

THE GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY
THE ORCHID COLUMN

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2012

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012
2 PM **WHITE ELEPHANT**
SALE STARTS 1PM COME
EARLY

SPECIAL EVENTS:

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"
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"
oC
October 6, 2012
Peter Lin TBA
November 4, 2012
Carol Siegel
"The Legends of the Orchid World" Of

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, margaritas and orchids (more orchids- can you ever have too many? NO!) The food was glorious thanks to the creativity and generosity of our members. A special thank you to Diana Smith for the roast beef, Bruce and Cathy Weber for the turkey, Joel Davidson for the fried turkey, Cathy and Jim Loftfield for the pork dish, Bill Whaley for the luau pork, Toby Librot and Ed McCormick for the ham, Lee Kirschbaum and Steve Kinsky for the salmon, and Wanda and Bruce LaFollette for the seafood dish and to me, too, for the music, margarita machine, paper goods, champagne, drinks, tattoo and nail artists, key chains, and candy buffet. Through the generosity of our members, we were able to donate four cartons of canned goods to the Salvation Army. How nice of us! Mike and Adreanna Thurber delighted us on guitar, keyboard, and violin, and we drank umpteen bottles of champagne and frozen margaritas. Daring members got tattoos just about everywhere (don't ask), and even the fearless men got orchids painted on their nails. We walked around with blinking necklaces, hair extensions, and santa hats, and we were honored for all we had done with orchid key chains. If you missed getting one, pay your dues and you can have one, too. We had 100 blooming beauties from Hilo Orchid Farm for our raffle, and Tony got us LOTS of orchids and gorgeous poinsettias from the hotels. Orchids and champagne and orchid art... doesn't get any better.



**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. (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... Welcome Irina Scherbo and Andrew Molaskey.

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. He is not bringing plants to sell, but he is offering divisions of special plants for \$20-\$25. They are listed below. You have to email ME with what you want and he will bring it. He is also offering a discount on plants on the website. Instructions are below.

Orchids Limited Society Specials

Orchids Limited is offering some of our orchids to orchid societies for special discounted prices. This is a great opportunity to get a large plant for a low price. All plants offered are mature and blooming size. Nothing costs more than \$25. These can be pre-ordered for a society visit, or shipped (society pays for shipping) in one box to a society member directly. Plants are in pots unless specified bare root division.

Current availability and pricing:

Blc. Dan Hawley \$25.Named after a late member from the Las Vegas Orchid society.

Bulb. lepidium \$15. A large clump of growths for \$15.

Coelogyne dayana.\$25.A bare root division with a minimum of 3 mature bulbs.Large plants.

Coelogyne flaccida.\$25.A bare root division with a minimum of 3 mature bulbs.Large plants.

Cymbidium simulans.\$20.A bare root division with a minimum of 5 mature bulbs.Warm growing cymbidium.

Gongora galeata.\$15.Minimum of 5 growths.

Maxillaria tenuifolia.\$15.Multi-growth plants. Flowers smell like coconuts.

Phalaenopsis sanderiana.\$10.Blooming size of this species.

Oncidium altissimum.\$20.A minimum of 4 mature bulbs. These plants can produce 6 feet tall flower spikes.

If you want to order from the website. all pre-orders (not including the specials) receive a 10% discount. You need to call the order in or include in the special instructions field "GLVOS Pre-Order 10% discount" and they will apply the discount before they process the credit card. Their website is www.orchidweb.com. ORCHID LIMITED.

PICTURES ARE BELOW:



Blc. Dan Hawley



Bulbophyllum lepidum



Coelogyne dayana



Coelogyne flaccida



Cymbidium simulans



Gongora galeata



Maxillaria tenuifolia



Phalaenopsis sanderiana



Oncidium altissimum



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ANDREW MOLASKEY, NEW
MEMBERS. IRINA IS MY
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WHITE ELEPHANT SALE IN JANUARY... LOTS OF ORCHIDS FOR YOU \$10

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 wrote to some nurseries and got them to donate orchids to our club. We will pay the postage. So far, the kind people at Piping Rock Orchids, Sunset Valley Orchids, Hilo Orchid Farm, Andy's Orchid, Cal Orchids, Orchid Limited, Orchids by Hausermann, Zuma Canyon Orchids and Santa Barbara Orchids have agreed to send some. We have also asked Orchids of Los Osos, Norman's Orchids, Carmela's Orchids and Repotme. We will sell them for \$10. Very exciting. I also have gotten Orchid Wiz to donate their orchid software to our sale. It is the world's most comprehensive resource for information on orchids and contains genealogy charts and detailed information on 136,000 hybrids and more than 26,000 species as well as 30,000 digital photos. You can bid on it. We also have requested golf for 4. Don't forget to bring in your White Elephant Items. We thank our White Elephant Captains in advance- the Tuthills, Webers, Williams, Myra Glassman, Aaron Schave, and the LaFollettes. Thanks to Carol Siegel, Penny Senneseth, Mary King and Terry Wilsey for food in January.

LOOKING BACK ON 2011...

It is hard to believe that 2012 is already here. We had a fantastic year. Pardon us as we strut our stuff 2011 style. Looking back, the big news is that we moved to the Easter Seal Building with the help of our good friend, Steve Ninemire. Warm and friendly, the building was a great fit right from the beginning (once we figured out the projector issues). We really learned a lot last year and had great fun. We continued our electronic newsletter. Some of us even bloomed some of our orchids, which always is a miracle in this 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 plants for the meeting that someone might actually want at a decent price, another miracle. We raffled off everything from house plants to trees to orchids and marveled at Tony Billitere's ability to walk away with so many great things from the hotels. Charm helps... We ate great food and laughed a lot. We had a website hosted by Alex McKyton and added books to our library with librarian, Myra Glassman. We donated food to charities, participated in an orchid show, and went on a native orchid walk with Paula Garrett. We had lots more people bringing in blooming beauties to show and tell and talking about them, too. Let us stroll back through 2011 and remember all we did together.

In January, we had our 12th annual White Elephant Sale and made over \$1400. We went home with armloads of plants and orchids donated by friends at orchid nurseries. Jason Fischer delighted us with his presentation on novelty and fragrant phalaenopsis and sold his beautiful plants.

In February, we toured the west-side greenhouses of Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless as well as Clarice and Dennis Dean. Dan Mumau treated us to his famous catering, and we were happy. The newsletter had an article on hobby greenhouses. We said good-bye to vice-president Jackie Bravermann who moved to Florida and welcome Roberta Schechter to the post.

In March, Ron Coleman entertained us with a presentation on the native orchids of the United States and sold plants from Hilo Orchid Farms. The newsletter had an article on Charles Darwin I wrote for Orchid Digest. We gave out spring flower pens as a gift to our members to celebrate our new beginning at our new meeting place. Roberta Schechter presented our species of the month, something she did every month with the expert help of hubby Fred.

In April, we moved to the Easter Seals Building, and Ron Parsons introduced us to the orchids of Crete. We ate our food under the trees and were happy with our move. We had a display at the Easter Show at the Cal and were amazed once again with Shelly North's artistic skill.

In May, we shared a glorious day delighting in our native orchid, *Epipactis gigantea*, blooming in Calico Basin. Paula Garrett, our native orchid guru, led us on our trip.

Karen Muir taught us what constitutes a good paphiopedium, and we had 12 tables of raffle plants, and Bruce and Cathy Weber taught us about Turkish salep.

In June, we explored the greenhouses on the east side of town and learned lots of different ways to grow successfully from the Loftfield's pristine sunroom to the skylight and humidity table of the Schechters to the two Ole-built greenhouses of Ole Borresen. Ole treated us to a feast, and we had a great time and learned lots.

In July, we had a potluck which was fun. Fred Clarke, talented owner of Sunset Valley Orchids, did a wonderful presentation on mini and compact cattleyas and sold his gorgeous plants. The newsletter had great articles written by our eastside greenhouse gang Ole and Cathy.

In August, we had fun at the barbecue in Mt Charleston at Eldine Stevens' beautiful home. Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless spoiled us with delicious food, and Diana Smith did a wonderful talk on mounting orchids.

In September, the newsletter had an article on the Zen of the Orchid Club. Cathy Loftfield did an inspiring and beautiful talk on her passion for orchids, complete with her gorgeous photos. We bought hundreds of phalaenopsis for \$5 each from Gaia Florists.

In October, Peter Lin spoke on Angraecum, Aerides, and Aeranthis and sold his wonderful plants. We had a pizza party, Gaia Florists donated 60 phalaenopsis which we bought, and the newsletter had an article I wrote called "For the Love of Orchids" and one on phalaenopsis care.

In November, I spoke on "The Sex Life of Orchids," and the newsletter had an article on "The Ten Types of Orchid Growers."

In December, we all had a merry old time at our holiday party and look forward to another wonderful year together.

We wish a glorious 2012 to all our wonderful members and hope peace, good health, joy And lots of blooming orchids. May you know only happiness in 2012.

Love,
Carol
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