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Omaha Orchid Society Mem- bership Information Annual Dues:

Single: \$15.00
Family: \$20.00
Annual dues are paid to the treasurer
by January 1 of each year and are
delinquent the day after the Febru-
ary meeting. Dues for new members
joining after July 31st are one-half
the annual rate.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MEETINGS

NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGES FOR EACH MEETING BELOW:

September 12, 2012
Extension Office
8015 West Center Rd.
7:00 PM new growers group
7:30 PM Guest speaker, Tom
Mirenda, Orchid Collecti
Specialist, Smithsonian
Institution.
Annual meeting follows talk.
Refreshments: Linda
Schroeder

Septmeber 26, 2012
6:45 PM, Papillion Library
Board meeting

October 10, 2012
7:00 PM new growers group
7:30 PM Guest speaker,
Howard Gunn, topic:
Bulbophyllums
Refreshments: Elsie & Sandy
Rome

EVENTS

September 21 -23, 2012
Twentieth Annual Chicago-
land 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
Eastern Iowa Orchid
Society First Annual
Show and Sale. Floral
Careers Building and
Greenhouse, Kirkwood
Community College, 6301
Kirkwood Blvd. SW. Cedar
Rapids Iowa. Contact:
niledusdieker@gmail.com

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,
goldrose@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.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

SPEAKER

Wednesday's meeting fea-
tures as guest speaker, Tom
Mirenda, orchid collection
specialist at the Smithson-
ian Institution in Washing-
ton, D.C. He is responsible
for the maintenance of
some 8,000 orchids in the
Smithsonian's collection.
Tom says he is somewhat
of an adventurous grower.
He will often try things
that maybe wouldn't be
thought about as being the
best plants for the District
of Columbia's climate. He
says he has diversified the
collection quite a bit, get-
ting some different genera
that hadn't been displayed
in the Washington area and
trying to get the collection
to be more species-oriented
than hybrid-oriented. That
makes them more valu-
able as conservation sub-
jects and more desirable
as a teaching tool, to show
people about all the weird
and wonderful pollination
syndromes that happen
within orchids. Tom's col-
umns (there are a couple of
them) appear monthly in
the American Orchid So-
ciety's Orchids magazine,
which is available in the
Society's library. Mean-
while you can hear Tom's
talk about orchids at this
month's meeting.

BOARD ELECTION

The September meeting
is known as the Annual
meeting (per the Society's

By-Laws) and some of the society's annual business matters are taken care of at the meeting. At this year's meeting there will be the election of the three board members who will serve a 2-year term. The nominating committee chaired by Eric Stoiber has selected the incumbent board members Ron Fechner, Jacque Lewzader, and Linda Schroeder, for another 2-year term (the By-Laws permits board members and officers to serve for 2 consecutive 2-year terms of office, the incumbents have served only one term). Nominations from the floor for other candidates are permitted provided the nominee has agreed to the nomination.

BUDGET VOTE

The annual budget will also be discussed and voted on. The proposed budget is on page X. If the budget is approved, the board will have authority to spend funds through the course of the next fiscal year in accordance with limits by budget category. Any spending beyond these limits or for other purposes will require additional membership approval. Please review the budget printed in the newsletter.

The reports for the Annual meeting are printed in this issue of the newsletter for your review.

RAFFLE TABLE

If you have any excess plants, please consider bring them for the raffle table. Thanks.

DINNER WITH TOM MIRENDA

We will have dinner with Tom Mirenda prior to the meeting. The location for dinner is the Spaghetti Works, 8416 Park Dr.

Ralston (see map). The time is 5:00 – 5:30 PM. If you plan to attend, please notify Jacque Lewzader (jlewzader@ini-agworld.com) NLT Tuesday September 12.

BULBOPHYLLUM IS THE TOPIC FOR OCTOBER TALK

Looking ahead to October, we have another guest speaker, Howard Gunn, a well-known orchid hobbyist. He has traveled around the globe studying orchids and giving talks – including in Australia, Mexico and Ecuador. He is currently traveling to South Africa. Howard grows a large and diverse selection of orchids including Paphiopedilums, Phragmipediums, Bulbophyllums, and other miscellaneous species.

Howard Gunn's talk will be on the genus *Bulbophyllum*, of the largest genera in the orchid family with over 2,000 species. The genus is found around the globe in the tropics but its center of diversity appears to be the forests of Papua New Guinea.

FALL MAOC LESS THAN 2 MONTHS AWAY

Times a-wasting, the Fall 2012 Mid-America Orchid Congress hosted by the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City is less than 2 months away. The MAOC is scheduled for October 26 - 28; it will be held at the Hilton Gardens Inn in Independence, MO. It's time to register for the conference and make your reservations. Registration can be done online at: <http://www.kcorchidshow.org/registration.html> or complete the form at page X and mail it in. You can register for just one day (Saturday) if you choose.

The vendors at the show are Bird's Botanicals, Cal-Orchid, Michel Orchid Nursery, Oak Hill Gardens, The Orchid Inn, J&L Orchids, and New Vision Orchids. There are links to the vendors' websites at <http://www.kcorchidshow.org/vendors.html>. You can take a tour of Dave Bird's orchid cave during the show and see how to grow that type of environment.

Ed de Vogel, Ph.D. is the keynote speaker for the meeting. His experience includes a large amount of field time in the rainforests of Indonesia, his more civilized experiences include a large number of lectures at various orchid conferences and symposia. His talks for the MAOC meeting will be one on the *Bulbophyllums* of New Guinea and another on the *Dendrobiums* of New Guinea.

Mary Gerritsen, Ph.D. will give a talk on selected *Masdevallia* species and how to grow them. She is the co-author of *Masdevallias, Gems of the Orchid World*. She is a frequent contributor to *Orchids* including articles on her orchid trips to Borneo and Brazil. An upcoming issue will feature an article of her ascent to one of Venezuela's tepui (table top mountains)

Tom Mirenda, Orchid Collection Specialist at the Smithsonian Institution, will be the banquet lecturer for the event. His talk will be on Costa Rica, which is home to more than 1,500 species of orchids. Tom, of course is our guest speaker but his topic will be different.

So take some time to visit the show website. There are some great speakers and great selection of vendors.

ORCHIDS MAGAZINE FOR SEPTEMBER

Orchids, the American Orchid Society's monthly magazine continues to have some highly informative articles on orchid diversity and culture. Starting off the September issue is an article on repotting and dividing *Cymbidiums* – a challenging job. A couple of photos and detailed information on how to proceed is provided – and interestingly enough, the source for the information is from Casa de las Orquideas of Solana Beach, CA, the source for the *Cymbidiums* for our recent auction.

Another article discusses the unique characteristics of orchid roots. Yes, most people are anxious to see an orchid flower but healthy roots are key to good growth and flowering. Tom Mirenda, this month's speaker, has a couple of articles one of which discusses the genus *Barkeria*. *Barkeria* are generally twig epiphytes found in Mexico and Central America. They are related to *Epidendrums* and *Catleyas*. The flowers are rather small but rewarding. They can be easily cultivated if you meet the growing requirements discussed in the article. There are a couple of articles on some seldom seen plants – *Zootrophion* (a genus of *Pleurothallis* from South and Central America) and *Stanhopeas*, a genus of some 55 species also found in South and Central America. *Stanhopea* (correct way to pronounce the genus is Stan-hope-a (the "e" is silent) flowers are generally short-lived but they can be highly fragrant and the structure of the flower for each species is quite unique. There is also one of the continuing articles on the *Paphiopedilums* of China by Holger Perner, this one discusses the subgenus *parvisepalum*. And for those tempted to try the almost impossible, there is an article on growing epiphytic orchids from seed the non-sterile, symbiotic way.

Greater Omaha Orchid Society Budget for 2012-2013

Revenue **\$7145**

Membership Dues

\$810

Ways and Means

\$2500 Vendor table rental
\$980 Bark, Fertilizer, Books, Various items purchased to be sold,
\$580 Monetary Collection from members for an activity
\$870 Plants /Clink and Meeting plant purchase
0 Banking adjustments

Donation

\$1025 Picnic, Donated and Purchased for sale
\$200 Raffle
\$180 Hospitality Donation show/meeting
0 Donation from former member as a memorial
0 Any item donated to generate revenue

Petty Cash returned (not in total) 100

Expenditures **\$7755**

Specific Honorarium from Donation

\$36

Affiliations

\$550 Douglas County Extension, Rental Option
\$113 Extension Office Help
\$200 AOS, MAOC, OCGC, IPA
\$250 Judging Centers
\$50 Memorials to AOS

Fund raising expenses also known as Ways and Means

\$830 Bark, Fertilizer, Books, Badges, Various items purchased to be sold
\$750 Plants/ Events, Meeting, CLink, Picnic

Running Expense

General Function of the Society

\$60 PO Box
\$25 Safety Deposit Box
\$30 Non-Profit or Tax related
\$96 Website
\$425 Insurance
\$200 Office supplies and Computer
0 Banking Fees or Adjustments
0 New member plants
\$1250 Speaker Expense
\$580 Monetary Collection from members for an activity

Event Specific

\$1710 Lauritzen Gardens Show
\$130 Parking CLink

Hospitality

\$250 Meeting or Event Specific

Publicity

\$220 Newsletter, Postage, Reproductions

Petty Cash (not in total) 100

Net (-610)

The Revenue amounts are based on the previous year's income. It is only an estimate of income.

The Expenses have been padded some to accommodate a possibility of increase in prices or unexpected expenses to avoid having to vote on a change. For example, speaker expense, which are difficult to predict and rental option for space are padded. In addition, padded amounts are included to anticipate purchases for resale and items that are purchased in bulk to save on cost and not used within one year.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Greater Omaha Orchid Society General Meeting
August 8, 2012

The August meeting was the annual picnic/auction and it was held at Jacque Lewzader's home. Seventeen people attended. A great time was had by all, even though some storms threatened early in the evening. A big thank you to Jacque for hosting the event and thanks to all who supported it.

Meeting adjourned.

Jim Pyrzynski, Secretary

Greater Omaha Orchid Society Board Meeting
August 22, 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, and Jim Pyrzynski.

Budget. The budget for next fiscal year was discussed. Sandy Rome presented a recap of income and expenses for the past year. The board discussed the various entries and noted some items where income could try to be improved, e.g. raffle plants. Sandy suggested that the bark price be reduced to \$4 (including sales tax). It had been increased to \$5 (including sales tax) to include the tax and round up to the nearest dollar. However the price was not competitive with that of other show vendors. The board agreed with the recommendation. Expenses for speakers was the current fiscal year's speakers was reviewed and there was a discussion of speakers already committed for the next fiscal year and potential speakers who could be shared with other societies (St. Lake City, Denver, St. Louis and Kansas City). Sandy made a suggestion to move some of the money in the checking account into certificates of deposit. Roberta requested more information on interest rates, length of deposits, amounts etc. for the next board meeting. The board approved the budget for presentation to the membership.

Picnic recap. Seventeen people attended the picnic/auction. More had signed up but the imminent storms may have kept some away. The consensus was that the event went well, the food was abundant, varied, and quite good. The auction generally went well but the silent auction item should have announced earlier; Jim suggested that maybe the large, in-bloom Phalaenopsis should have been a silent auction item too. There was some concern that there may have been too many auction items but it was felt that it was the right amount for the number of people who said they would attend.

September & November speakers. Dinner arrangements with Tom Miranda were discussed. Dinner will be at the Farmhouse Café at 5:30. Ann Antlfinger will be the November speaker. Sandy had a list of topics from her (prairie burns, replanting, long-term monitoring, Spiranthes). Sandy will discuss the topics further with her.

One-percent for Orchids. Mark Sullivan of the Orchid Conservation Coalition had sent an email to Roberta and Jim a couple of months ago suggesting the Society contribute 1% to orchid conservation. Jim said that the funds go directly to a conservation fund the society would select (and not through the OOC). Jim suggested something local might be more suitable and perhaps something could be worked out with the orchid conservation efforts at the Henry Doorly Zoo. Jim will talk with Marge From to see what would be feasible.

Speakers for 2013. Roberta had a couple of emails from other Societies on the speakers they were considering and which we may be able to share costs with them. The list was still quite fluid and further discussions will be needed to determine which one(s) will fit our needs/resources best.

Meeting adjourned.

Jim Pyrzynski, Secretary

ANNUAL REPORTS

President's Annual Report to the Society September 3, 2012

The 2011-2012 fiscal year has been another busy and productive year for our Society. Our membership reached 78 by the end of 2011. We continue our collaboration with Denver and Salt Lake and with Kansas City and St. Louis societies in sharing speakers. These collaborations resulted in talks by Sam Tsui, owner of Orchid Inn, and Fred Clarke, owner of Sunset Valley Orchids. Doug Martin, Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City, Joe Lankton, Mid America Judging Center, and representatives from Paradigm Gardens also spoke. In addition, G.O.O.S. members Dave Taylor, Eric Stoiber and Jim Pyrzynski presented programs. Member participation programs on repotting and show preparation activities provided opportunity for both learning and interaction and were well received. A group also participated in a hike to search for native orchids.

Tony Peralis, designer of our logo (1984), attended the April meeting at which he presented the original art work to the society. It has been framed and placed with the Treasurer's materials.

Our society presented its 25th Annual Show March 24-25 at Lauritzen Gardens. We also participated in the Omaha Lawn, Garden and Patio show at the Century/Link Center and the Lauritzen Gardens Spring into Spring. Unfortunately, we were unable to participate in the Kansas City show because of a date conflict. Individual members also participated in a potting demonstration at the request of the Omaha Council of Garden Clubs.

The completed application for recognition as a 501(c)(3) organization was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service in April. We are waiting for information from the IRS regarding their review of the application. Upon recommendation in IRS instructions, the Society adopted a Conflict of Interest Policy.

Sadly, the Greater Omaha Orchid Society lost a valued member, Gladys Messman, this year.

I would like to thank the other officers, Eric Stoiber, Jim Pyrzynski and Sandy Rome, the board members, Linda Schroeder, Jacque Lewzader and Ron Fechner, and past president, Jack Thraen, for their hard work during the year. Collectively, their commitment to the Society and their energy and insight are major assets to our organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Ginavan, President

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

Thanks to everyone the Ways and Means had a successful year. Our year started out with a calendar sale which netted us \$66.90. Then came the Lauritzen Gardens Show with a profit of \$413.61. We sold bark, Bletillas, fertilizer and other small items. Because of your generosity the Hospitality expenses were covered by your donations of food, beverages, and cash. Our next fund raiser was the orchid shirts which gave us \$86.26 profit. Our final fund raiser was the annual picnic. We had a good turn out and sold a total of 70 plants which had been purchased from Bird's in Kansas City and Cymbidiums from California, this gave us a profit of \$576.60. Altogether these four fund raisers gave us a net profit for the year of \$1,143.37.

Jacque Lewzader, Ways & Means Committee Chair

ANNUAL SHOW REPORT

The Greater Omaha Orchid Society held its twenty-fifth annual orchid show and sale on March 24 – 25, 2012. The show was held at the Lauritzen Gardens, the location for the preceding four shows. Attendance at the show was 2,256 people with 1,214 holding Garden memberships. Coupons for \$5.00 admission were used by 217 of the attendees, these were distributed by garden staff, volunteers, and GOOS members.

There were 13 exhibitors at the show, including exhibits by four orchid societies (Lincoln Orchid Society, Meeting of Orchid Friends, Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City, and Greater Omaha Orchid Society). Vendors at the show were Bird's Botanicals (Blue Springs, MO), Michel Orchid Nursery (Mooresville, IN), Fantasy Orchids (Louisville, CO), Iowa Orchids (Des Moines, IA), Natt's Orchids (Naperville, IL), Orchid Inn, Ltd (Bloomington, IL), John and Debra Dolen (Omaha, NE), Paradigm Gardens (Omaha, NE) and The Plant House (Omaha, NE). We had American Orchid Society judges from the Mid-America (St. Louis, MO), Great Plains (Oklahoma, OK) and Rocky Mountain (Denver, CO) Judging Centers.

The AOS trophy was awarded to the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City. The Greater Omaha Orchid Society Challenge Award went to Roberta Ginavan's *Dendrobium loddigesii*. The GOOS Best Exhibit Award was given to John and Debra Dolen for their display. John and Debra Dolen's *Lycaste Island of Takatsu* won the President's Award for best plant in the show. John and Debra Dolen's *Cirrhopetalum (Bulbophyllum) thaiorum* won the Drs. Lorrain Leiser and Dave Taylor Award for best species. The GOOS Memorial Award for best *Dendrobium* (sponsored by Marilyn Hawes) was awarded to Iowa Orchids' *Dendrobium Spider Lily*. The Dr. and Mrs. F. Miles Skultety Memorial Award for the best *Cattleya* exhibited went to Natt's Orchids *Rhyncholaeliocattleya Semantha Duncan 'Orange Tart'*. The Mel Bates Award for best *Catasetinae* went to Fred Clarke's *After Midnight* which was exhibited by the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City. The Jim Pyrzynski Award for best *Phragmipedium* went to *Phragmipedium Jason Fischer* also exhibited by OSGKC. Beyond these special awards were numerous first, second, and third place ribbons as well as rosettes and Best of Class trophies. There were also eleven American Orchid Society awards. Eight were for orchids exhibited in the show and three were for plants brought in for AOS judging only.

The net show income (table fees minus expenses) was \$797 (before taxes). The show also generated income through the sale of books and supplies as noted in the Ways and Means Report.

Next year's show is scheduled for March 2 - 3, 2013 at the Lauritzen Gardens. The success of the 2012 show is a result of the efforts of all members who participated. Thank you.

Jim Pyrzynski, Show Chair

2011 - 2012 Treasurer's Report

Accounting started on September 1st, 2011. The actual balancing of the ledger, statements, and checkbook are correct to the best of my knowledge. The budget for 2011-12 was better than last year at coming closer to a realistic budget. The application of Non-Profit status and its review of accounting for the last five year introduced the closer monitoring and categorization of the expenses and income of the Society. This also introduced the paying of State Taxes. They will be paid in January. The computer has been a big help in the tracking of information and calculations. A new item was added this year to increase our income, Clothing items and Calendars. There is a need for improvement to track raffle/donated and new member plants so it offsets the ways and means costs. Written receipts and sale receipts of donated/purchased items were included in the picnic auction as a trial. More preparation is needed to have it process smoother. I have presented the suggestion to reduce the amount of the checking account balance to working amount of \$7-8,000 by creating a fourth Certificate of Deposit or combining what we have. The research that has been done concludes combining the CDs and extra amount not used actively into a \$10,000 CD. The extra amount is currently not earning interest. Ways and Means and the Lauritzen Gardens show expenses were higher than budgeted. The items expenses were recovered through sales and a negative balance was not created as a result. The new fiscal year began on September 1, 2012.

Beginning Balance for the year: \$12,504.62 at last audit 8-24-2011

Ending Balance: \$11,844.86 for audit submission 8-31-2012

Net Income for the Year 2010: \$659.76 negative

Gross total receipts: \$7,273.95

Gross total Expenses: \$7,933.71

The Events:	Gross	Cost	Tax Owed/Tax Paid	Net Income
The Lauritzen Garden:	\$2,680.00	\$1,883.53	(\$160.00)/\$41.37	\$677.84
Includes Hospitality				
The Lawn and Garden Sale:	\$375.00/Mting \$137.00	\$320.08	(\$33.55)/0.00	\$16.17
Three plants = \$29.19 from the Lawn and Garden Show sent to raffle due to poor condition in March meeting.				
Spring into Spring:	\$133.00	\$28.08	(\$8.71)/\$0.00	\$96.21
Annual Membership Picnic:	\$1,024.00	\$380.40	(\$67.00)/\$0.00	\$576.60
Meeting Raffles:				\$110.00
Membership Dues				\$810.00
Ways and Means:	\$2,820.00	\$1,490.74	(\$68.25)/\$31.61	\$1,159.54

Two Calendars = \$14.76 at Cost lost/walked at the Lauritzen Garden Show. One Polo shirt not sold yet but included.

Ways and Means is defined as items resold for income in multiple events, for example, bark and fertilizer, Bletillas, Clothing, and Calendars. Show Table Income and Plants from specific events are included in event specific report. A break down is included in the Ways and Means report.

Memberships:

31 Single Memberships 17 Family Memberships 1 Student 1 Honorary 67 Roster members

Three Certificates of Deposit: Total: \$6,563.53 as of 9-6-11 Yearly Combined Interest \$64.01

Sandy Rome, Treasurer

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