



# The Informer

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**July** Informer: June 30, 2016.

## Omaha Orchid Society Membership 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 February meeting. Dues for new members joining after July 31st are one-half the annual rate.

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:

**June 15, 2016**  
**Douglas/Sarpy Extension Office, 8015 West Center Rd.**

**7:00 PM plant sale**  
**7:30 PM Program:** Guest speaker: Loris Rose of Cal-Orchids, Inc.  
Refreshments: Robert Mann

**June 22, 2016**  
**Denny's 84th and I-80!!!**  
7:00 PM  
Board meeting

**July 13, 2016**  
**Douglas/Sarpy Extension Office, 8015 West Center Rd.**  
**6:30 PM Annual Picnic/Auction**

## EVENTS

### July 30, 2016 (Saturday)

Central Iowa Orchid Society annual Speakers Day. See story on page 3

### September 17 - 18, 2016

Wisconsin Orchid Society Show "Fall In Love With Orchids" Contact: Richard Odders, 262-632-3008, [odders2445@gmail.com](mailto:odders2445@gmail.com). Location: Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory, 524 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI

### September 24 - 25, 2016

Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City Annual Orchid Show and Sale, Loose Park Garden Center, Kansas City, MO.

### October 8 - 9, 2016

Illinois Orchid Society Show "SAY IT WITH ORCHIDS" Contact: Kay Perry 843-290-9917, [spencer.aloysius@gmail.com](mailto:spencer.aloysius@gmail.com). Location: Chicago Botanic Gardens, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL

### October 15 - 16, 2016

Eastern Iowa Orchid Show & Sale, Contact: Andy Coghill-Behrends, 319-512-8076 [mistercoghill@hotmail.com](mailto:mistercoghill@hotmail.com). Location: Noelridge Gardens Greenhouse, 4900 Council St. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA

### November 5 - 6, 2016

Kansas Orchid Society Fall Orchid Show & Sale Contact: Greg & Susan Tompkins 316-283-1265 [setompkins@outlook.com](mailto:setompkins@outlook.com). Location: Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, 701 Amidon St., Wichita, KS

## GUEST SPEAKER MEETING DATE JUNE 15!!

Lauris Rose of Cal-Orchids will be the guest speaker for our June meeting. **REMEMBER – THE JUNE MEETING IS ON JUNE 15, THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF MONTH.** Lauris will be bringing a nice assortment of plants to sell at the meeting. But if you have something in mind, contact them for a pre-order. Their website is [www.calorchid.com](http://www.calorchid.com). One of their specialties are their reed-stem Epidendrums, which they have bred to maintain a desirable size and a rainbow of colors.

Here is what Lauris has to say about their company: "Orchids outside the Box"; unusual orchids for the average grower! So many of the shows seem to limit the shopper to commonly sold flowering pot plants from the 'Big Box' mass producing growers these days, but Cal-Orchid works hard to provide options to that formula that are new and different to most growers, yet don't require a lot of bells and whistles to succeed. Having been in the world of commercial orchids for over 40 years, and

having traveled the world to explore habitats and world class orchid nursery collections, we have acquired a fantastic collection of plants that have been the building block of Cal-Orchid's business. After 28 years in business, and nearly 5,000 seed pods submitted to orchid laboratories, we are proud to have one of the most diverse collections anywhere. Each year we travel to up to 20 different shows where we feature a sampling of our plants for sale. Species and Hybrids from Africa, South East Asia, South and Central America are offered and met with great enthusiasm. Over the course of the lecture we will explore some of these plants, and discuss the best way to grow them. Branch out! There is more to life than Phalaenopsis after all! And best of all, they do not have to be expensive!!"

We will have dinner with Lauris at the Farmhouse Café, on 84th St. by Mangelsen's, around 5 pm. If you would like to attend, please advise Jim (402-734-4112 or jpyrzynski@cox.net).

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### **PICNIC & AUCTION IN JULY**

July is our annual picnic and auction. Picnic – we all know what that means. Auction – that's our annual fundraiser for speakers, plant purchases, and general functions of the group. We have sent requests to a variety of orchid vendors for plant donations for the

auction. As for the picnic, details need to be worked out. Check the next newsletter – or emails – for more information. The event will start earlier than normal – 6:30 pm.

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### **FALL ORCHID SHOWS MAKE PLANS NOW**

Orchid shows take a bit of a hiatus over the summer but they are back in the fall. The list of events on the front page contains just some of the regional ones, the ones we should be participating – if we expect to have other orchid groups at our annual show in the spring.

### **OSGKC Show September 24 – 25.**

First off is the Orchid Society of Greater Kansas City show on March 24 – 2.5 at the Loose Park Garden Center in Kansas City, MO. We have received an invitation to participate in their 2016 fall show. OSGKC has been a loyal supporter of our show for years – even if it meant splitting their resources so they could support other regional shows on the same weekend. Think of it – doing 2 shows on the same weekend. That takes a lot of resources – people and plants. We need to start the planning process now so come September we are ready to hit the road and set up our display. And Kansas City is a great place to visit, and Loose Park is a great park to stroll around, the locals make great use of it.

### **EIOS Show October 15 – 16.**

Nile Dusdieker extended an invitation to their show last year but we had cancel out – no plants in bloom. Nile has been here a number of times, first with EIOS exhibits at our shows and more recently as guest speaker. Cedar Rapids is a bit further than Kansas City but still a relatively easy drive. Participating in their show gives us an opportunity to see how others run a show. And it should be prime time for fall colors – the Grant Wood Scenic Byway is nearby and a great, fun drive.

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### **JUNE ISSUE OF AOS ORCHIDS**

The June issue of AOS Orchids is out. "Questions and Answers" contains 2 queries about plant problems. One concerns a *Cattleya* with some problems on the pseudobulbs and leaves. Another is about the "dry rest period" for *Dendrobiums*. The answers provided are enlightening and helpful. Also the answer on *Dendrobiums* mentions a book by Charles and Margaret Baker which is now out-of-print – that book is one of 3 volumes by the writers in our library.

Every wonder about whether those Styrofoam (peanuts and other forms) are harmful or good for your orchids (they're frequently used for drainage material). A Letter to the Editor has some useful

information.

The AOS Conservation Projects article discusses conservation proposals and which ones they selected. One is for the Small White Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium candidum*) – which those who made the trip to Columbus, Nebraska area 2 years ago remember. The caption of the photo has an error. It says the range is "westward to Iowa." The conservation committee has been informed (by me) that the range is well into central Nebraska.

Summer is here and many orchids will enjoy a bout of fresh air. Tom Miranda discusses moving them out doors and other cultural concerns.

Root rot- something you don't want your plants to get, but at one time or another you can expect for them to get. Find out what causes it and what to do to prevent or stop it – read the excellent article by Sue Bottom.

For a chuckle – read the winner of the 2105 Gordon W. Dillon/Richard C. Peterson Essay Prize on confusing phrases regarding orchids. We've all been there.

Take a trip to Madagascar via an extensive article on the large Indian Ocean island.

Issues of AOS Orchids are in the library – make use of them.

# **CENTRAL IOWA ORCHID SOCIETY**

## **28th ANNUAL SPEAKERS DAY**

Saturday, July 30, 2016 (note day change)

**Johnston Lions Club Community Center**

**6401 Merle Hay Road**

**Johnston, Iowa**

### **OUR SPEAKERS**

#### **Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, CA**

Fred Clarke has been growing orchids for over 30 years and has been hybridizing for 25 of those years. With over 25 years as a professional grower and manager in the horticultural industry, Fred applies these skills at his orchid nursery; Sunset Valley Orchids, located in San Diego, CA. He is a passionate orchid grower whose curiosity in orchids is broad and varied. Although developing *Cattleya* hybrids has been his sustaining interest, he is also actively creating new *Bulbophyllum* and *Paphiopedilum* hybrids. His pioneering work in *Catasetum* intergeneric hybrids led to the development of several notable hybrids, most recently the grex, *Fredclarkeara After Dark*, which produced “the blackest flower ever witnessed”. This grex has received nine FCC’s, four AM’s and the coveted ‘Award of Distinction’ on the first flowers shown for judging! Fred is an Accredited Judge in the Pacific South Judging Region. His plants have received hundreds of quality awards from the American Orchid Society.

Fred’s topics will be “Spotted and Splashed *Cattleyas*” and “*Catasetums* and Their Culture”

#### **Hadley Cash, Marriott Orchids, NC**

Hadley began growing his first orchids over thirty years ago, and formed Marriott Orchids in 1985. By this time, he had begun growing *Paphiopedilums* almost exclusively. In the early 1990’s, he built his first greenhouse, of approximately 2,500 square feet. Shortly after that, he started a breeding program focused on producing *Paphiopedilums* of the highest quality. Hadley married his wife Deborah in 1997, and in 1998, just before the birth of their son Austin, he began the orchid business as a full time career. Marriott Orchids expanded its growing area in 1998, to 6,000 square feet of heated greenhouse.

As of early 2015, Hadley has received over 400 American Orchid Society awards, including 15 FCC’s (First Class Certificate’s). He has had six crosses awarded AQ’s (Award of Quality) from the AOS, and won both the W.W. Wilson Award and the Merritt W. Huntington Award (Best *Paphiopedilum* and Best FCC of the year). In May of 2015, Hadley received the highest distinction of his career... he was awarded the AOS Award for Excellence in Hybridizing. This award is given for a lifelong commitment to hybridizing excellence.

He has written a number of published articles on the genus *Paphiopedilum* and its hybrids for the AOS, *Orchid Digest*, and the *Slipper Orchid Journal*. He has lectured throughout the US and internationally, sharing both his love and expertise of Slipper Orchids.

Hadley’s topics will be “*Paphiopedilums* In General” and “Orchid Rainbows”.

#### **REGISTRATION FEE - FORM ON PAGE 6**

Registration fee of \$30.00 per person covers all costs. (\$35.00 at the door)

Early reservations would be helpful in planning the event.

For more information, reservations, ect. Please call:

Carson Whitlow at 515-993-4841

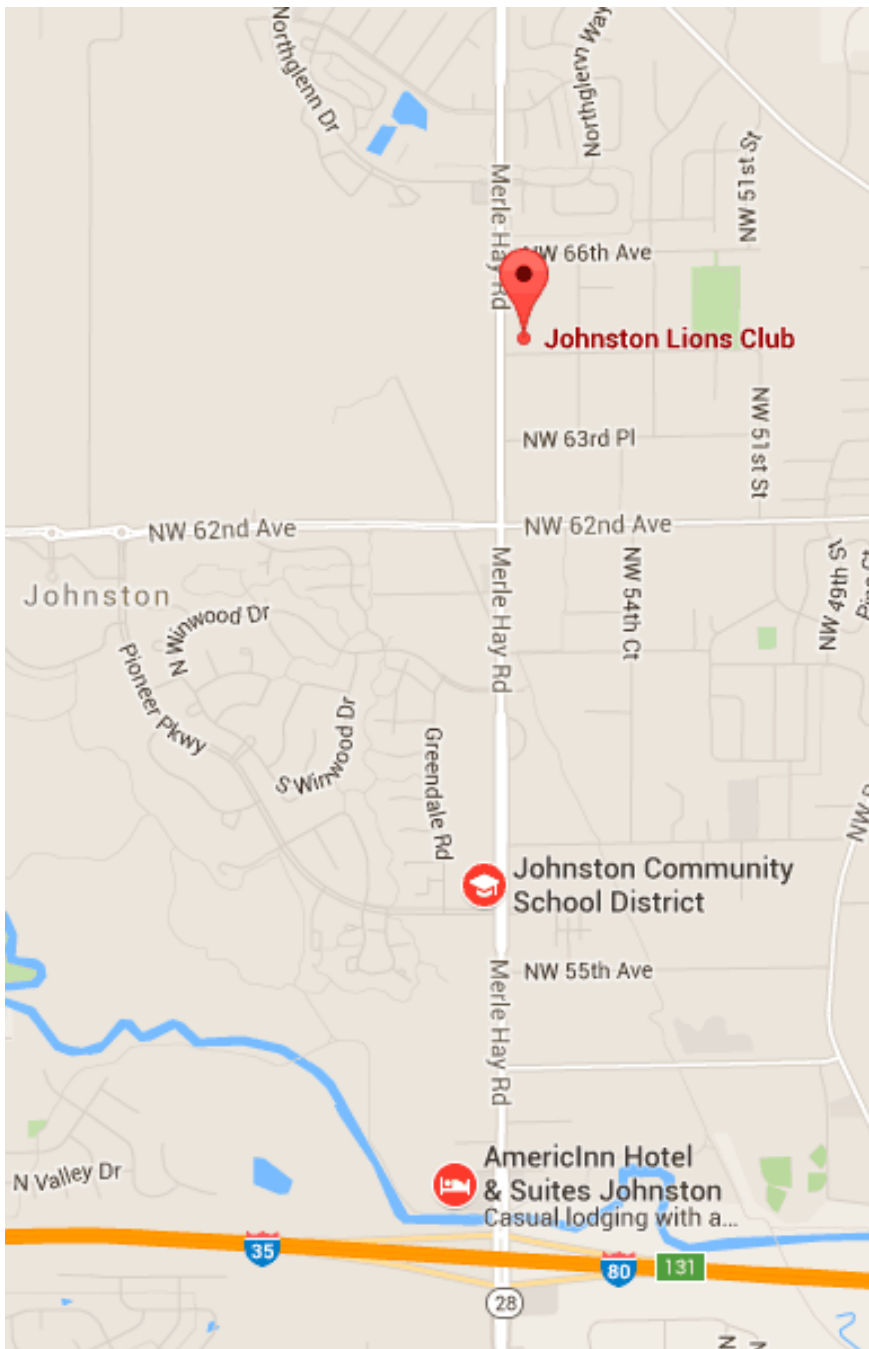
## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**Saturday, July 30, 2015**

8:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast, Plant Sales
8:00-10:00	Plants registered for AOS Judging
9:00-11:30	Morning presentations, one by each speaker
11:00	AOS Judging
11:30	Buffet Lunch / Plant sales
1:00 p.m.	First afternoon presentation
1:45	Afternoon Dessert Bar
2:30	Second afternoon presentation
3:15	Drawing for Door Prizes / Plant Sales

All times are approximate and subject to change at this time.

Both speakers will have plants for sale throughout the day.



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**Central Iowa Orchid Society Speaker's Day, July 30th, 2016 Registration Form**

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 Chris Barck, 418 Lucind Street, Perry, IA 50220. We would like these returned by July 15, 2016 if possible.

Please make checks payable to the Central Iowa Orchid Society.  
\$30.00 per person ( \$35.00 at the door).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_