

SPECIAL EVENTS:

March 6, 2011 Ron Coleman, "A Survey of North American Native Orchids" April 3, 2011

NEW MEETING PLACE EASTER SEALS BUILDING Ron Parsons "The Orchids of Crete" May 1, 2011 Karen Muir "What Makes a Good Paph" June 5, 2011 East Side Greenhouse Tour Ole Borresen Cathy and Jim Loftfield Roberta and Fred Schechter July 10, 2011 Fred Clarke, "Growing Fabulous Cattleya" August 7, 2011 Barbecue Mt. Charleston September 11, 2011 Cathy Loftfeld "A Passion for Orchids" October 2, 2011 Peter Lin "The Three A's-Angraecum, Aeranthes, and Aerangis" November 6, 2011 Carol Siegel

"The Sex Life of Orchids

WE ARE MOVING TO A NEW LOCATION ON APRIL 3RD (MARCH MEETING AT OLD PLACE

It's exciting! Although our March meeting will still be held in the Nevada Garden Club Building as usual, starting on April 3rd, we will be meeting at the Easter Seals Building 6200 West Oakey between Torrey Pines and Jones. It seems that Lorenzi Park will be having improvements for at least a year, and they are using our building as a construction shed (to add insult to injury). The new building is quite lovely and is used now as a school for special needs children. It is warm & spacious with lots of landscaped grounds parking and, we hope, better air conditioning in the summer. There is a nice kitchen, too. We are grateful to Steve Ninemire, long-time member & director of the grounds, who helped us find this lovely place to meet. We don't know what we would have done without you. The rest of the clubs are going to a recreation center, but they are closed Sunday, so we were on our own. It means that this year we are not part of the garden clubs, but when the building opens again, we can be. Here's to more good times and good friendships in a new place.

RON COLEMAN SPEAKS ABOUT THE NATIVE ORCHIDS OF THE UNITED STATES

Lucky us! Ron Coleman, the leading expert on American native orchids, will be returning in March to teach us about the orchids that just grow wild in the United States. Ron is a retired electronics engineer living in Tucson, AZ. His interest in native orchids dates from a chance discovery of *Corallorhiza mertensiana* in Washington in 1972. Since that time he has devoted weekends and vacations to seeking and studying native orchids. He enjoys searching for wild orchids wherever he may be and has found them in England, Puerto Rico, Canada, including Newfoundland, and Alaska, as well as most parts of the lower 48 states. Ron is a frequently published author with over 30 orchid articles to his credit, most dealing with native orchids. They have appeared in the American Orchid Society Bulletin (now know as Orchids), The Orchid Digest, Fremontia, Selbyana, and Madrano.

Ron is the author of *The Wild Orchids of California*, published in 1995 and *The Wild Orchids of Arizona and New Mexico*, published in 2002. He co-authored the orchid treatment in *Arizona Rare Plant Field Guide* prepared by the Arizona Rare Plant Committee, and was co-author of two orchid genus treatments in the *Flora of North America*, Vol 2, published in 2002. Ron's photographs have appeared in the following books:

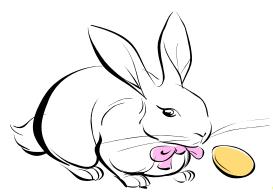
Shennan, T. J. 2001. Ultimate Orchid. American Orchid Scoiety

Bown, P. M. 2003. *The Wild Orchids of North America, North of Mexico*. University of Florida Press

Quinn, M. 2003. *Wildflowers of the Mountain Southwest*. Rio Nuevo Publishers His photographs were featured in the February 2004 Arizona Highways.

Ron wrote major portions the orchid treatment for the new Jepson Manual Flora of California now in final editing. Ron is on the publication committee for the Native Orchid Conference, responsible for publishing the quarterly Native Orchid Journal.

We are grateful to Terry Wilsey, our wonderful club travel agent, (731-2114) for arranging Ron's travel- and for picking him up and delivering him to the airport. Remember him when you are travelling. We also are grateful to Cathy Loftfield for providing us with a laptop and a digital projector for Ron's presentation. Many thanks to the Board of the club- Carol Siegel, Eileen McKyton, Roberta Schechter, and Diana Smith (as well as the generous Mary and Barry King) for putting together a feast for our March meeting. We still need two volunteers for the April food angels. For the raffle, we have tons of hotel plants Tony graciously picked up for us, some plants from Jackie Bravermann, a dozen plants donated by Orchids of Los Osos, as well as blooming plants from Hilo Orchid Farm.



LIUST TO EGG YOU ON IF YOU

HAVEN'T PAID YOU DUES....

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 \$45. You can pay at the March meeting or send a check made out to GLVOS to Carol Siegel 8601 Robinson Ridge Drive Las Vegas, NV 89117. If you have not gotten an orchid keychain, you will get one when you pay your dues. Paid and don't have a key chain. Just ask for one.

The Easter Show at the Cal will be held on April 15, a week before Easter, put on by our friends at the Torrance Cymbidium Society. Shelly North has graciously agreed to design our orchid display and has chosen a spring garden theme. We are so lucky to have this professional artist and designer willing to do this. We would love to have your blooming beauties. Set-up will be on Thursday, April 14 after 4pm. You can drop your plants off at my house if you can't make it(254-4168) or bring them down and help. The show will be Friday April 15 noon to 5, and Saturday noon to 5 and Sunday 10-3. Take down of the display is at 3 on Sunday. We will ask for volunteers to help and be ambassadors at the March 6th meeting. It is always a fun thing to do!

Don't forget to spend a little time with your orchids. You will find that they will tell you all their troubles. If you actually look at the potting mix, you might notice that it is all old and broken down and looks more like soil than bark. You might see little critters having a feast on your leaves or flowers. You might notice that some other plant's leaves are blocking light on its too-shaded companion. You might notice that the soil is drier than the Sahara desert or all soggy and wet. Spend at least five minutes a day with your plants. They will thank you.

ORCHID SHOWS

Money burning a hole in your pocket. We can fix that... Go to an orchid show.

SAN FRANCISCO ORCHID SHOW will be held March 3 to 6th at the Fort Mason Center, San Francisco (www.orchidsanfrancisco.org There will be a Gala Benefit on Friday night, dozens of orchid vendors and displays-and in San Francisco.

66th SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW NATURE IN HARMONY will be held on March 11-13 at the Earl Warren Showgrounds (www.sborchidshow.com)

There will be displays of hundreds of different orchid species and named varieties by more than 70 exhibitors from the US and foreign countries. There will be orchids for sale, corsages, supplies, limited-edition antique orchid prints and commemorative items.



Many thanks to Clarice and Dennis Dean for hosting our

Greenhouse tour. I was sorry to have missed it, but I have been to their greenhouse before and know why it is called a "green" house-

You just turn green with envy at the profusion of lush orchids.

Many thanks, too, to our other gracious hosts, master chefs Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless, who captivated us with their beautiful blooms and gorgeous and delicious food. I emailed everybody the pictures that Dan took of the floral feast for the eyes and the edible feast for the tummy as well. We are lucky to have these wonderful and generous members who are willing to share their homes and their expertise. In June, we will have the East Side Greenhouse Tour, a first, and hope to arrange carpools. Ole Borreson, Cathy and Jim Loftfield, and Roberta and Fred Schechter will be our gracious hosts. And the fun goes on...

ROBERTA SCHECHTER IS OUR NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

Lots of changes for our club- all of them good! Jackie Bravermann, our Vice-president, received an offer of a wonderful job that she couldn't refuse, and she has moved to Hollywood, Florida. She is delighted because she is now close to her son, daughter-in-law and adorable baby granddaughter as well as to her mother. This was all very sudden. We will miss her, but we are happy about this good opportunity for her. The bylaws don't call for an interim election, and we needed the help. Therefore, we were lucky that **Roberta Schechter** agreed to work as our vice-president for the remainder of the term. She is a lovely lady and very well-liked, and we are so grateful to her for her willingness to help pull the cart. Welcome aboard, Roberta.

In March, we are lucky enough to have Ron Coleman speak about the native orchids of our nation. We in Nevada have fourteen native orchids. One of them is quite widespread in Las Vegas. *Epipactis gigantea* grows right in our backyard in Red Rock and is tall and impressive, unlike some of the Nevada mini-orchids. **Paula Garrett**, a well-respected horticulturist and member of our club, has agreed once more to lead us on a walking tour in Calico Basin in Red Rock State Park to see these orchids in bloom, most probably the beginning of May. Blooming times are unpredictable (like the rest of life), but we will try to give ample notice. It was a breathtaking walk last year.

Attached to the the newsletter is a sneak-peak at the article that I will have published in ORCHID DIGEST in April 2011 on Charles Darwin. Hope you enjoy. For those who get a hard copy of the newsletter, it is just too big and heavy to mail. So sorry.

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