



GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY THE ORCHID COLUMN

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COMING EVENTS

January 9, 2011
Jason Fischer "Phalaenopsis"
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

February 13, 2011
PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING
IS THE SECOND SUNDAY

West Side Greenhouse Tour
Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless,
Clarice and Dennis Dean

March 6, 2011
Ron Parsons
"The Orchids of Crete"

April 3, 2011
NEW MEETING PLACE
EASTER SEAL BUILDING
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
Peter Lin
"The Three A's"-Angraecum,
Aeranthus,
And Aerangis"

November 6, 2011
Carol Siegel
"The Sex Life of Orchids"



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011

**Sunday, January 9, 2011
Doors open at 1 to set up**

OUR E-NEWSLETTER IS
TWO YEARS OLD

OUR 12TH ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

It's time once more for our Annual White Elephant sale, an event that earned OVER \$1400 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. **Bettye and John Williams** are donating golf for 4 at Angel Park Golf Club, a \$150 value. Thank you to our Captains who will help us at the Sale- **Bettye & John Williams, Bruce & Catherine Weber, Judie & John Tuthill, Myra Glassman and Christina de la Cruz.** I have written to lot of orchid nurseries and hope they kindly agree to donate

some orchids to us. (I offered to pay the postage.) OrchidWiz kindly donated their orchid software to our sale. OrchidWiz Encyclopedia is the world's most comprehensive resource for information on orchids. The program contains genealogy charts and detailed information on 136,000 hybrids and more than 26,000 species; over 30,000 digital photos; thousands of habitat temperature, precipitation and sunlight charts; and thousands of seasonal blooming charts. The data is used by hundreds of experts worldwide at organizations such as U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Selby Gardens, the Smithsonian Greenhouse, the Australian Orchid Foundation, Singapore Botanical Gardens, etc. More than 400 orchid judges use OrchidWiz at regular gatherings to evaluate and awards orchids. OrchidWiz is so easy to use, anyone can do it. We thank **Marilyn Short, Jeri Lee, Jeanne Tinsman, John Enscoe and Lee Kirshbaum** in advance for the delicious food for our January meeting.

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2011...

Thank you to all the folks who have paid 2011 dues. (We liquor you up at the holiday party and then ask for money. Pretty smart...) Some folks have even added a small donation. Single dues remain \$30 with couples now \$45. We get free rent for our meetings by joining the Nevada Garden Club which runs our meeting hall. Our membership in the Nevada Garden Club has increased, however, from \$4 a member to \$6, including couples who are now \$12. If you would like to add a couple of bucks to your membership check, it would

help. You can pay at the January meeting or send a check made out to GLVOS to Carol Siegel 8601 Robinson Ridge Drive Las Vegas, NV 89117. I pay for the newsletter postage and printing myself so if you are still getting a hard copy newsletter and have an email, please send me your email (Mine is growlove@cox.net). If you have decided not to rejoin, please let us know. Thanks to Leslie Doyle for the lovely membership cards. If you did not get an **orchid key chain** at the party, you will get one when you pay your dues!

DO WE KNOW HOW TO PARTY OR WHAT?

It was our best holiday party ever as our fun-loving club gathered for all the things we love best- music, mayhem, munchies and morchids (more orchids- can you ever have too many? NO!) **We had a special presentation to Eileen McKyton, our beloved and long-time secretary. We presented her with the ORCHID DIGEST DIAMOND AWARD honor her for all she has done. Her name will appear in Orchid Digest with a tribute!! We were so happy to do this!** The food was glorious thanks to the creativity and generosity of our members. A special thanks to Dan Mumau and me for the roast beef, Bruce and Cathy Weber for the turkey, Joel and Linda Davidson for the fried turkeys, Cathy and Jim Loftfield and Shelly North for the roast ham, Bruce and Wanda LaFollette for the delicious salmon and to me, too for music, food, the artist, paper goods and drinks. Through the generosity of members, we were able to donate 8 shopping carts of food to the Salvation Army. How nice of us! The very talented Mike and Adrianna Thurber delighted us with music and song keyboard and violin. We drank umpteen frozen margaritas and pina coladas and 36 bottles of champagne and wine. No wonder we all had such a good time. We applaud the fearless men who joined our ladies in having orchids painted on their fingernails by Judy Jensen, nail artist. It's a new world, and we are leading the march...I recognized all the members who had done extra-special things with pretty orchid buttons, and we thrilled to over 100 blooming orchids that I ordered from Hilo Orchid Farms. Thanks to Diana Smith who helped me uncrate the orchids when they arrived. We didn't even keep any!! We also had an extra special treat of orchids donated by Tony, the best friend the club ever had. Orchids and champagne! What could be better.

MANY THANKS TO THE TALENTED CAROL JOYCE WHO LIT UP THE PARTY WITH HER GORGEOUS VOICE. IT IS SO GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK WITH US ONCE MORE!! YOU ARE A RARE TALENT.

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN:

President-Carol Siegel
VP Jackie Braverman
Secretary-Eileen McKyton
Treasurer-Diana Smith
Raffle Angel-Tony Billitere
Raffle Committee- Ed McCormick, Aaron Schave, Diana Smith, Cathy Loftfield, Gail Harris, Pat Holland, Claudia Drake, Jackie Braverman, John&Judie Tuthill, Dan Mumau
Travel Angel-Terry Wilsey
Webmaster-Alex McKyton
Librarian- Myra Glassman
University Liaison-Paula Garrett
Membership Hospitality-Mike Lawless, Marsha Hawley
Welcome Desk-Eileen&Alex McKyton, Jackie Braverman
Election Chairlady-Toby Librot
Nevada State Garden Club Reps-Myra Glassman, Jeri Lee, Terry Wilsey
Show Display-Shelly North
Show and Tell Gurus-Mike Levin
Judging- Mike Levin and Fred and Roberta Schechter
Membership Card Design-Leslie Doyle
Barbecue Masters-Eldine Stevens, Dan Mumau, Mike Lawless
Photographer-Cathy Loftfield

JASON FISCHER SPEAKS ON PHALS IN JANUARY

We just love Jason Fischer and are thrilled he is making the trip to teach us once again. Entertaining, adorable and intelligent, Jason Fischer will lecture on novelty and fragrant phalaenopsis, the breeding line and the species that are used to create them. These aren't your typical Home Depot phals! Phalaenopsis are now the world's most mass produced house plant, and also one of the easiest orchids to grow and re-flower, making it an important genus in the orchid world! It is also the orchid that grows so well here in Las Vegas so you will want to make sure you come and hear this terrific speaker.

Jason Fischer works and helps manage Orchids Limited in Plymouth, Minnesota with his father Jerry Fischer. Orchids Limited opened in 1978 in Minnetonka in a small retail greenhouse off of Highway 12. In 1983, Orchids Limited moved to Plymouth where they have grown into a mid-sized operation of 4 greenhouses with 15,000 square feet of growing space, a shade house, and laboratory.

Jason has had a life-long education in orchids mainly from the opportunity to be raised in a family orchid business. Jason's educational interests were strongly influenced by Japan. He studied the Japanese language and culture for 6 years in high school and at the University of Minnesota. Jason lived in Japan from 2001 to 2003, and upon return decided to import Japanese orchid species and add a new niche to the business.

Having worked for his father since the age of 5, Jason has learned the orchid world from the business and hobbyists perspective. He took interest in orchid hybridization and lab work around 14 years of age, and first started breeding with phalaenopsis, which later on led to paphs, phrags and miscellaneous hybrids.

Jason's first lecture on *Neofinetia falcata* at the Minnesota Orchid Society in 2004 was the kick-off for an amazing journey of lectures across America. He has a passion for orchids, and the communication skills he developed in Japan as an English teacher have helped him create interesting lectures that won't put the audience to sleep!

Jason enjoys photographing orchids in situ, and has climbed mountains in Fukuoka Japan to photograph many species such as *Cymbidium goeringii*, *Gastrochilus matsuran*, *Thrixperum japonicum* and *Calanthe discolor*.

Experience:

- Has lectured for over 20 different orchid societies in the US, Japan and Canada.
- Speaker for the 19th World Orchid Conference
- Coordinated the Orchids Limited laboratory from 1998 to 2000
- Currently in management, breeding and marketing for Orchids Limited

LOOKING BACK AT 2010

It is hard to believe that 2011 is already here. We had a fantastic year. Pardon us as we strut our stuff 2010 style. Looking back, we really learned a lot and had great fun. We continued our electronic newsletter, a big deal for this editor. Some of us even bloomed some of our orchids, which always seems like a great blessing here in the scorching hot, brutally dry desert. We attracted lots of new members and made new friends. We advertised in newspapers, on TV, on flyers and on invitations. We had fabulous speakers who entertained and informed us and sold lovely and interesting plants. We learned to buy good plants for the club meetings that people would actually want to grow at reasonable prices, another miracle. We raffled off everything from plants to fertilizers to potting supplies, ate great food, and laughed a lot. We had a website hosted by Alex McKyton and started putting ourselves on Facebook. We added books to our library every month with librarian, Myra Glassman. We donated food to charities, participated in an orchid show and a garden show and won lots of awards. We learned a lot from our show and tell guru Mike Levin. We had LOTS more people bringing in blooming beauties than ever. Let us stroll back through 2010 and remember all we did together.

In January, we had our 11th annual White Elephant Sale and made over \$1400. We sat in a pitch-black room wearing 3-D glasses and thrilled to Jim Comstock's insect-eye view of gorgeous orchids up close and personal. We munched popcorn hot off a cart and loved every moment of his spectacular 3-D show.

In February, we gave out adorable Valentine gifts of orchid pens made by my genius 12-year-old grandson Jared (Excuse me. I am the grandma...) . The newsletter had an article on the origins of Valentine's Day and also one by Martin Motes on Vanda culture. Martin Motes did an interesting power point presentation on "Intergeneric Vanda Hybrids" and sold beautiful vandas.

In March, we had TWO meetings (with none in April) just in case we were not crazy enough. Something about Easter and too many events scheduled in the Garden Center or something. Peter Lin did a brilliant talk on delightful miniature cattleyas and introduced us to the joys of growing those mini-catts. The newsletter had an article by me on polyploidy, "Did You Know You Were 2N" after a discussion at our February meeting.

At our SECOND March meeting, Diana Smith did a terrific talk, "What Kind of Orchid Is That." She taught us how to tell a cattleya from a phalaenopsis just by the leaves and growth habit when the plant was not in bloom. So interesting... Dan Mumau did a wonderful potting demonstration in conjunction with Diana's talk on how the different kinds of orchids show be potted for their special needs.

In April, we had a gorgeous Mardi Gras orchid display at the Easter Show at the California Hotel designed by the fabulous Shelly North.

In May, Mike Glikbarg returned to present an interesting talk on fragrant orchids. Members flocked to buy his signature gorgeous orchids. The newsletter had an article on orchid fragrance by your very own moi. Paula Garrett led us into Red Springs in Calico Basin for a delightful morning exploring our very own native orchid, EPIPACTIS GIGANTEA, which was in abundant, beautiful full bloom.

In June, Doug Overstreet spoke on those spectacular beauties, multifloral paphiopedilum. The newsletter had an article by me on "Fidgeting": The Little Changes That Make a Big Difference."

In July, our very own Cathy Loftfield taught us how to take beautiful orchid photos followed by a member hands-on session of photo taking in our meeting hall. It was great!

In August, Jackie Braverman won the member orchid photo contest organized by Cathy at our annual barbecue. Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless catered another spectacular summer barbecue at Eldine Stevens' beautiful Mt. Charleston home. I did a little talk on "Tips to Grow Orchids" with member ideas. The newsletter had a poem by Sue Fordyce and an article by Cathy Loftfield on photographing orchids.

In September, Alan Koch, a true orchid original, did a presentation on the cattleyas that ANYONE can grow. We had a potluck as every brought summer salads and desserts to enliven our meeting. We began our search for another place to meeting when Lorenzi Park is renovated in April. The newsletter had an article on growing cattleyas by Clarice Dean. Mike Levin talked about Phrag Kovachii and brought in his blooming hybrid, a first for our club. Our club was featured in DAVID magazine with Cathy Loftfield's lovely photos/

In October, our famous member Norito Hasegawa did a very interesting talk on phalaenopsis species and how they affect the hybrids they make. He provided a very generous raffle, too. The newsletter also had an article "In Praise of Phalaenopsis" and one on Reichenbachia after I brought in a print. The club won many ribbons at the Fall Flower Show judged by Roberta and Fred Schechter.

In November, Peter Lin returned with a genius talk on Dendrobium. We breathed a sigh of relief as Steve Ninemire helped us find a new place to meet in April- the lovely Easter Seals building.

Well, in December the newsletter had an article on "Orchids and Hummingbirds: Sex in the Fast Lane," that I wrote that will appear in ORCHID DIGEST in January of this year. We ate and drank and had fun at our orchid party once again. Nobody does it better than we do. We grow friendships and love as well as orchids.

Wishing you all a wonderful year 2011. May you be surrounded by prosperity, good health, love, and , of course,

LOTS OF BLOOMING ORCHIDS!!

Love, Carol growlove@cox.net

There is an article on our January speaker Jim Comstock attached to the newsletter.