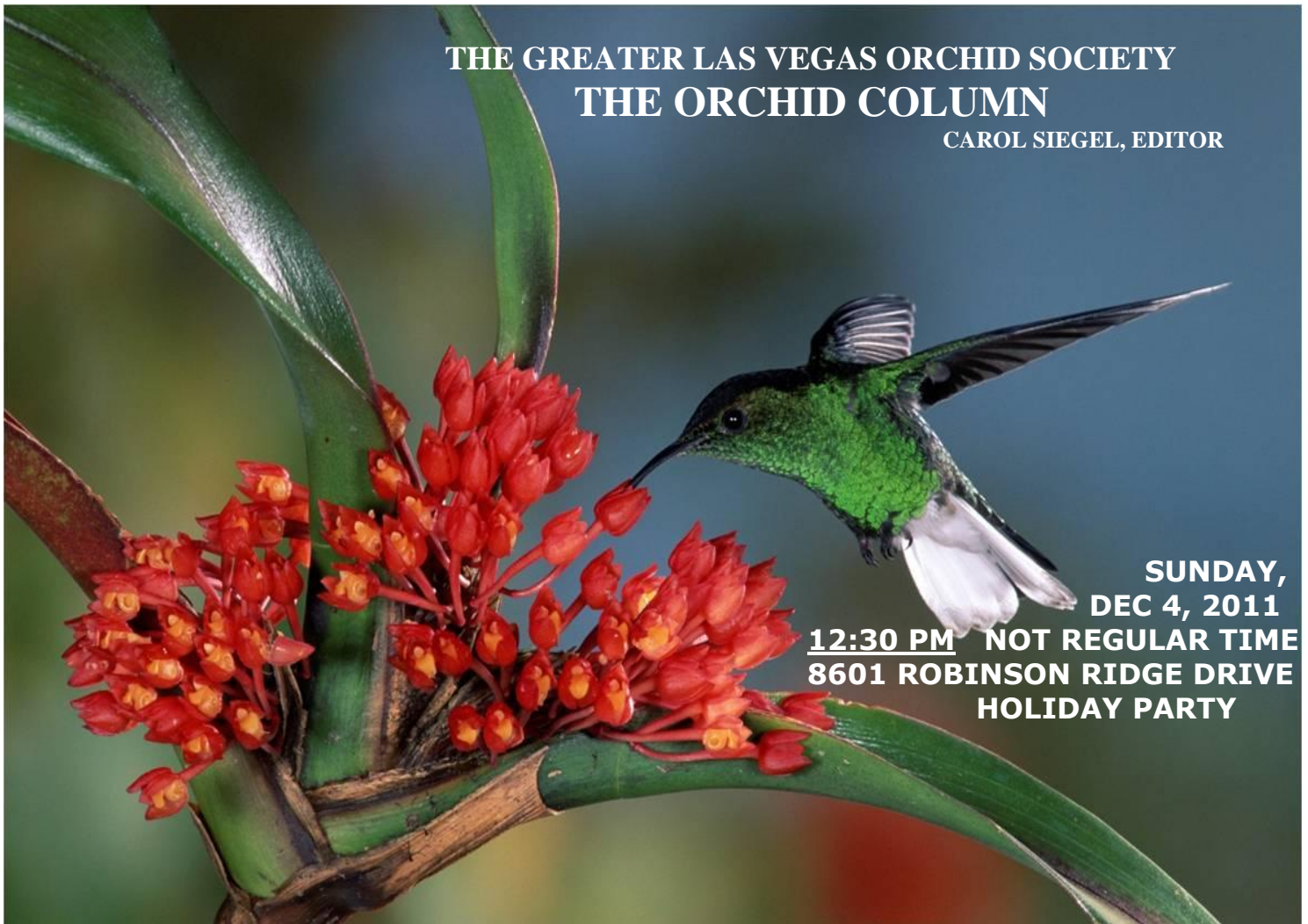


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**SUNDAY,
DEC 4, 2011
12:30 PM NOT REGULAR TIME
8601 ROBINSON RIDGE DRIVE
HOLIDAY PARTY**

Hummingbird and Maxillaria fulgens

SPECIAL EVENTS:

December 4, 2011 Holiday Party
January 8, 2012
Jason Fischer "Singapore World
Orchid Conference"
February 5, 2012
Ron Midgett "20-Year Odyssey in
Cattleya Breeding"
March 4, 2012 Ron Parsons "Orchids
Of Philippines"
April 1, 2012 Harold Koopowitz
"All About Paphiopedilum"
May 6, 2012 Norito Hasegawa TBA
June 3, 2012 Rick Burnett "Seven
Ways to Kill An Orchid"
July 1, 2012 Potting Workshop
August 5, 2012
Barbecue
September 9, 2012
Diana Smith
"Species You Can Grow"
October 6, 2012
Peter Lin TBA
November 4, 2012
Carol Siegel
"The Legends of the Orchid World"

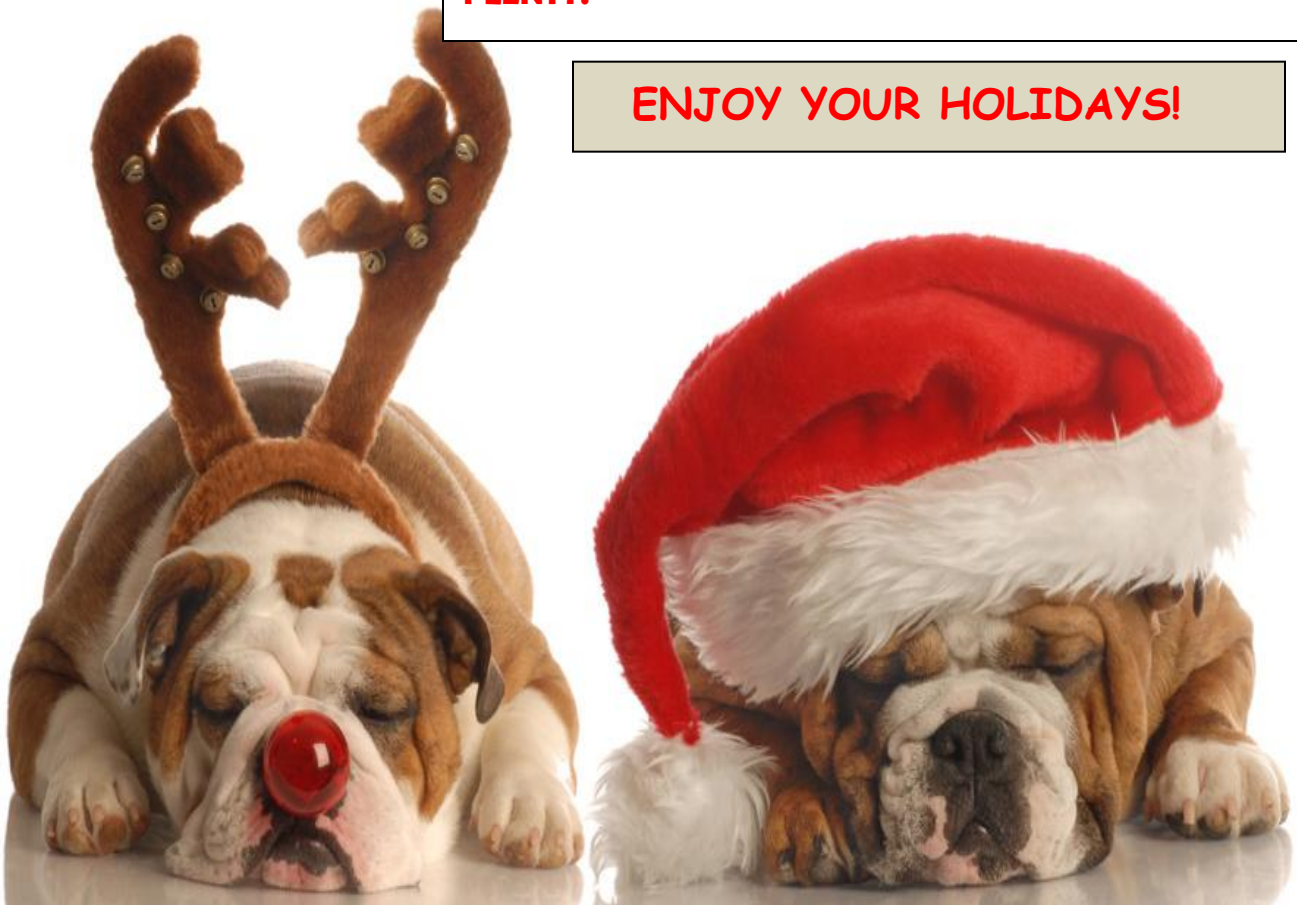
OUR NOVEMBER MEETING WAS LOTS OF FUN! I ENJOYED SPEAKING ABOUT "THE SEX LIFE OF ORCHIDS." THANKS TO EILEEN MCKYTON FOR GETTING US LOVELY ORCHIDS FROM CARMELA'S. KUDOS TO TONY BILLITERE FOR THE HUNDREDS OF RAFFLE PLANTS. WE MADE \$185 AND LOVED THEM. (I GOT 13 HOUSEPLANTS AND A GRAMMATOPHYLLUM FOR \$20 OF TICKETS..) THANKS TO JOEL DAVIDSON, GAIL HARRIS, MYRA GLASSMAN, AND ED MCCORMICK FOR TAKING CARE OF THE PLANTS. (IF I FORGOT YOU, FORGIVE ME. I AGE...) THE BOARD WAS GRATEFUL TO BE RE-ELECTED- CAROL, ROBERTA, EILEEN AND DIANA. WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE...IT IS A WORKING POSITION, AND WE TRY TO DO A GOOD JOB TO DESERVE THE HONOR. LOVED THE FOOD BY CHRISTINA DELACRUZ, JOEL DAVIDSON, THE LAFOLLETES, TOBY LIBROT, CAROLYN JONES AND PHIL POTASHER. THANKS TO DIANA SMITH, CATHY LOFTFIELD AND TOBY LIBROT FOR BRINGING IN PROJECTORS.



IT'S PARTY TIME... 12:30 PM(NOT 2!!) CHEZ MOI

I T'S PARTY TIME AGAIN. WE WILL HAVE A LOT OF OLD FAVORITES- MIKE THURBER AND FRIENDS ON KEYBOARD, SINGERS, MARGARITAS, ORCHIDS, NAIL ART, TATOOS, MARAGARITA MACHINE, TONS OF FOOD AND DRINK AND DESSERTS, A CANDY BUFFET... VERY FUN. JOEL DAVIDSON WILL BRING FRIED TURKEY, TOBY LIBROT AND ED MCCORMICK WILL BRING A HAM, CATHY & BRUCE WEBER A TURKEY, CATHY AND JIM LOFTFIELD A PORK DISH, BILL WHALEY HIS FAMOUS LUAU PORK, DIANA SMITH A ROAST BEEF, LEE KIRSCHBBAUM AND STEVE KINSKY SALMON, AND WANDA AND BRUCE LA FOLLETTE A SEAFOOD DISH. THE REST OF US WILL BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT FOR 10-12 PEOPLE. WE ALWAYS HAVE THE BEST FOOD, AND IT IS A BLAST. DON'T FORGET TO BRING SERVING UTENSILS AND TO HAVE THE FOOD CUT UP, HEATED, ETC. BEFORE ARRIVING. WE WILL ALSO ASK EVERYONE TO BRING A FEW CANS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY'S FOOD DRIVE. WE WILL HAVE A SUBSIDIZED RAFFLE FOR BLOOMING ORCHIDS FOR \$6 FROM HILO ORCHID FARM AND EVERYONE WILL GET ONE! WANT TO BRING A FRIEND OR MATE- FEEL FREE! JUST BRING A LITTLE EXTRA FOOD OR ANOTHER DISH SO WE WILL HAVE PLENTY.

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS!





SO PROUD OF MELANIE LONG WHO DID A TALK ON GROWING ORCHIDS AT THE SUNSET GARDEN CLUB. THEY LOVED HER!! WE ARE SO PROUD THAT YOU REPRESENTED US! KUDOS TO YOU ON A JOB WELL-DONE!

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE IN JANUARY...

It's time once more for our annual white elephant sale, **JANUARY 8**, an event that earned **OVER \$1000** 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. I will write to our friends at orchid nurseries and try to get them to donate orchids to us for our sale. Last year, I got over 80 for our cause.

JASON FISCHER RETURNS IN JANUARY SPEAKING ON THE WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE IN SINGAPORE

GLVOS loves Jason Fischer, his presentations, his orchids, just everything about him. That is why he is returning for the fifth time. He will speak about the World Orchid Conference in Singapore which took place November 13-20. The Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre transformed into a lush landscape of orchids, from contemporary exotic hybrids to the most beautiful of traditional orchid breeds. Covering an estimated 12,000 sq m and featuring 68 exhibits from 23 countries spread over 6 continents, the World Orchid Show promises to be a feast for the senses with exhibitors competing for the coveted 20th WOC awards. World Orchid Show ticket holders will also had the privilege of an exclusive sneak preview of the brand new Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay, ahead of its official opening in June 2012.

IN OUR LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD...

November 26-27, 2011 Orchid Society of Santa Barbara presents "Orchids: Nature's Masterpieces, Show and Sale November 26 10-5, November 27, 10-5. Displays. Laelia Anceps on Parade. Sales. Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. 2599 Puesta del Sol Road, Santa Barbara. Ca. Show free with museum admission

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GET WELL SOON TO BILL WHALEY. WE LOVE YOU AND HOPE FOR A COMPLETE RECOVERY.

I BOUGHT A WONDERFUL DIGITAL PROJECTOR WITH A REMOTE CONTROL- THE SAME BRIGHT ONE THAT DIANA HAS BEEN BORROWING FROM HER SCHOOL. NOW WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE ONE. I BOUGHT AN EXTRA BULB, TOO, SO WE ARE NOW IN BUSINESS.

HOPE BETTYE AND JOHN WILLIAMS HAVE A GREAT TRIP TO HAWAII. ENJOY AND BE SAFE.

HEARD MIKE LEVIN HAD A WONDERFUL TRIP TO FRANCE. HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

THE GRAPEVINE HAS IT THAT ROBERTA AND FRED SCHECHTER ARE LOOKING FOR A HOUSE IN CALIFORNIA TO BE CLOSER TO THEIR KIDS. HOPE THEY DON'T FIND ONE TOO SOON... WE WILL MISS YOU.

SO PLEASED TO SEE JEAN GORDON AT THE LAST MEETING. WONDERFUL THAT YOU ARE ALL WELL NOW AND LOOKING SO GOOD!

HOPE OLE BORRESEN HAS A FUN HOLIDAY TRIP...

CONGRATULATIONS TO SANDRA SWAN WHO IS FINISHING NURSING SCHOOL. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.

HAVE FUN TO EILEEN AND ALEX MCKYTON WHO ARE GOING TO DISNEYLAND.

WELCOME TO THE GUESTS AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING- STELLA CHARVET, TONIE KERBS, AND BETTY AND STEVE KELEPECZ. WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE YOU.

DUES REMAIN \$30 FOR SINGLES AND \$45 FOR COUPLES (TWO PEOPLE LIVING AT THE SAME ADDRESS) FOR 2012. OF COURSE, YOU CAN ALWAYS DONATE A COUPLE OF BUCKS...

MORE BELOW....

A SHORT COURSE ON ORCHID GROWING

- 1. BUY ORCHIDS THAT YOU DON'T THINK YOU WILL KILL. IF YOU KILL THEM, BUY SOME OTHER KIND. IF YOU KILL THAT, TOO, BUY MORE BOOKS BEFORE YOU BUY MORE ORCHIDS.**
- 2. IF YOU BUY OR WIN ORCHIDS THAT LIVE, BUY MORE OF THAT KIND OF ORCHID. IF THE ORCHID BLOOMS, BUY LOTS MORE OF THAT KIND OF ORCHID.**
- 3. GATHER MORE INFORMATION THAN ORCHIDS. ASK QUESTIONS. LISTEN TO OTHER PEOPLE. READ BOOKS AND MAGAZINES. COME TO MEETINGS. SEE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO GROW AND HOW THEY GROW THAT. LEARN.**
- 4. DO NOT COMPARE YOURSELF TO ANYBODY ELSE. THEY HAVE DIFFERENT AMOUNTS OF MONEY THAN YOU DO. THEY HAVE DIFFERENT AMOUNTS OF TIME THAN YOU DO. THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT GROWING AREA THAN YOU DO. SOMETIMES THEY LIE. SOMETIMES THEY JUST BOUGHT IT. DON'T BE TOO IMPRESSED. JUST KEEP TRYING. EVERYONE GETS BETTER, AND IF YOU KILL MOST OF YOUR ORCHIDS, THE ONES THAT SURVIVE WILL LOVE YOUR GROWING CONDITIONS. THAT'S GOOD...**
- 5. KEEP TRYING TO IMPROVE YOUR GROWING AREA. YOU ARE TRYING TO FOOL YOUR ORCHID INTO THINKING IT IS NOT IN THE DRIEST, HOTTEST, WORST PLACE TO GROW ORCHIDS. IF YOU DO NOTHING TO MAKE YOUR AREA MORE LIKE A MOIST, TROPICAL PARADISE, YOU WILL HAVE A HARDER TIME. ADD HUMIDITY. NOTICE YOUR LIGHT. PATROL FOR BUGS. BUY LOTS OF FANS TO MAKE THE AIR MOVE.**
- 6. SPEND AT LEAST 10 MINUTES A DAY WITH YOUR ORCHIDS. THEY ARE TRYING TO TELL YOU WHAT THEY WANT. IF YOU ARE IN THE VICINITY 10 MINUTES A DAY, YOU WILL GET BETTER AT HEARING THEM. YOU WILL SEE APHIDS, DRY SOIL, DAMAGED LEAVES, DISEASE. YOU WILL NOTICE FUNNY COLORED FOLIAGE OR**

BURNED LEAVES OR BROKEN DOWN SOIL. HANG OUT WITH YOUR ORCHIDS A LITTLE EACH DAY.

- 7. WATER YOUR ORCHIDS A LOT. WE LIVE IN THE DESERT. WE DO NOT HAVE TO BE SO AFRAID TO GIVE OUR PLANTS WATER AND HUMIDITY. IT IS 2% HUMIDITY IN THE STREET AND MAYBE 25% HUMIDITY IN THE HOUSE. THESE GUYS LIKE 50-75% HUMIDITY. TRY TO GIVE YOUR PLANTS GOOD WATER- EITHER R/O, FILTERED WATER, DE-IONIZED WATER, OR POTASSIUM-ENRICHED WATER FROM YOUR WATER SOFTENER. DO NOT WATER WITH SALT-ENRICHED WATER FROM THE SOFTENER. IF YOU MUST USE TAP WATER, FLUSH WELL FROM TIME TO TIME TO REMOVE WHITE SALT BUILDUP.**
- 8. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR LIGHT VARIES WITH THE SEASONS AND THAT YOUR TEMPERATURE VARIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND NIGHT JUST LIKE IN NATURE. DO NOT GROW IN A ROOM WHERE IT IS ALWAYS 78 DEGREES AND THE LIGHT IS ON MOST OF THE TIME. NATURE IS NOT LIKE THAT. FIND SOMEWHERE WHERE IT IS DARK AT NIGHT AND COOLER IN THE EVENING LIKE A GUEST ROOM.**
- 9. DECIDE ON A GOAL FOR GROWING ORCHIDS. YOURS DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THE SAME AS MINE. I LIKE TO HAVE SOMETHING IN BLOOM ALL THE TIME. I LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT ORCHIDS. MAYBE YOU WANT TO HYBRIDIZE ORCHIDS OR GROW SPECIES. MAYBE YOU WANT TO HAVE AN ORCHID LIBRARY. MAYBE YOU WANT TO JUST HAVE LUNCH AT AN ORCHID MEETING OR HAVE AN ORCHID FOR YOUR TABLE. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE 300 ORCHIDS. YOU CAN JUST LEARN ABOUT ORCHIDS AND BUY A FEW FOR YOUR TABLE. THERE ARE NO RULES- JUST FUN.**
- 10. YOUR PROBLEMS ARE NOT UNIQUE. EVERYONE KILLS ORCHIDS AND HAS BUDS THAT BLAST AND PHALS THAT ROT. EVERYONE BUT A VERY BIG LIAR HAS PLANTS THAT SULK AND DO NOT BLOOM, SO WHAT!! KEEP TRYING. YOU WILL HAVE MORE AND MORE SUCCESS. YOUR ORCHIDS WILL LEARN TO LIVE WITH YOU AND YOUR BENIGN NEGLECT& WILL BLOOM FOR YOU AT LAST,**

