for purchase.

Dr. Mary Gerritsen coauthored with Ron Parsons of the book: Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World. Her topic for Saturday is "Masdevallias, Selected species and How to Grow Them."

Tom Mirenda is the third speaker for the fall meeting. He is the orchid collection specialist for the Smithsonian Institution and a regular columnist for Orchids (the magazine of the American Orchid Society). He will be the speaker for the Saturday evening banquet his talk is: "Orchid Travels in Costa Rica."

Vendors currently listed for the show are Bird's Botanicals, Cal-Orchid, Michel Orchid Nursery, The Orchid Inn, and Oak Hill Gardens. Tours of Bird's Botanicals, "The Orchid Cave," will be available during the show. So start making your plans now.

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY Monthly Checklist for July and August

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.

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 midseason 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.

Oncidium intergenerics

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

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.

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

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NEWS FROM THE PUBS

The latest issue of the International Phalaenopsis Alliance (IPA) Journal has a couple of interesting articles. One article goes into viruses in considerable depth. The symptoms of virus infection, the methods by which viruses are transmitted, asymptomatic reactions, impact of viruses on hobbyists and collectors, and eradication and prevention are all discussed in detail.

For those who think that Phalaenopsis are strictly those arching beauties found at our orchid shows and the big box and grocery stores, there is an article about some of the obscure members of the genus. One (P. lowii) is in a subgenus by itself, that subgenus being Proboscoides. For anyone with even a very limited knowledge of Latin, it is obvious it has something to do with "nose," in this case it is a part of the flower known as the rostellum which is quite long. Another subgenus, Aphyllae, is about deciduous plants – meaning they lose their leaves at times. This subgenus contains small deciduous plants with strongly flattened roots and short, few-flowered inflorescences. They are found in the Himalayan region from Nepal to Thailand. Some are difficult to find in the trade.

For those with conventional tastes (and a few bucks to spare), there is a "super sale" on Dtps. Chian Xen Super Idol 'CX255' which was recently awarded a FCC in March, and it's a Harlequin type. Blooming size plants for \$60 including shipping.

The June issue of Orchids, The Bulletin of the American Orchid Society, has an article on building plant stands out using PVC pipes and wire shelving – complete with detailed drawings and measurements. Another article discusses the native orchids of New York City, - New York City?? The article, by David Taft, is the winner of the 2011 Dillon /Peterson Essay Prize. The Lindleyana section contains an article on two species new to science, a Locki anda Schoenorchis. They are from the limestone region of northwestern Viet Nam. And there is an article on a newly described genus in the Oncidium Alliance, Hardingia, named after Patricia Harding who has done a considerable amount of work on the alliance.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

Article IX. Conflict of Interest

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of the policy is to protect the interests of the Society, its reputation, and its tax exempt status. A conflict of interest may occur when personal, business, or professional interests of officers, board members or committee chairs and others in a position to influence business arrangement actions of the Society are potentially at odds with the best interests, goals, or purposes of the Society. The policy is not intended to limit the participation of members as officers, board members or committee chairs but only to protect them and the Society.

Section 2. Procedures.

- a) When the Board is required to make a decision on a business arrangement, the applicable parties involved shall make known any potential conflict of interest in the arrangement.
- b) The individual(s) with the conflict of interest shall be excluded from votes on the possible business arrangement but may be made available to provide input if needed.
- c) The board shall consider other possible business arrangements that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- d) The meeting's minutes will record the disclosure, discussion, and votes.

Section 3. Gifts. In order to further protect officers, board members, and committee chairs and immediate family members thereof from potential conflicts of interest, gifts from individuals or organizations who do business with or seek to do business with the Society, or who are in competition with the Society shall be politely declined. Reasonable exemptions to this rule may be allowed by a vote of the board.

Section 4. Annual Disclosure Statements.

At the board meeting following the annual meeting, each officer, board member and committee member in a position to influence action of the Society shall sign a statement that affirms the person:

- a) Has received a copy of the conflict of interest policy,
- b) Understands the policy, and
- c) Has agreed to comply with the policy.

OTHER BY-LAWS CHANGES:

A minor change needs to be made to (current) Article IX. Parliamentary Authority, Section 1 to reflect usage of the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. It will be changed to read:

"The rules contained in the latest edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

The insertion of the Conflict of Interest policy as Article IX will necessitate renumbering the Articles that follow; thus current Articles IX through Article XII will be renumbered to Articles X through XIII.

These changes will be voted on during the July meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Greater Omaha Orchid Society General Meeting June 11, 2012

The meeting was called to order at the Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office at 7:30 pm.

President Roberta Ginavan welcomed visitors and members to the meeting. Dave Taylor introduced a guest from Gainesville, FL. Roberta also advised that Mark van der Woerd, an AOS judge who lives in Colorado, had advised her that he and his live very close to the area where the High Park forest fire is located. Roberta also reminded members about the information in the June newsletter on the upcoming Speakers Day to be held by the Central Iowa Orchid Society July 29.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. The treasurer did not have a report available due to recent transactions.

July and August meetings. At the close of the program, Roberta discussed the next two meetings. The July meeting will have Doug Martin from the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City as guest speaker. The August meeting is our annual picnic/auction

Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids gave a talk on Catasetinae (Catasetums, Mormodes, and Cycnoches). He also had plants for sale and also brought pre-ordered plants.

Refreshments were provided by Tyler Bolamperti.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Pyrzynski, Secretary

Greater Omaha Orchid Society Board Meeting June 27, 2012

The Greater Omaha Orchid Society Board met at the Papillion Public Library at 6:45 PM. In attendance were: Roberta Ginavan, Eric Stoiber, Sandy Rome, Jacque Lewzader, Linda Schroeder, Ron Fechner, and Jim Pyrzynski.

<u>Auction/picnic planning</u>. The plans for the August auction were discussed. Roberta had relayed to Dave Bird, the supplier of plants for the auction, that we did not want many, if any, Phalaenopsis. Dave countered with an offer of miniature Phals in 5 inch pots for \$15.99. There was agreement among the board members that Phals at that price would not go for that much since standard sized plants are available at grocery stores, etc. locally for \$9.99. Roberta will relay our concerns to Dave Bird; she will be picking up the plants a few days before the auction. Jim suggested that the plants be given a starting bid price prior to the auction in order to ensure we get what they are worth and then some. Purchases for the Home and Garden Show came into the discussion. Jacque suggested another source (Striblings); Eric suggested purchasing some plants by this fall and growing them to blooming stage thus avoiding winter time shipping issues.

A signup sheet to determine who will come to the picnic will be circulated at the July meeting. The food items (main dishes) that the board members will bring were discussed. Roberta will contact Dave Taylor to ask him to be the auctioneer.

<u>Budget issues</u>. The budget was discussed and ways to raise more money were reviewed. Jim discussed the show income. Counting only the income from table fees charged vendors and the expenses directly related to the show

(show application fee, awards, table/skirt rental, etc.), the income was a little over \$906.88. The sale items at the information desk brought in a net income of \$106.78. Jim noted that we sold very little bark potting mix this year compared to last year; other vendors at the show were selling their bags at \$4.00 while ours was marked at \$5.00 to include the sales tax. There was a consensus that we may need to reduce the price to compete. Jim said that we might consider raising the table fees a bit but then we may lose some vendors. Some did not do as well this year as they had in previous years. The competition level was quite high this time. The Home and Garden show sales for 2012 were also not very good and other strategies need to be considered.

Other possibilities were considered: seminars at Whole Foods, a speaker's day, getting a "sponsor." Using donated plants for the auction versus purchasing them. Jim noted that raffle plants and raffle opportunities have been down this year.

Jim advised of some expenses that need to be taken care of now: donations to the judging centers (Mid-America and Great Plains), the 2013 orchid show application. Roberta listed the expenses related to Fred Clarke's visit and Doug Martin's talk in July (donation to MAOC conservation fund). Expenses for the next speaker, Tom Miranda, will in the next fiscal year, Eric Stoiber will cover the expenses for the October speaker (Howard Gunn).

Speakers for next year were discussed. St. Louis is thinking of having Howard Hills (on fragrance in orchids). Rita Miller gave a talk on this subject in October 2010. Kansas City wants to have Fred Clarke again, this would probably require changing the meeting day to a Monday night. Speakers for 2013 for the Denver and Salt Lake societies are not known as yet.

Extension Office. Jim noticed news reports about Douglas County funding issues for the Extension Office and emailed the reports (from the Omaha World Herald and the Bellevue Leader) to the board members. Mike Boyle according to the report wanted to close the Extension Office, which would mean we would have to look for another meeting location. The report indicated that the budget would be adopted by June 26. Jim read the minutes for the County board meetings and watched portions of the related video. The minutes stated that there was no second for Boyle's motion. The minutes for the June 26 meeting were not available.

<u>Conflict of Interest</u>. Jim submitted his suggestion for the Conflict of Interest addition to the by-laws. It was accepted and will be published in the July newsletter. It will be voted on at the July meeting.

Jim Pyrzynski, Secretary ——	Central Iowa Orchid Society Speaker's Day, July 29th, 2012 Registration Form	
Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Jim Pyrzynski, Secretary		

To help us plan for Speaker's Day, we encourage you to fill out this registration form and return it to: Central Iowa Orchid Society, c/o Shelley Lambert, 1191 235th St., Boone, IA 50036. We would like these returned by July 14, 2012 if possible.

Please make checks payable to the Central Iowa Orchid Society.

\$25.00 per person (\$30.00 at the door).

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Interested in attending a Saturday evenir	ng Reception with our speakers and CIOS men	mbers _

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