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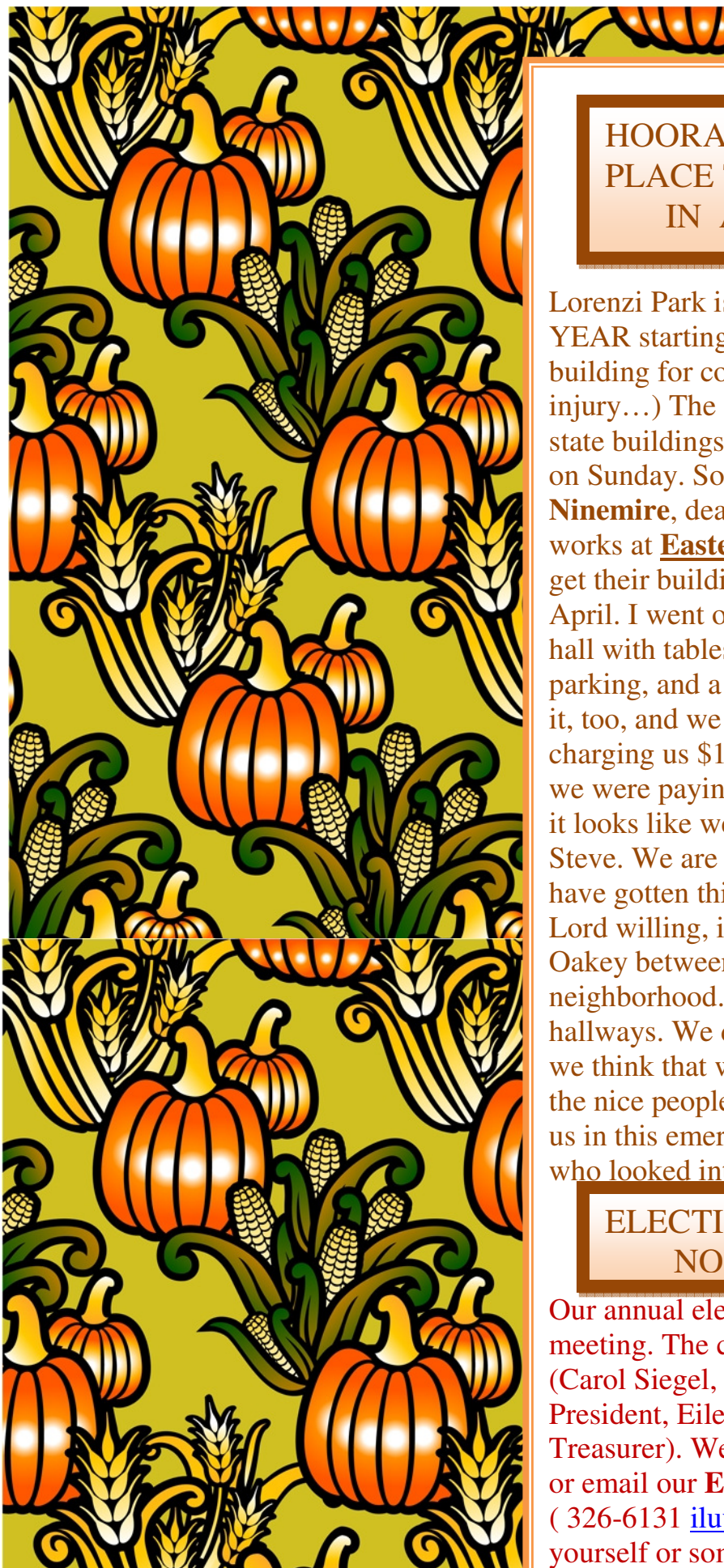
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SPECIAL EVENTS

November 7, 2010
Peter Lin "Dendrobium"
December 5, 2010
11th Annual Holiday Party
January 9, 2011
Jason Fischer "Phalaenopsis"
February 6, 2011
West Side Greenhouse Tour
Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless,
Clarice and Dennis Dean,
Mike Levin
March 6, 2011
Ron Parsons
"The Orchids of Crete"
April 3, 2011
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
Carol Siegel
"The Sex Life of Orchids"

**NOVEMBER 7TH SPEAKER:
PETER LIN PRESENTS "DENDROBIUM
ORCHIDS"**

It is a brave speaker who tackles the genus Dendrobium. It is a HUGE family with at least 1000 species. There is so much to know!! Peter Lin is just the speaker to bring it to life for us. Visit his website www.diamondorchids.com, and you can pre-order orchids for the meeting by emailing him. There is so much variety in dendrobium, from one-inch tall miniatures to eight-foot giants—something for everyone in our club to grow and flower. Even I can flower lots of them under lights! Some flowers last for months while a few open for only one day AND they all come in a riot of colors... Due to the wide variety of habitats, Dendrobium culture varies quite a bit. Many require a dry and/or cool winter rest period. Some prefer mounted or basket culture. There are cool growing plants and those that prefer tropical temperatures year round. There are also numerous hybrids as well. The hybrids can be much more tolerant of varying conditions, so are easier to grow and bloom. The Australian hybrids can be grown outdoors in frost free climates. The Antelope and Phalaenopsis hybrids love warm temperatures. The oxyglossum species love cool moist climates. With a genus this large, there is a Dendrobium species or hybrid for everyone! Dendrobiums are primarily found in Asia and Australia with over 600 species native to New Guinea. They grow in climates ranging from hot and steamy lowlands, cool and moist mountain ranges, to seasonally dry savannas. Peter will review a few of the important species in each classification & will provide some basic cultural advice for each species with time for questions at the end of his powerpoint program. Peter is an accredited AOS judge and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts & can often be found at orchid shows and societies around the country. He also has 100's of photos of his orchids on Flickr. View them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections>. Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids and has received numerous AOS awards. His interests include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of 1000+ orchids at his home in So. California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights. Peter will be bringing a selection of plants for sale at the meeting! There will be an assortment of mostly species with a few hybrids.



HOORAY!! WE FOUND A NEW PLACE TO MEET STARTING IN APRIL 2011

Lorenzi Park is undergoing renovations for a YEAR starting in April 2011, and they are using our building for construction storage (adding insult to injury...) The Garden Club is looking into city or state buildings for the year, all of which are closed on Sunday. So we kind of were on our own... **Steve Ninemire**, dear soul and good friend of our club, works at **Easter Seals**, and together we were able to get their building for use on Sundays starting in April. I went over there, and it has a large meeting hall with tables and chairs, a big kitchen, plenty of parking, and a friendly atmosphere. Diana looked at it, too, and we agree that it is just perfect. They are charging us \$100 a Sunday use, which is just what we were paying on average at our other building. So it looks like we are set in this emergency. Thanks, Steve. We are all very pleased with ourselves to have gotten this so we won't have any disruption, Lord willing, in our meetings. The building is on Oakley between Torrey Pines and Jones in a pretty neighborhood. It has nice landscaping and big hallways. We don't have storage at the moment, but we think that we will manage. We thank Steve and the nice people at Easter Seals for accommodating us in this emergency. We thank all the kind folk who looked into other spaces for us.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT NOVEMBER MEETING

Our annual elections will be held at the November meeting. The current board is willing to run again (Carol Siegel, President, Jackie Braverman, Vice-President, Eileen McKyton, Secretary, Diana Smith, Treasurer). We encourage nominations. Please call or email our **Election Chairlady, Toby Librot**, (326-6131 iluv2cycle@aol.com) to nominate yourself or someone else.

A WEST-SIDE AND AN EAST-SIDE GREENHOUSE TOUR THIS YEAR!

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TWO GREENHOUSE TOURS THIS YEAR. IN FEBRUARY, OUR WEST-SIDE TOUR WILL FEATURE DAN MUMAU AND MIKE LAWLESS, CLARICE AND DENNIS DEAN AND MIKE LEVIN FOR A DAY OF INSPIRATION AND LEARNING. DAN AND MIKE WILL BE OUR LAST STOP AND WILL PROVIDE FOOD FOR US!! THIS IS REALLY EXCITING SINCE THEY ARE THE BEST PROFESSIONAL CATERERS (ACateredAffair@aol.com)

IN JUNE, WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE AN EAST-SIDE TOUR FEATURING THE GROWING AREAS OF FRED AND ROBERTA SCHECHTER AND CATHY AND JIM LOFTFIELD. WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS!

Want to be part of the East Side Tour (and live on the East Side!) Tell me 254-4168 growlove@cox.net.

NEVADA GARDEN CLUB FALL SHOW OCTOBER 23-24

The Nevada Garden Club held their annual Fall Flower Show last week. Fred and Robert Schechter did an excellent job of judging our entries and gave out dozens of pretty ribbons. Our orchid display looked just lovely, and we thank the Schechters for judging it for us. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thanks, too, to Myra Lee Glassman and Diana Smith for serving as our ambassadors to the show. Nobody could represent us better than these two lovely ladies. A special thanks to Diana for taking home my orchids for me (I had a party to go to...) Diana is my true friend... I don't know all the folks who brought over orchids to judge, but I know that Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless, Steve Hinson and I did. We will honor you at the meeting if I didn't know you brought orchids.

What's doin' at the club...

Welcome to Lorea Richart and Letty Alamazon, new members. Welcome to our guest Akiko Rulien. Happy to have you!! Thanks to the food angels for November for preparing food—**Lee White, Gail Harris, Toby Librot, Judie & John Tuthill and Carol Siegel**. We are grateful to the folks who brought delicious food in October- **Penny Senneseth, Ole Borresen, Karen Fields, Rosalie deGuzman, Cathy Loftfield, and Christina de la Cruz**. It was fabulous! We are now officially spoiled. Of course, we could not have our meetings without the terrific help of **Tony Billitere**, who helps us provide homes for our hotel orphan babies with our raffle. We made \$160 last month on the raffle which helps us pay for our speakers. We love you, Tony, for coming through in spite of ill health and personal challenges. You are the best!! Thanks, Jackie, for storing orchids, too. A lot of work...

We loved the talk on phalaenopsis species that make up today's hybrids given by our very own **Norito Hasegawa**. He gave us a very generous raffle table for \$200 and did a wonderful interesting talk. Norito is such a good friend to our club. He did a great Show and Tell, too. We loved seeing Clarice and Dennis Dean again. You are missed... Thanks to Dan Mumau for picking up our November speaker at the airport and to Beth Soucy

MORE BELOW...

I am sending you a forward of the AOS newsletter for this month. It has very wonderful links to LOADS of articles including a beginner's series of articles from years ago by Stephen Batchelor on subjects like light and fertilizer and potting media. It is a TERRIFIC series that you should print out and keep. I have, over the years, referred to it many, many times. The newsletter also has links to several articles on botanical orchids, those orchids that are not in the "showy" variety like cattleyas and phals and paphs and cymbidiums, but gorgeous not the less. There is also an interesting article on antelope dendrobium (this month's talk) and orchids under ultraviolet light. It is a fabulous treasure trove of articles, so good that I am not including any more. You will have HOURS of reading on very meaningful subjects. You can also get the web version from this address: http://aos.informz.net/aos/archives/archive_1092142.html. Also check out Orchid Digest on facebook!

See you at the November 7th meeting, Lord willing. Bring plants for the show and tell and get a free raffle ticket.

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