

GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY THE ORCHID COLUMN

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SPECIAL EVENTS:

January 10, 2010

Jim Comstock, "3D ORCHID SHOW"
AND WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!

February 7, 2010

Martin Motes, "Vandaceous
Intergeneric Hybrids"

March 7, 2010

Peter Lin

7 "Mini Cattleyas"

April 4, 2010

Jason Fischer "Phalaenopsis"

May 2, 2010

Mike Glikbarg "Fragrant Orchids"

June 6, 2010

Mike Blietz, "Encyclias"

July 11, 2010

Carol Siegel "Sex Life of Orchids"

August 1, 2010

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Greenhouse Tour

October 3, 2010

Norito Hasegawa, "Phalaenopsis
Species"

November 7, 2010

Jackie Braverman TBA

December 5, 2010

11th Annual Holiday Party



**Sunday, February 7, 2010
2 P.M.**

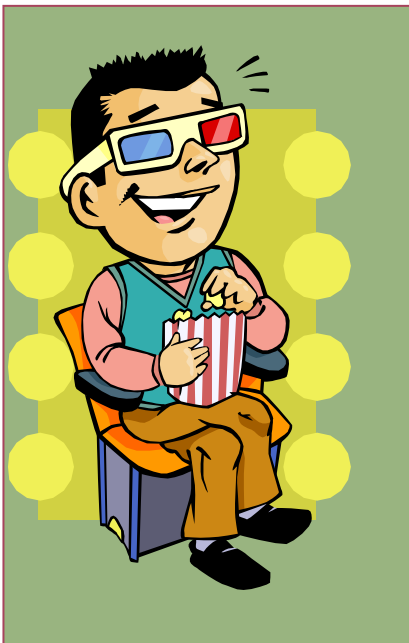
**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY,
SWEETIE!**

OUR 11TH ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

What fun we had at our January meeting! Part carnival, part rummage sale, our Annual White Elephant Sale was a huge success netting us over \$1400! We had such a good time haggling over the classy clutter that others foolishly discarded. To cries of, "But what is it?" we delightedly carted out more stuff than we carted in. Thank to everyone for the enthusiasm and generosity. A special thanks to John and Bettye Williams for the donation of golf for four to Angel Park. I wrote to a lot of orchid nurseries, and they kindly donated over 80 really gorgeous orchids to us. (We offered to pay the postage.)

Norito Hasegawa, owner of Paphanatics and a member of our club, showed up at the meeting with blooming paphs in hand. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of Carmela's Orchids (www.carmelaorchids.net), The Hilo Orchid Farm (www.hiloorchidfarm.com) Repotme (www.repotme.com), Santa Barbara Orchid Estate (www.sborchid.com) Orchids of Los Osos

(www.orchidsdoflosos.com), Zuma Canyon Orchids (www.zumacanyonorchids.com) and Norman's Orchids (www.orchids.com) Everyone has been very generous, mentioning how much they value our club!! It was very nice of Jason Fischer of Orchids Limited (www.orchidweb.com) to kindly allow us to buy \$500 worth of gift certificates to his nursery for only \$350. Thanks to Tony Billitere for the hotel plants. OrchidWiz kindly donated their orchid software to our sale. OrchidWiz Encyclopedia is the world's most comprehensive resource for information on orchids. The program contains genealogy charts and detailed information on 136,000 hybrids and more than 26,000 species; over 30,000 digital photos; thousands of habitat temperature, precipitation and sunlight charts and seasonal blooming charts. We are grateful to our White Elephant Captains for helping with the sale- Judy and John Tuthill, Cathy and Jim Loftfield, Myra Glassman, Cathy and Jim Loftfield, Claudie Drake and others. We couldn't do it without you!

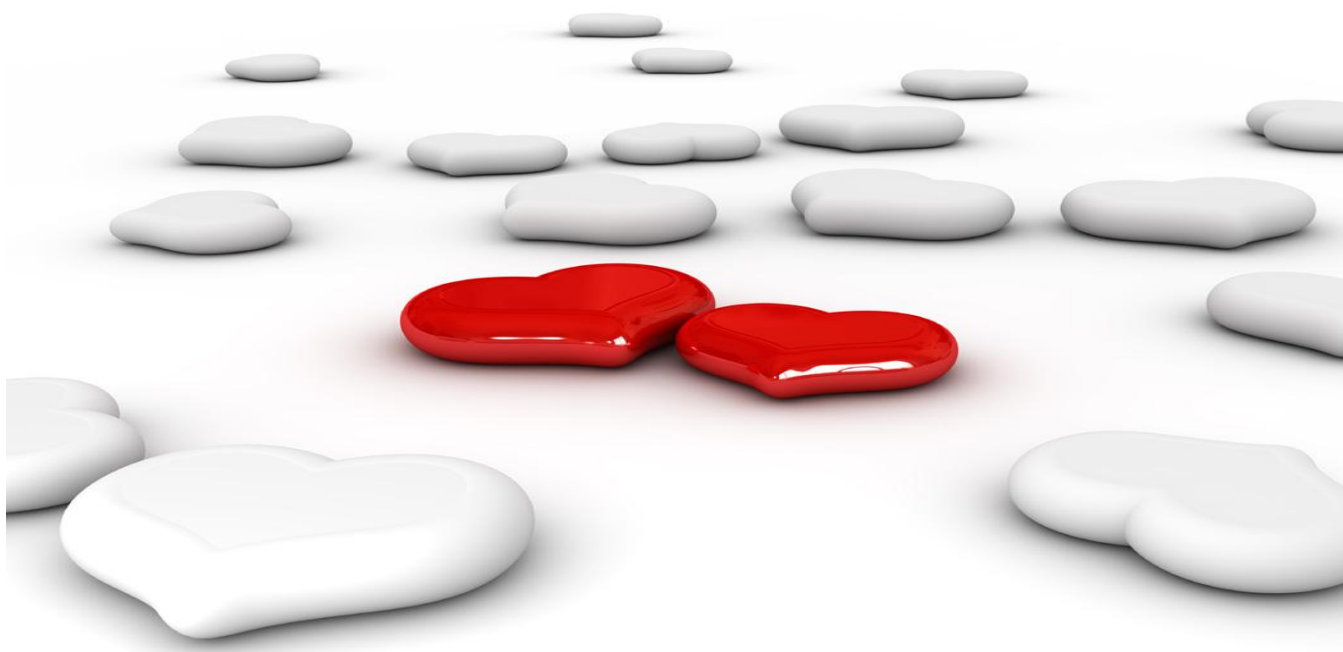


JIM COMSTOCK WOWS US WITH 3D ORCHID SHOW

A hundred of us sat in a pitch-black room wearing 3-D glasses. New age music wafted across the room as the first orchid picture jumped out from the ten-foot screen. The first collective OOOH was followed by another amazed AAAH, proving that even a Las Vegas audience can be overwhelmed and impressed by Jim Comstock's fabulous 3-D orchid images. We were delighted by the insect's eye view of the sculptural beauty of orchids up close. The translucent petals, giant hairs, stunning colors and gorgeous contours gave even the most experienced grower among us a new appreciation of the amazing world of orchids. Jim, a photographer, author, speaker, landscape designer and hybridizer, was the highlight of our speaker program- and we have had the best over the years! Jim said we were the best audience he ever had, lively and fun, and that we asked the best questions. I told him he is coming back in January 2012, but he needs more of my Bronx persuading. We'll get him... I donated a popcorn cart to the meeting which was fun! Thanks to Wanda & Bruce La Follette, Gail Harris, Marilyn Short, Cathy Loftfield, Carolyn Jones, Carol Siegel, John Enscoe, and Dan Mumau for January treats.

FEBRUARY NEWS...

Our February 7th meeting will feature **Martin Motes** of Motes Orchids in Florida who is flying in to do a powerpoint program on "**Intergeneric Vanda Hybrids.**" He is particularly fun and intelligent and always teaches us how to grow these beauties in the desert. He will be selling some plants, and I have purchased other beauties from Zuma Canyon Orchids (really nice...) to sell and from Hilo Orchid Farm for the raffle. **We also have a special Valentine gift which I think you will love for everybody who shows up for the February meeting.** . Thanks in advance to Lonna & Greg Clarke, Terry Wilsey, Jeri Lee and Claudia Drake for February food. Martin Motes is a second generation orchidist who has been growing orchids for 50 years. He is president of Motes Orchids, a major producer of vandas. He has bred hundreds of new hybrids, for which he has received scores of American Orchid Society awards including three FCC's and three Awards of Quality. His hybrids received Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the 18th World Orchid conference in Dijon, March 2005. One hybrid garnered the trophy as "Best Vanda in Show". Other hybrids have won medals in previous WOCs as well as at the European Orchid Conference. Additionally numerous of his hybrids have been recognized by the Royal Horticultural Society and in other international judging venues. He is an accredited American Orchid Society judge. Martin's frequent articles have appeared in the Fairchild Garden Bulletin, the South Florida Orchidist, the Orchid Digest, the Orchid Review and the American Orchid Society Bulletin. Martin was an assistant professor of English at Wright State University for several years and has taught at the University of Miami and Miami-Dade College. He spent nine years as the director of horticulture therapy at Grant Center Hospital and was a consultant on horticulture therapy for the Hospital Corporation of America. A native Floridian, Martin has lived most of his life in Miami, Florida, but also spent 6 years in Ohio and 2 years in Yugoslavia as a Senior Fulbright lecturer at the University of Kosova. He has traveled extensively in the Mediterranean and has observed wild orchids in Australia, the Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Britain, the Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Florida, Guatemala, Ireland, Jamaica, Malaya, Mexico, Nepal, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Thailand, Venezuela, the Virgin Islands and Yugoslavia. Martin has been interviewed by both print and TV journalists on topics ranging from community issues in southern Florida to horticultural therapy and orchids. Martin has twice taught Vanda Production at the University of Florida Orchid Short Course in Gainesville. He has worked as a consultant in various capacities to the extensive orchid industry in South Florida. He teaches classes at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden which in addition to Orchids include Growing Asiatic Vegetables, and Great Tasting Tomatoes for South Florida. More than 20 lectures a year fill Martin's busy schedule.



DUES ARE DUE FOR 2010...

Thank you to all the folks who have paid 2010 dues. (We liquor you up at the holiday party and then ask for money. Pretty smart...) Some folks have even added a small donation. Single dues remain \$30 with couples now \$45. We get free rent for our meetings by joining the Nevada Garden Club which runs our meeting hall. Our membership in the Nevada Garden Club has increased, however, from \$4 a member to \$6, including couples who are now \$12. If you would like to add a couple of bucks to your membership check, it would help. You can pay at the February meeting or send a check made out to GLVOS to Carol Siegel 8601 Robinson Ridge Drive Las Vegas, NV 89117. I pay for the newsletter postage and printing myself so if you are still getting a hard copy newsletter and have an email, please send me your email (Mine is growlove@cox.net). If you have decided not to rejoin, please let us know.

Thanks to Leslie Doyle for the lovely membership cards. If you did not get an orchid button at the party, you will get one when you pay your dues!

From the heart...Glad to hear that Roberta Schechter is on the mend after knee surgery. Hope Jackie Braverman's foot is healing well. Happy John Tuthill is doing better. Congratulations to Cherie Lin on your new girl. Hope Dorothy Billitere gets well soon.

Just in case you have too much money in your pocket and not enough orchids (well, one out of two ain't bad...), there are two worthy shows coming up.

SAN FRANCISCO ORCHID SHOW CARNAVAL will be held February 26-28th at the Fort Mason Center, San Francisco (www.orchidsanfrancisco.org)

There will be a Gala Benefit on Friday night, dozens of orchid vendors and displays- and in San Francisco. Tell me if you are going.

65th SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW NATURE IN HARMONY will be held on March 12-14 at the Earl Warren Showgrounds (www.sborchidshow.com)

There will be displays of hundreds of different orchid species and named varieties by more than 70 exhibitors from the US and foreign countries. There will be orchids for sale corsages, supplies, limited-edition antique orchid prints and commemorative items.

Attached to the newsletter is an article on growing vandas by our speaker for February Martin Motes. There is also an article I wrote on Valentine's Day, of all things.

See you on February 7th , Lord willing... Love Carol growlove@cox.net