

THE GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY
THE ORCHID COLUMN

CAROL SIEGEL, EDITOR

I'LL LOVE YOU
FOREVER!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY TO ALL OF YOU

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012
2 PM BUILDING OPEN AT 1

WE MEET AT EASTER
SEALS 6200 W. OAKY

SPECIAL EVENTS:

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"
Easter Show at the Cal
April 13-15, 2012
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"
Second Sunday
October 6, 2012
Peter Lin TBA
November 4, 2012
Carol Siegel
"The Legends of the Orchid World"
December 2, 2012

RON MIDGETT CATTLEYA TALK IN FEBRUARY

It all started about 40 years ago when Ron was visiting Santa Barbara with his girlfriend and saw these strange plants growing in people's yards. She was a botanist and told him they were cymbidiums. He thought, "If they can grow them, I can grow them" It was all over... he was infected by the orchid bug. In 1990, the New England Orchid Company, a part-time business, was started to support his extensive breeding program. In 2003, he and his wife Cynthia moved it to New Jersey and changed the name to New Earth Orchids (www.newearthorchids.com) and the full-service nursery is now in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Active in local orchid societies, he is an orchid judge and now serves on the AOS Membership Committee. We thank Fred and Roberta Schecter for hosting him & Terry Wilsey for arranging his travel. He is bringing his plants to sell & will discuss cattleya culture. He says, "My talk will chronicle our efforts over the last 20 years to produce lines of miniature and compact Cattleyas starting with Sc Beaufort. The steps taken to produce these plants and the history behind them will be illustrated in the pictures and the discussion. It is the intention of this talk to provide the listener with an appreciation of the intertwined efforts of those who breed orchids to produce something new and hopefully improve on what has come before. No one breeding orchids and particularly Cattleyas does it alone. We all stand on the shoulders of others."



**CLUB DUES FOR 2012
ARE DUE NOW...**

**PAY AND GET AN
ORCHID KEY CHAIN**

Thank you to all the folks who paid 2012 dues at the party and at the meeting. (We liquor you up and then ask for money... not so dumb...) Some folks, like Carol Warkentin, even added a small donation.

Dues remain \$30 for individual or \$45 for couples (two people at same address). You can pay at the January meeting or send a check to me made out to GLVOS: Carol Siegel 8601 Robinson Ridge Drive Las Vegas, NV 89117. I pay for the newsletter postage myself so if you have an email, please tell me. Mine is growlove@cox.net. If you have decided not to rejoin, please let us know. We hope Leslie Doyle will make up some nice membership cards like she did last year. Nice lady...

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS KATHY LINDSAY, DORIS FAIRCHILD, STELLA CHARVET, AND TONIE KREBS. WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU!

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 returned for the fifth time. He spoke 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 was a feast for the senses with exhibitors competing for the coveted 20th WOC awards. World Orchid Show ticket holders 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. Jason also regaled us with tales of his island travels in search of orchids, complete with battles with leech attack. I would have stayed by the infinity pool at the hotel and drunk tropical cocktails and eaten big crabs, but, hey, that is just me! Thanks to Terry Wilsey, Carol Siegel, Penny & Robert Senneseth, and Barry and Mary King for the food treats at the meeting. Just delicious! Thanks in advance to our February food

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE A HUGE SUCCESS!



What fun we had at our January meeting! Part carnival, part rummage sale, our Annual White Elephant Sale was a huge success netting us over \$1600! We had such a good time haggling over the classy clutter that others foolishly discarded. To cries of, "But what is it?" we delightedly carted out more stuff than we carted in. Thank to everyone for the enthusiasm and generosity. I wrote to a lot of orchid nurseries, and they kindly donated about 100 really gorgeous orchids to us. (We offered to pay the postage.)

Among our generous friends:

The Hilo Orchid Farm

(www.hiloorchidfarm.com)

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

(www.sborchid.com)

Orchids of Los Osos (www.orchidsdoflosos.com),

Zuma Canyon Orchids

(www.zumacanyonorchids.com)

Fred Clarke and Sunset Valley Orchids

(www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com)

Parkside Orchids (www.parksideorchids.com),

Cal Orchids (www.calorchids.com)

Norito Hasegawa

(www.paphpanaticsunlimited.wordpress.com)

Andy's Orchids (www.andysorchids.com)

Glen Decker (www.pipingorckorchids.com)

Norman's Orchids (www.orchids.com)

and also our speaker, Jason Fischer of Orchids Limited (www.orchidweb.com).

Everyone has been very generous, mentioning how much they value our club. PLEASE

SUPPORT THE GENEROUS FOLKS WHO

SUPPORT US IN THESE TOUGH

ECONOMIC TIMES AND TELL THEM

THANK YOU WHEN YOU DO

ORDER. Thanks to Tony Billitere for the hotel plants. He delivers NO MATTER WHAT. What a guy! OrchidWiz kindly donated their orchid software to our sale and Angel Park gave us golf for four. We are grateful to our White Elephant Captains for helping with the sale- Judy and John Tuthill, Cathy and Jim Loftfield, Myra Glassman, Bettye and John Williams and others. We couldn't do it without you. A special thank you to Steve who looks the other way while we wreck- and put together again- his place

ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER IS AN ARTICLE I WROTE ON ORCHIDS AS NATIONAL FLOWERS PRINTED IN ORCHID DIGEST THIS MONTH.