



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
Barbecue

September 12, 2010
Greenhouse Tour

October 3, 2010
Norito Hasegawa,
"Phalaenopsis Species"

November 7, 2010
Jackie Braverman TBA

December 5, 2010
11th Annual Holiday Party



**Sunday, January 10, 2010
Doors open at 1 to set up**

OUR E-NEWSLETTER IS ONE YEAR
OLD!

OUR 11TH ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

It's time once more for our Annual White Elephant sale, an event that earned OVER \$1500 last year. COME EARLY SO YOU CAN SET UP AND BROWSE AND BUY.

ONE O'CLOCK WOULD BE GOOD! We are a very high-class club, and our junk is of the very best quality. Everyone brings in some unwanted treasure- wine, a holiday gift, a lamp, a bike, books, CD's, VHS's, DVD's, dishes, pictures, nick nacks, sporting equipment, food... Don't have anything elephantine? Bring an orchid or orchid stuff or a division from your collection or Home Depot. I bought orchids that I am going to donate. You could, too. Start looking around.

Bettye and John Williams are donating golf for 2 at Angel Park Golf Club, a \$150 value. Thank you to our Captains who will help us at the Sale- Bettye & John Williams, Bruce & Catherine Weber, Judie & John Tuthill, Myra Glassman and Christina de la Cruz. I have written to judges use OrchidWiz at regular lot of orchid nurseries, and they have kindly agreed to donate some orchids to us. (I offered to pay the postage.)

Carmela's Orchids, the Hilo Orchid Farm, Repotme, Paphanatics, Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, Orchids of Los Osos were the first to agree to donate. Still waiting on a few others... Everyone has been very generous, mentioning how much they value our club!! 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 thousands of seasonal blooming charts. The data is used by hundreds of experts worldwide at organizations such as U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Selby Gardens, the Smithsonian Greenhouse, the Australian Orchid Foundation, Singapore Botanical Gardens, etc. More than 400 orchid growers use OrchidWiz at regular gatherings to evaluate and award orchids. OrchidWiz is so easy to use, anyone can do it.

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 January 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!

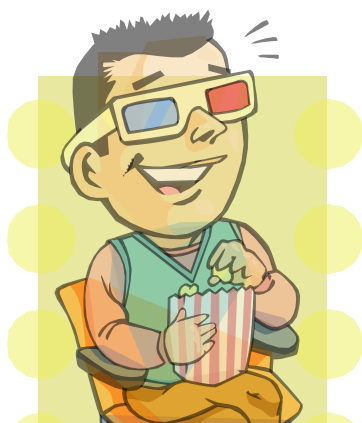
DO WE KNOW HOW TO PARTY OR WHAT?

It was our best holiday party ever as our fun-loving club gathered for all the things we love best- music, mayhem, munchies and morchids (more orchids- can you ever have too many? NO!) **We had a special presentation to Diana Smith, our beloved and long-time treasurer who is the very heart of our club. We presented her with the ORCHID DIGEST DIAMOND AWARD, engraved with her name to honor her for all she has done. Her name will appear in Orchid Digest with a tribute!! We were so happy to do this!** The food was glorious thanks to the creativity and generosity of our members. A special thanks to Mike Lawless and Dan Mumau and me for the roast beef, Debbie Beaupre for the turkey, Bill Whaley for the luau pork, Joel and Linda Davidson for the fried turkeys, Cathy and Jim Loftfield for the roast ham, Chef Ole Borresen for the great pork dish and to me, too for music, food, the artist, paper goods and drinks. Through the generosity of members, we were able to donate 8 shopping carts of food to the Salvation Army. How nice of us! The very talented Mike and Adrianna Thurber delighted us with music and song keyboard and violin. We drank umpteen frozen margaritas and pina coladas and 36 bottles of champagne and wine. No wonder we all had such a good time. We applaud the fearless men who joined our ladies in having orchids painted on their fingernails by Judy Jensen, nail artist. It's a new world, and we are leading the march...I recognized all the members who had done extra-special things with pretty orchid buttons, and we thrilled to over 100 blooming orchids that I ordered from Hilo Orchid Farms. Thanks to Diana Smith who helped me uncrate the orchids when they arrived. We didn't even keep any!! We also had an extra special treat of orchids donated by Tony, the best friend the club ever had. Orchids and champagne! What could be better.

SEE THE 3-D ORCHID SHOW IN JANUARY

Bring your friends for a rare treat. Jim Comstock, official photographer of the Orchid Digest, will be returning to do a 3-D orchid show in Jan. He carts in a truckload of equipment, and we sit in the dark with 3-D glasses (move over Avatar...) and ooh and ahh as Jim shows us close-ups of the secret world of orchids. Even my husband is going to come and bring friends...Jim never does this any more, and I begged and pleaded, and well, us older girls have our charms... Don't miss this great meeting and bring your friends... Thanks to Marilyn Short, Gail Harris, Bruce and Wanda La Follette, Carol Siegel, John Enscoe, Mike Buckroff and Cathy Loftfield for Jan treats.

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN:
 President-Carol Siegel
 VP Jackie Braverman
 Secretary-Eileen McKyton
 Treasurer-Diana Smith
 Raffle Angel-Tony Billitere
 Raffle Committee- Diana Smith, Cathy Loftfield, Gail Harris, Pat Holland, Mickey Matthews, Claudia Drake, Jackie Braverman, John&Judie Tuthill, Dan Mumau, Aaron Schave
 Travel Angel-Terry Wilsey
 Webmaster-Alex McKyton
 Librarian- Myra Glassman, Miles Hoffman& Gustavo Mattiello
 University Liaison- Paula Garrett
 Membership Hospitality- Mike Lawless, Marsha Hawley
 Welcome Desk-Eileen&Alex McKyton, Jackie Braverman
 Election Chairlady-Gail Harris
 Nevada State Garden Club Reps-Myra Glassman, Jeri Lee, Terry Wilsey
 Show Display-Shelly North
 Show and Tell Gurus-Mike Levin, Tex & Gidget Severance
 Judging- Mike Levin and The Severances
 Membership Card Design-Leslie Doyle
 Barbecue Masters-Eldine Stevens, Dan Mumau, Mike Lawless



LOOKING BACK ON 2009...

It is hard to believe that 2010 is already here. We had a fantastic year. Pardon us as we strut our stuff 2009 style. Looking back, we really learned a lot and had great fun. We started our electronic newsletter, a big deal for this editor. Some of us even bloomed some of our orchids, which always seems like a great blessing here in the scorching hot, brutally dry desert. We attracted lots of new members and made new friends. We advertised in newspapers, on TV, on flyers and on invitations. We had fabulous speakers who entertained and informed us and sold lovely and interesting plants. We learned to buy good plants for the club meetings that people would actually want to grow at reasonable prices, another miracle. We raffled off everything from plants to fertilizers to potting supplies, ate great food, and laughed a lot. We had a website hosted by Alex McKyton and started putting ourselves on Facebook. We added books to our library every month with librarians Miles Hoffman, Gustave Mattiello, Alice Addonizio, Pat Holland, and Myra Glassman. We donated food to charities, participated in an orchid show and a garden show and won lots of awards. We learned a lot from our show and tell gurus Mike Levin and Tex Severance. We had LOTS more people bringing in blooming beauties than ever. Let us stroll back through 2008 and remember all we did together.

In January, we had our 10th annual White Elephant Sale and made over \$1500. Jason Fischer returned for the fourth time and delighted us with a talk on "The Orchids of Japan." Cathy Loftfield posted pictures of the holiday party on Shutterfly. (You can look at club pictures. Log onto www.shutterfly.com. Our email address for the club is glvorchids@gmail.com. Our password is Growlove, only first letter capitalized. We also have a website thanks to Alex McKyton www.glvos.com.) I had an article on Growing Under Lights in the newsletter, after many expressed interest at the holiday party at my humble garage greenhouse.

In February, we gave out adorable Valentine gifts of heart lollypops and 20 flower clips. The newsletter had an article on the origins of Valentine's Day and also one on the relationship between Joseph Paxton and the 6th Duke of Devonshire, which later appeared in ORCHID DIGEST. Norman Fang of Norman's Orchids did a powerpoint presentation on Harlequin Phals and spoiled us with beautiful raffle plants. The newsletter reprinted Steven Frowine's article on harlequin phalaenopsis.

In March, beloved member Norito Hasegawa did a terrific talk on "What's New in Paphs?" and showered us with orchids. We sold the Chinese moss that Norman Fang recommended and had blooming plants from Carmela's Orchids. The newsletter had an article that Dan Mumau gave us on orchid abbreviations and one on *Dendrobium lindleyi* which was sold at the meeting. The Nevada Garden Clubs hosted the regional convention.

In April, Ron Parsons introduced us to the bizarre and beautiful world of Stanhopeas. We had a gorgeous display at the Easter Show at the California Hotel. The newsletter had an article on *Dendrobium anosmum*, which we sold at the meeting and one on our native orchid, *Epipactis giganteum*, and one from Alana Sullivan on an orchid as big as a car, *Grammatophyllum speciosum*.

In May, George Hatfield assured us that we could grow cymbidium in the desert and sold lots of plants. Diana Smith donated a book on cymbidium in honor of my father-in-law Nat Siegel, and the newsletter had an article on orchid judging and one on paphiopedilum.

In June, Karen Muir did a delightful talk on red masdevallias and some of us went to see *Epipactis gigantea* in bloom in Red Rock. The newsletter had an article on *Spiranthes diluvialis* which our very own club rediscovered in 2005 as well as one on *Spiranthes infernalis* which is only found in Ash Meadows and nowhere else in the world!

In July, Eldine Stevens hosted our glorious summer barbecue in Mt. Charleston and our talented caterers Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless prepared the best food ever. In August, Fred Clarke of Sunset Valley Orchids treated us to a lesson in orchid growing, "Orchids 101+" and we certainly learned a lot. The club sold the Kiwi bark he recommended in little bags with perlite, and I did a demonstration on the water retentive qualities of different media. The newsletter had an article by John Salventi on his search for *Phrag Kovachii*.

In September, John Salventi of Parkside Orchids took us on a virtual tour to Peru to look for orchids. What fun! He had gorgeous orchids to sell (www.parksideorchids.com).

In October, famous "Orchids for Dummies" author Steve Frowine came up from Mexico for a very delightful talk on "Easy-to-Grow Mexican Species" and the newsletter had an article by him on "Mexico is a Dream Come True for Orchid Lovers." The club participated in the Fall Flower Show, chaired by our very own Alana Sullivan.

In November, Lynn O'Shaughnessy, president of the Pleurothallid Alliance, introduced us to the fascinating world of those tiny orchid gems, pleurothallid and sold a bunch of them (Hundreds can fit in the size of a cattleya plant...) We reprinted her article on growing masdevallias and also great recipes by club members.

Well, in December the newsletter had an article on Frederick Sander, great orchid personality, that I wrote that will appear in ORCHID DIGEST in January of this year. We ate and drank and had fun at our orchid party once again. Nobody does it better than we do. We grow friendships and love as well as orchids.

Wishing you all a wonderful year 2010. May you be surrounded by prosperity, good health, love, and , of course,

LOTS OF BLOOMING ORCHIDS!!

Love, Carol growlove@cox.net

There is an article on our January speaker Jim Comstock attached to the newsletter.