



## GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY THE ORCHID COLUMN

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### *SPECIAL EVENTS*

December 5, 2010 12:30  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party  
January 9, 2011  
Jason Fischer "Phalaenopsis"  
**WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**  
February 6, 2011  
West Side Greenhouse Tour  
Dan Mumau and Mike  
Lawless,  
Clarice and Dennis Dean,  
March 6, 2011  
Ron Parsons  
"The Orchids of Crete"  
April 3, 2011  
**NEW MEETING PLACE**  
**EASTER SEAL BUILDING**  
Ron Coleman, "A Survey of  
North American Native  
Orchids"  
May 1, 2011  
Karen Muir  
"What Makes a Good Paph"  
June 5, 2011  
East Side Greenhouse Tour  
Cathy Loftfield  
Fred & Roberta Schechter  
July 10, 2011  
Fred Clarke,  
"Cattleyas"  
August 7, 2011  
Barbecue  
September 11, 2011  
Cathy Loftfield,  
"A Passion for Orchids"  
October 2, 2011  
Peter Lin  
"The Three A's"-  
Angraecum, Aeranthes,  
And Aerangis"  
November 6, 2011  
Carol Siegel  
"The Sex Life of Orchids"



**DECEMBER 5, 2010**  
**12:30pm**(It's a party!!)

OUR E-NEWSLETTER IS TWO YEARS  
OLD!

*Happy holidays to all our dear members!*

It's party time once more! Our holiday party will be held at my home, 8601 Robinson Ridge Drive 254-4168 (Canyon Gate Country Club between Durango & Fort Apache on West Sahara) **12:30**

Sunday, December 5, 2011. **NOT THE REGULAR TIME!!** From Rainbow, go west on Sahara until you pass Durango. The

next light is Canyon Gate Drive (across from the Lakes). Make a right turn into the guard gate & the first right after that which will be Medalist, Iron Ridge, and Robinson Ridge in just a minute. Mine is the first house on Robinson Ridge Drive with a peculiar grass driveway and stained- glass shell doors.

### *IT'S PARTY TIME...*

We will eat drink and schmooze and enjoy each other's company as always. I will provide music and song with Mike and Adrienne Thurber who will play keyboard and violin and sing. I will provide a nail tech to paint orchids on our fingernails (guys, too, if they are liberated enough...) as well as a margarita machine, paper goods, drinks, tiramisu, bok choy salad, wine and champagne. We thank Dan Mumau, Mike Lawless and me for two big prime rib roasts, Cathy and Bruce Weber for roasting a turkey, Joel and Linda Davidson for the famous fried turkey, Cathy Loftfield and Shelly North for the delicious roast hams, and Bruce and Wanda La Follett for

the salmon. YUMMY!! We ask everybody to **BRING A DISH (FILLED WITH FOOD, OF COURSE) FOR 10-12 PEOPLE-** main dish, salad, side dish, appetizers, dessert... Please remember to bring serving forks and spoons and ladles and to have the food cut up, hot or cold, and ready to serve.

**WE ALSO TRADITIONALLY ASK EVERYONE TO BRING A FEW CANNED GOODS OR BOXED FOODS TO DONATE TO THE SALVATION ARMY TO HELP THE NEEDY.** LAST YEAR WE COLLECTED SIX SHOPPING CARTS FULL OF FOOD AND MADE LOTS OF PEOPLE HAPPY.

## THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN:

President-Carol Siegel  
 VP Jackie Braverman  
 Secretary-Eileen McKyton  
 Treasurer-Diana Smith  
 Raffle Angel-Tony Billitere  
 Raffle Committee- Ed McCormick, Aaron Schave, Diana Smith, Cathy Loftfield, Gail Harris, Pat Holland, Claudia Drake, Jackie Braverman, John&Judie Tuthill, Dan Mumau  
 Travel Angel-Terry Wilsey  
 Webmaster-Alex McKyton  
 Librarian- Myra Glassman  
 University Liaison-Paula Garrett  
 Membership Hospitality-Mike Lawless, Marsha Hawley  
 Welcome Desk-Eileen&Alex McKyton, Jackie Braverman  
 Election Chairlady-Toby Librot  
 Nevada State Garden Club Reps-Myra Glassman, Jeri Lee, Terry Wilsey  
 Show Display-Shelly North  
 Show and Tell Gurus-Mike Levin  
 Judging- Mike Levin and Fred and Roberta Schechter  
 Membership Card Design-Leslie Doyle  
 Barbecue Masters-Eldine Stevens, Dan Mumau, Mike Lawless  
 Photographer-Cathy Loftfield

*Drinking and driving and holiday orchids...*

Loosen your belts, put on your fancy pants, and join us for a good time. Speaking of good times, if you imbibe too much at the party, we will take away your keys and put you in a cab. We cannot allow you to drive if it is not safe. We love you and know you will understand. ONE OF THE MARGARITA MACHINES WILL BE "VIRGIN" PINA COLADA FOR THOSE WHO LIKE THE TASTE BUT NOT THE EFFECT. Tony has been scouring the town for raffle orchids, and

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the club will underwrite 100 holiday blooming orchids worth at least \$20 from Hilo Orchid Farms which members can get for a \$6 raffle ticket, first come first served. I can't believe it is that time again, but good things can't come around too fast. Don't forget your dish for 10-12, your canned goods for the needy and your party shoes. MAKES SURE TO BRING SERVING SPOONS AND FORKS FOR YOUR DISH AND HAVE IT HEATED AND CUT-UP, IF NECESSARY, AHEAD OF TIME.

*Our November meeting was great fun...*

On a gorgeous November afternoon, our club met for friends, fun, flowers and food once again. We welcomed charming new members Bob and Betty Soucy who have been living in the Philippines. What an adjustment!! At least you can see orchids at our meetings! We hope you have fun with our club. We will happy to meet you and share our passion. Do come to the Holiday Party. Gail Harris, Election Chairlady, presided over the annual elections. The group graciously elected Carol Siegel as president, Jackie Braverman as vice-president, Eileen McKyton as secretary, and Diana Smith as treasurer. We are all thrilled to lead this fun and friendly group. We thank John and Judy

Tuthill, Carol Siegel, Penny Senneseth, Gail Harris, Toby Librot, and Lee White for the delicious food for the meeting. A special thank you to Tony Billitere who picked up hotel plants for us. I didn't know that Aaron Schave was also picking up plants- thanks so much! A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO Dan Mumau WHO PICKED UP and FED the speaker and to Beth and Bob Soucy who returned him to the airport. Thanks, too, to Terry Wilsey for his travel help. I got us blooming phals from Zuma Canyon Orchids for the raffle and donated an Orchid Digest subscription. If you ever can pick up or house a speaker, it is a great savings to the club and gives you non-stop access to an orchid expert

**LEARNING TO GROW DENDROBIUM**

PETER LIN DID AN INTERESTING TALK ON THE HUGE GENUS, DENDROBIUM. HE STRESSED THAT YOU MUST LOOK UP THE WATERING REQUIREMENTS FOR **EACH SPECIES**. BECAUSE DENDROBIUM GROW AT SO MANY DIFFERENT ELEVATIONS AND IN SUCH DIFFERENT CONDITIONS, SOME NEED TO BE **DRY ALL WINTER** (NOBILE TYPES, FOR EXAMPLE) AND SOME NEED TO BE CONTINUOUSLY WATERED (like the *D. phalaenopsis* ones from the raffle). LOOK THEM UP ON THE WEB TO BE SURE!!

### Nevada Garden Club

Thanks to Myra Glassman, Terry Wilsey, and Jeri Lee for attending the NGC

Conference. Myra reports that dues have been raised, despite her protests, by \$2. We now pay \$6 per member to join the NGC, which allows us to use the building for free. NGC is hosting the Pacific Region Garden Club Convention March 31-April 2<sup>nd</sup>. A new refrigerator has been purchased for the building, and landscaping bids have gone out. Both air conditioning units in the building need replacement at a cost of \$8000-10,000. Alas, nothing is free.

Congratulations to our very own Alana Sullivan who is now editor of the Silver State Gardener. Deadline for the winter issue is December 15.

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### DUES ARE UNCHANGED FOR 2011

DUES WILL REMAIN \$30 A PERSON AND \$45 A COUPLE FOR 2011.

YOU CAN PAY AT THE PARTY OR SEND A CHECK TO "GLVOS" TO CAROL SIEGEL AT 8601 ROBINSON RIDGE DRIVE LAS VEGAS 89117.

EVERYONE IS ALWAYS ASKING FOR MONEY, I KNOW, BUT IF YOU ARE ABLE TO, A DONATION OF EVEN A COUPLE OF EXTRA BUCKS HELPS OUT. NO PRESSURE...

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE- DON'T FORGET THAT OUR JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING WILL BE A WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. WE WELCOME YOUR ELEGANT JUNK AND WILL APPRECIATE YOUR CARTING HOME OURS. THIS IS A MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR US USUALLY YIELDING \$1000 OR MORE. IF YOU CAN GET A GIFT CERTIFICATE OR MERCHANDISE DONATED, SO MUCH THE BETTER. I WILL TRY TO GET ORCHIDS DONATED, BUT WE APPRECIATE ANYTHING. I HAVE GOTTEN SOME OF MY BEST STUFF AT THE SALE! WILLING TO BE A CAPTAIN AND HELP OUT? TELL ME. IT'S FUN TO BE A PART OF THIS EVENT.

### BRING A FRIEND TO OUR MEETING IN JANUARY...

WE HAVE THE GREAT PLEASURE OF WELCOMING BACK THE HANDSOME, CHARMING AND SMART JASON FISCHER WHO WILL SPEAK ON PHALAENOPSIS, OUR FAVORITE GENUS, STAR OF SUPERMARKET AND HOME DEPOT (THE PHALAENOPSIS, NOT JASON...) BRING A FRIEND AND INTRODUCE HIM/HER TO US! IT WILL ALSO BE WHITE ELEPHANT TIME SO IT WILL BE OUR VERY BEST MEETING.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND!**

AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER, IS A COPY OF MY ARTICLE THAT WILL APPEAR IN ORCHID DIGEST IN JANUARY 2011 ON HUMMINGBIRDS, PART OF A POLLINATOR SERIES.. SHHHHHH... YOU ARE THE FIRST...I HAVE ALSO FORWARD THE WONDERFUL AOS NEWSLETTER WITH TONS OF ARTICLES TO READ, INCLUDING ONE ON DENDROBIUM.

SEE YOU AT THE PARTY AT 12:30. Love, Carol 254-4168