

GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY THE ORCHID COLUMN

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LOVELY EASTER SHOW AT THE CAL

SPECIAL EVENTS:

May 2, 2010
Mike Glikbarg "Fragrant Orchids"
June 6, 2010
Doug Overstreet,
"Multifloral Paphs"
July 11, 2010
Carol Siegel
"The Sex Life of Orchids"
August 1, 2010
Barbecue Mt. Charleston
September 12, 2010
Alan Koch
"Cattleyas Big and Small"
October 3 2010
Norito Hasegawa
"Phalaenopsis Species"
November 7, 2010
Peter Lin "Dendrobium"
December 5, 2010
11th Annual Holiday Party
January 9, 2011
Jason Fischer "Phalaenopsis"
February 6, 2011
Fred Clarke
"Cattleya"
March 6, 2011
Ron Parsons
April 3, 2011
Ron Coleman, "Native Orchids"



Our Easter Show display was just gorgeous! Thanks to the brilliant Shelly North for her artistic genius and generosity. We really appreciate you! Thanks, too, to Cathy Loftfield, Dan Mumau, Ole Borreson, Steve Hochman, Eileen McKyton (and me) for setting up the display. Our gratitude to our fine ambassadors Terry Wilsey, Steve Hochman, Myra Glassman, Cathy Loftfield, Judie and John Tuthill. I got several calls from interested new members. It is always fun to do this, and we appreciate our Torrance friends!

Our second meeting of March was surprisingly well-attended and lots of fun. Diana Smith presented an informative and interesting talk on "What Kind of Orchid Is That." We were challenged with a dozen out-of-bloom plants and had to guess what kind of orchids they were. We buzzed with excitement, and Diana taught us how to tell what makes a cattleya a cattleya and a phalaenopsis a phalaenopsis and all the others special, too. Dan Mumau did a wonderful potting demonstration in conjunction with her talk on how the different kinds of orchids should be potted for their special needs. Now we know how he and Mike Lawless grow their gorgeous orchids! I was going to do a presentation, too, but we ran out of time. Thanks for the delicious food at the meeting to Cathy Loftfield, Lee White, Christina de la Cruz, Karen and Bill Fields, and Lee Kirschbaum.



MIKE GLIKBARG SPEAKS ON “FRAGRANT ORCHIDS” ON MAY 2ND

I know, I know. It isn't an orchid in the picture, but it sure must be fragrant. I have included a little article on orchid fragrance as an attachment with the newsletter. We are thrilled to welcome Mike Glikbarg back as our May speaker. This is the sixth time he has spoken to us since 2000, and it is always a pleasure to have him. Mike is the owner of Orchids of Los Osos, and he will be bringing his beautiful plants to sell. Mike seems to know how to grow plants to perfection and has a nursery with perfect climate and water. Save your pennies. He is worth buying!! He will be presenting a slide show on the fragrant orchids that they grow at his nursery. It should be fun and worthwhile. He will be providing plants for our raffle as well. Jackie Braverman tells me that Tony Billitere has given her eight flats of hotel phalaenopsis as well. Exciting! We thank John and Judie Tuthill, Penny Senneseth, Toby Librot, Bruce and Katherine Weber and Bettye and John Williams for the food for our May meeting.

Barry and Mary King have signed up for food for our June 6th meeting, We still need others to sign up for this meeting and for our July 11th meeting. If you can help out, please e-mail me growlove@cox.net or we shall just have a diet meeting.

I have been busy lining up interesting and informative speakers for our meetings. In June, Doug Conkin Overstreet will speak to us on multifloral paphs, those big beauties that you can even grow without a greenhouse. In July, I will be speaking on “The Sex Life of Orchids.” In August, we will be having our barbecue at the lovely home of Eldine Stevens in Mt. Charleston and Dan Mumau is cooking again (YAY!) At the barbecue, talented photographer Cathy Loftfield has agreed to teach us how to photograph orchids. In September, Alan Koch, owner of Gold Country Orchids, will delight us with a power point presentation on big and small cattleyas and in October, Norito Hasegawa, owner of Paphanatics, will teach us about phalaenopsis species. In November, Peter Lin is back by popular demand to speak on dendrobium, and December will again see us eating and partying as only we know how. AND we have speakers set up for 2011, too...

OF INTEREST AND NOTE IN OUR WORLD....

Paula Garrett, formerly of the UNLV Arboretum, has agreed to take us on a little trip to see our local orchid, *Epipactis gigantea*, in Calico Basin in Red Rock. It should be soon, and I will tell you the minute she says the orchids are ready for viewing.

Congratulations to William Whaley who did an orchid presentation at Home Depot. We are proud of you!!!

We were pleased to welcome Norma McCarter at our March meeting as well as Rose Lecak. Welcome to new members Brigitte Boddie and John Coody. It is wonderful to have you. If you have a friend you think would find our meetings fun and interesting, be sure to ask them along with you. That is how we meet the most interesting people and get new members.

We were saddened that Mike Lawless, our friendly, exuberant long-time member will have to work on Sundays. We LOVE Mike and will miss him. Hopefully, his schedule will change.

ORCHID DIGEST just had an article of mine on the orchids of Nevada. There are many references to our club's orchid adventures so people will know we are out here!

The 30th Santa Barbara Orchid Estate International Orchid Fair

Friday July 9 & Saturday July 10, 2010, 9 AM to 5 PM-- Sunday July 11, 2010, 10 AM to 4 PM

More than thirty vendors from around the world, selling orchids, sharing their orchid expertise and telling tall tales about the orchid world. Guest author Rudolf Jenny chatting with visitors and selling his new *Stanhopea* book. Public AOS judging Friday. Enjoy the sights and smells of the summer blooming orchids offered by Fair vendors. Potting and mounting demonstrations by the staff of Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. Held outdoors under shade cloth and canopies on the central lawn of Earl Warren Showgrounds at Highway 101 and Las Positas Roads. Admission is free, parking is \$5. Nearer the fair, the web site www.orchidfair.com will list 2010 vendors and have last minute updates. Questions? Please call Santa Barbara Orchid Estate at (800) 553-3387 or email sboe@sborchid.com. Santa Barbara Orchid Estate holds a concurrent open house.

PLANT WORLD NURSERY

Plant World Nursery is having a flower club event on Mother's Day Weekend! We would love it if some of the members from the Orchid Society would be willing to sit at a table at Plant World on Saturday and Sunday, May 8th and 9th to promote the club and answer questions. Please let us know if you would be willing, as well as what times you can be available. They are open from 8-5 on Saturday and from 9-5 on Sunday. Would anyone be willing to schedule time to give a small presentation? It might help bring people in. It would be fine if you would be willing to just answer questions or do a potting demonstration.

At the end of the newsletter is an article on Fragrant Orchids. I will also be sending you the newsletters from some nurseries and the AOS that I get that I think would be of interest to you.

See you May 2nd, Lord willing. Love Carol growlove@cox.net