

GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY
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SPECIAL EVENTS:

July 11, 2010
Cathy Loftfield
"You Can Photograph Orchids Too"
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
"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
Greenhouse Tour
July 10, 2011
Carol Siegel
"Sex Life of Orchids"

As is the custom, there will be no newsletter in August. Save the directions for the August 1st picnic included in this newsletter. They will be the only ones sent.

CATHY LOFTFIELD TEACHES IN JULY
"HOW TO TAKE GREAT ORCHID PHOTOGRAPHS"

You have seen her gorgeous orchid photos, and now you can learn to take them, too! Our very own master photographer Cathy Loftfield will be teaching YOU the tricks of orchid photography so you can do it, too. After a 30-minute presentation, she will conduct a hands-on presentation. BRING YOUR CAMERA for a chance to take some orchid pictures with Cathy's help. We will be setting up areas on the stage and the south wall of the building with background fabric so members can take photos of our gorgeous home-grown orchids. At the picnic, we will have a show of our photos with judging and a **PRIZE** for the best photos. Everybody votes! It would be great if you would bring your camera, a tripod if you have one, and any orchids that you have that are in bloom. The meeting promises to be a lot of fun. Martin Stein, editor of DAVID magazine, will be visiting the meeting to write us up (!!!). We will have lots of blooming orchids from Hilo Orchid Farm for the raffle, and the food committee promises a fun summer picnic. We thank Diana Smith, Carol Siegel, Jackie Braverman, Gloria Hoffman, Wanda La Follette, and Carolyn Jones for bringing food.



DAN MUMAU DELIGHTS THE CLUB WITH AN AUGUST BARBECUE AT ELDINE STEVENS' MT. CHARLESTON CABIN

It is hard to believe that another year has rolled around, and it is time once more for our annual summer barbecue at the lovely home of **Eldine Stevens** in **COOL Mt. Charleston**. Every year we delight to the culinary masterpieces of master chef **Dan Mumau** (and **Mike Lawless!**) who get up early in the morning to cart up food and set up a gorgeous table laden with every kind of meat- hamburgers, hotdogs, steak, salmon, sausage, lamb, chicken- you name it! It is always a fabulous feast. We ask each member to bring up a dish with serving spoons, cooked, cold or cut-up- a salad, side dish, vegetable, or dessert, enough for 10-12 people. It is a mystery why we always get such a great variety of delectable dishes. Is it true that orchid people are also the best cooks? We think so! We provide drinks , meats and plates. If you want alcohol, bring up some beer or wine. The picnic will go rain or shine. We pray that the fires are over and finished for the season. Amen. I will be doing a short presentation on "Ten Best Tips for Growing Orchids" from **Judy White's** new book. I need you to send me some of your best tips for growing orchids. I will print them up and distribute at the picnic. Everyone who submits a tip will be entered into a special and terrific raffle for a gorgeous orchid at the picnic.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PICNIC:

Some of the streets have changed names on the way to **Eldine's** house. The first part of **Alpine** has changed to **White Fir**. Her address has changed from **70 Moritz Way** to **305 Moritz Way**. Her phone number at the cabin is:

1-872-5466. Directions to get to **Eldine's**:

Take **95 North**. Make left on **157/Kyle Canyon Road**. Pass the hotel, **Ranger Station**, **Electric Station**. Left on **Rainbow Canyon**. Right on **White Fir** which dead ends. Left on **Alpine**. Pass **Arlberg**. Right on **Mont Blank**. Left on **Moritz**

IN OUR WORLD:

We were pleased to welcome new friends to our club in June- Marilyn Biggs, Patsy Solfer, Bob Furtek, Stan Fuke, and John and Naty Carpenter. It is always a great pleasure to watch our club grow. Do you have a friend who might like our brand of fun, friendship, food and flowers? Bring them along to a meeting. We would love to meet them.

Congratulations to Jackie Braverman on the birth of her first granddaughter. She is excitedly awaiting the birth also of Britanny's new baby boy. Things are really happening for Jackie. Mazel tov!!

We hope Bill Doyle is all well now. We send him our love.

Hope Dorothy Billitere is feeling better now, too.

Congratulations to Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless on the birth of all their champion puppies. Such fun!

Diana Smith, Cathy and Jim Loftfield and Carol Siegel had a great time at the Orchid Digest Day in June. There were great speakers on cattleyas, wonderful vendors, food, and displays. It was the best day.

Don't forget the Santa Barbara show this weekend. It will be great fun.

Don't forget to bring your camera this weekend to take photos. Don't forget to send me a couple of orchid tips- good nurseries, potting materials, watering techniques, etc.

Attached is a poem from Sue Fordyce, formerly owner of Fordyce Orchids, that she read at the Orchid Digest Day. She gave me permission to reprint it. Also attached to the newsletter is an information sheet on taking orchid photos from Cathy Loftfield.

See you Sunday. Keep blooming. Love Carol 254-4168

