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SUNDAY AUGUST 5, 2012 PICNIC MT. CHARLESTON 12:30 AN HOUR AND A HALF EARLIER THAN USUAL

## **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

August 5, 2012 Barbecue Cathy Loftfield "Potting Orchids" September 9, 2012 Second Sunday **Greenhouse Tour** Al deRicco, Clarice Dean, Dan Mumau October 6, 2012 Peter Lin "Growing Specimen Orchids" November 4, 2012

Carol Siegel "Liars and Cheats:

The Story of Orchid Deception"

December 2, 2012 Holiday Party

January 6, 2012

Ron Parsons "Miniature Orchids"

February 3, 2013

Alan Kochs

"Unusual Species for the Cattleya

March 3, 2013 Mike Glikbarg TBA April 7, 2013 Karen Muir "Maxillaria" May 5, 2013 Harry Phillips from Andy Orchids TBA

July 8, 2013 Diana Smith "Catasetum November 3, 2013 Carol Siegel

"Historic Legends of the Orchid World"

## **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

THE PICNIC IS AT 12:30 (not 2) SUNDAY 8/5/12

## **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 Canvon. Right on White Fir which dead ends. Left on Alpine. Pass Arlberg. Right on Mont Blank. Left on Moritz Way 305 Moritz Way. Thanks, Eldine, for your generosity.



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 chefs 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 cutup- 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.

CATHY LOFTFIELD will do a presentation on potting orchids, especially in sphagnum moss. We all know that she grows the most magnificent orchids, and this will be a chance to see how she does it. We all appreciate the generous members who share their expertise. Everybody does it differently, but we can always learn something new. She has kindly written an article on how to grow in sphagnum. IT APPEARS AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE NEWSLETTER IF YOU GET AN ENEWSLETTER.



CONGRATULATIONS TO
CLARICE AND DENNIS DEAN
ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR
FIRST GRANDBABY, A BOY,
DECLAN DEAN HOMERDING.
WE ARE SO HAPPY FOR YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY. WE
ALWAYS THINK NOTHING IS
MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN AN
ORCHID, BUT THIS
GORGEOUS BABYSURELY IS!!

A MILLION THANKS (HUGS AND KISSES, TOO) TO TONY BILLITERE AND OLE BORRESEN WHO HAVE SECURED SO MANY RAFFLE PLANTS FOR US FROM THE HOTELS. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT.

Our July meeting was just incredible. We just loved our new library-friendly, spacious, DARK, and convenient. Everybody loved dennis o'sullivan, the piano player I donated to celebrate our new move (Dennis o'Sullivan, 655–1722 <a href="mailto:karennis1@yahoo.com">karennis1@yahoo.com</a>) he was just great. We felt really festive in our patriotic hats and necklaces, and we had a great time feeling silly and special. Thanks to everyone for the great potluck dinner. As always, everyone helped and it was so much fun. Alan Koch did a great presentation on growing well by knowing how orchids grow in nature. He sold marvelous plants at a great price. We have a greenhouse tour in September starring the greenhouses of clarice dean, dan mumau and mike lawless, and al de ricdo. Dan is cooking for us after, too. Yummy!

AFTER THAT, WE WILL BE BACK AT RAINBOW LIBRARY FOR OUR OCTOBER MEETING WITH PETER LIN AND "SPECIMEN ORCHIDS," AND I WILL DO A PRESENTATION IN NOVEMBER ON "LIARS AND CHEATS: THE STORY OF ORCHID DECEPTION." I AM EXCITED! WE ARE LOVING MEETING AT THE RAINBOW LIBRARY!! HOW LUCKY TO HAVE FOUND THAT GREAT PLACE.