

April 7, 2013

Karen Muir "Maxillaria" April 12-14 "Easter Show at the Co May Epipactis gigantea wildflower Walk in Calico Basin Paula Garrett May 5, 2013 Harry Phillips Andy's Orchids "Mounted Orchids"

June 2, 2013 Jason Fischer

"Australian Orchid Conference" July 7, 2013

Alan Koch "Orchids to Grow with Your Cattleyas"

August 4, 2013 Barbecue September 8, 2013

Greenhouse Tour Mary&Barry King Cathy Loftfield Aaron Schave October 6, 2013

Cathy Loftfield "Orchids of

Diana Smith "Coelogyne"

Guatemala" November 3, 2013 Carol Siegel "Orchidmaniacs: The Historic Legends Of the Orchid World" December 1, 2013Holiday Party January 5, 2014 Ron Parsons "Orchids of China" February 2, 2014 Fred Clarke "Aussie Dendrobium" March 2, 2014

MARCH MEETING A GREAT SUCCESS!

What fun we had at our March meeting. Dennis O'Sullivan greeted us all with lovely piano music, and we enjoyed the Chinese feast provided by Diana Smith, Eileen McKyton, Cathy Loftfield, Mary King, and me. We happily welcomed new member Vi Carlos. So glad our Canadian member Carol Warkentin joined again. She makes us international. Pleased to welcome guests Natasha Weston and Alvin York. Thanks, Alvin, for vacuuming! Diana Smith delighted us with an excellent power point presentation by Orchid Digest on Catasetum, Mormodes, and Gongora, those wild and weird genera that often appear dead in winter as they go dormant only to burst into glorious bloom in the summer months. They are a real bonus to the lazy among us since you don't water them for months on end until their leaves and roots are several inches long again. Diana is a teacher, an intelligent lady, and a wonderful speaker. Thanks for doing this for us, Diana. Fred Clarke provided *Catasetum* at a reasonable price, but members seemed reluctant to buy many since they appear dead. Diana is caring for them and will bring them back for sale when they are full of leaves. Many of the leaves are already six inches long. Thanks again to Ole and Tony for the lavish raffle of orchids, green plants and flower arrangements. Oh, my! I can hardly wait to get another arrangement for my counter. Ole does great flower arrangements. Thanks to Steve Hochman for paying for SIX months of our insurance. Such generosity!



## CLUB DUES FOR 2013 ARE OVERDUE NOW... PAY AND GET AN ORCHID KEY

CHAIN If you haven't paid, please send a check made out to GLVOS c/o Carol Siegel, 8601 Robinson Ridge Drive Las Vegas, NV 89117 or bring it to the meeting. DUES ARE \$30 SINGLE \$45 COUPLE.

Cathy Loftfield has put our ad on <a href="www.meetup.com">www.meetup.com</a>. We hope to add many new members through this fun site. Cathy also put up an ad at the Rainbow Library. Thanks, sweetie. When I send you the ad, print a few and hand them to folks you think would like to join our lovely group.

So happy that **Paula Garrett** has agreed to lead our club on a **wildflower walk** in Calico Basin in May to see our **native orchid Epipactis gigantea** growing along the wet rock face. It is a beautiful, big orchid, called the "Chatterbox Orchid" because of its movable lip and the "Stream Orchid" because of its habitat. It is an easy, flat walk, and Paula knows all about the plants and flowers in the area. We will go on a weekend day, and it will take a couple of hours. We will keep an eye on the weather and the flowers, and we will make the schedule firm a little later. It is usual for the orchid to bloom the first week in May or so.

Our Easter at the Cal Orchid Show is on again this year. We will set up on Thursday April 11 at 4. Shelly North has agreed to be our Show Chair and treat us to another of her magnificent displays. We need your plants. Even if you only have a few... You can drop them off at my house if you prefer (254-4168). Call me. We need Ambassadors from 12-5 on Friday, 10-5 on Saturday, and 10-3 on Sunday. I will pass around a signup sheet at the meeting. Please help. The show is in the Ohana Room at the California Hotel.

Our BARBECUE in cool Mt. Charleston will be August 4 at the home of the gracious Eldine Stevens. We hope Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless, our catering geniuses and owners of A Catered Affair will treat us to another fabulous feast.



## KAREN MUIR SPEAKS ON "MAXILLARIA" IN APRIL

Our speaker for June will be Karen Muir and her topic will be Maxillaria. The Maxillarias are among the most widespread and diverse orchid genera of tropical America. They contain spectacular large flowered species and charming miniatures. The genus contains over 650 species with many still to be described. Karen will share with us examples of these spectacular species and discuss their culture.

Karen is originally from Michigan where she began raising orchids around 1975. Karen became an accredited American Orchid Society Judge in 1997. In 1998, she was transferred by her Company, Lincoln Mercury, to Irvine, California and retired in January 2002. She served 5 years as the American Orchid Society Chair of the Pacific South Judging Region and has traveled to Canada, Guatemala, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, South Africa, England and Japan to attend and judge orchid shows. Karen resides in Laguna Niguel, CA. She is the Treasurer of Orchid Digest. Diana Smith will provide Maxillaria for sale from her personal collection.

We thank Terry Wilsey, Bob Furtek, Rosalie de Guzman, Kathy Weber and Gloria Gunn for food in April. We are grateful to Stella Charvet, Shelly North, Carol Siegel, Don Gault, Marilyn Short and Esther Gesser for volunteering for May food. We still need people for June. In July, we will have a potluck, and in August our barbecue. In September, we will have a greenhouse tour at the homes of Aaron Schave, Mary and Barry King, and Cathy and Jim Loftfield. In October, we will have a pizza party and chocolate bar. We need food volunteers for November, and in December, Lord willing, we will have our Holiday Party. (Looks like the diet is off...)



## ORCHID SHOW AT THE NEW YORK BOTANIC GARDENS

Lucky, me. I was in New York for a family party, and my sisters treated me with a visit to the New York Botanic Gardens' Orchid Show. Each year, the NYBG transforms the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory into a lush rainforest with thousands of orchids in the country's largest curated show. I trekked to the show in the midst of a glorious snow storm. (Only people in Las Vegas would call it glorious. New Yorkers were sick of it already...)

Hurricane Sandy uprooted and damaged 300 specimen trees in the Gardens. The storm-damaged trees were spectacularly incorporated into the show as a design element. In the main feature of the display, rocky outcroppings dominated a tropical lagoon where large palms swayed and orchids thrived along with ferns and epiphytes. Waterfalls fed a large, placid pool, and two large trees barren of leaves dripped with Spanish moss laden with air plants overhanging the pool. Narrow walkways were bordered with trees crisscrossed with dendrobium, vanda, angraecum, and oncidium.

There are more than 7000 orchids representing over 3000 taxa from all over the world in the Garden's permanent collection. Marc Hachadourian is the resident orchid expert and is the Manager for the Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collections. He supervises the care of the extensive orchid collection and exhibition plants. The NYBG is a rescue center and receives orchids that have come into the country illegally and violate CITES (conservation) regulations.

The link below has lovely pictures. www.slowlovelife.com/2013/02/orchid-show-at-new-york-botanical.html

Located in the Bronx, it spans 250 acresand draws 800,000 visitors annually. The tobacco giants, the Lorillard Family, owned most of the land where the Gardens are now. It was acquired in 1891 for a zoo and botanical garden. It was declared a National Historic Landmark 1967. It includes an 1890's vintage "crystal palace style" greenhouse by Lord and Burnham, the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, a 37-acre conifer collection, extensive research facilities, a 550,000 volume library, and an herbarium of over seven million dried botanical specimens dating back more than 300 years. At the heart of the Garden are 50 acres of old-growth forest, the largest remnant of the original forest that covered New York City before the arrival of European settlers.

Two of my pictures below:



