

THE GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY  
THE ORCHID COLUMN

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I'LL LOVE YOU  
FOREVER!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S  
DAY TO ALL OF YOU

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013  
Piano music at 1 Rainbow Library

RAMON DE LOS SANTOS "ORCHIDS OF THE PHILIPPINES"

*SPECIAL EVENTS:*

February 3, 2013  
Ramon de la Santos  
"Orchids of the Philippines:  
March 3, 2013  
Diana Smith "Catasetum"  
April 7, 2013  
Karen Muir "Maxillaria"  
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  
October 6, 2013  
Cathy Loftfield "Orchids of  
Guatemala"  
November 3, 2013  
Carol Siegel  
"Orchidmaniacs: The Historic  
Legends Of the Orchid World"  
December 1, 2013 Holiday Party  
January 5, 2014 Ron Parsons  
"Orchids of China"

Well, it has been a busy few weeks. The February speaker, Alan Koch, had to reschedule until July, and our March speaker, Mike Glikbarg, cancelled because of scheduling conflicts, so we had to scurry and get new programs. (I have white hair under the red, not for nothing...) Alan suggested that Ramon de los Santos does an incredible talk on Philippine orchids. He was visiting the Philippines until January 28, but I called him there (technology is great!) on his cell phone, and he accepted. Ramon is best known in the USA as an AOS award photographer. His photos have been widely enjoyed in the AOS calendars, 'Orchids' magazine and the California Sierra Nevada webpage. But Ramon is also known for his association with the Philippine Orchid Society where he was secretary for several years. So many orchids are from the Philippines- Phals, Dendrobiums, Paphs...I mean really. What an under- appreciated place... There are about 141 genera of orchids representing about 1,100 species of orchids, 900 of which are described as endemic to the Philippines. Ramon will discuss the microclimates of the Philippines and how it affects our orchids. As a photographer, we know his power point presentation will be spectacular. We thank Marilyn Short, Sandra Swan, Ingegerd Rossan, Jeri Lee, and Lee Kirschbaum for providing food for the meeting. Orchids for sale will come from Hilo Orchid Farm. Our piano player Dennis O'Sullivan will start at 1.



**CLUB DUES FOR 2013  
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 Carolyn Jones, Judy Tuthill, Clarice Dean, Gloria Hoffman and I 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](mailto: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...

Cathy Loftfield has put our ad on [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com). At our January meeting, we welcomed Crystal Thompson who saw our ad on Meetup. We hope to get many new members through this fun site. Cathy also put up an ad at the Rainbow Library. Thanks, sweetie.

We are pleased to welcome new members Tatiana Blum and Mieko Magaki and guests Winsome Sutherland, Barbet Ranero, and Crystal Thompson.

Thank you to Diana Smith who has agreed to speak in March instead of July on "Catasetum." My dear friend Diana...

We bid farewell to Fred and Roberta Schechter who are moving to California to be with their children. We wish them only the best in their new home.

We are glad to hear that Gloria Gunn is on the mend after her knee replacement surgery. We send our love and healing energy. Hope Christina de la Cruz is on the mend as well.

Hope Liz Waters had lots of fun visiting with her kids over Christmas. Such a nice lady.

Hope Leslie Doyle's Winter Garden Fair was a success. We are thrilled that Ole and Tony sold plants for us. We have the nicest members.

## 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 \$1500 ! 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 80 really gorgeous orchids to us. (We offered to pay the postage.)

Among our generous friends:

The Hilo Orchid Farm

([www.hiloorchidfarm.com](http://www.hiloorchidfarm.com))

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate

([www.sborchid.com](http://www.sborchid.com))

Orchids of Los Osos ([www.orchidsdoflosos.com](http://www.orchidsdoflosos.com)),

Zuma Canyon Orchids

([www.zumacanyonorchids.com](http://www.zumacanyonorchids.com))

Fred Clarke and Sunset Valley Orchids

([www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com](http://www.sunsetvalleyorchids.com))

Parkside Orchids ([www.parksideorchids.com](http://www.parksideorchids.com)),

Andy's Orchids ([www.andysorchids.com](http://www.andysorchids.com))

Norman's Orchids ([www.orchids.com](http://www.orchids.com))

Carmela's Orchids ([www.carmelaorchids.net](http://www.carmelaorchids.net))

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 and Ole Borresen for the hotel plants. They deliver NO MATTER WHAT. What great guys! I especially loved the enormous vase of white roses I bought for \$10. Weren't they gorgeous! Thanks to Leslie Doyle for helping them sell. 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 Bruce and Catherine Weber and others. We couldn't do it without you. A special thank you to Myra Glassman who prepared the library for us to sell. Members loved getting great orchid books for a couple of bucks. **WE SOLD 50 TICKETS FOR OUR RAFFLE OF AN IPAD MINI @ \$10 EACH. WE HAVE 30 MORE AVAILABLE. DIDN'T GET YOURS? COME TO OUR FEBRUARY MEETING, AND YOU CAN BUY YOURS. WE WILL HAVE THE DRAWING AT THE MEETING NO MATTER HOW MANY OF THE 80 ARE SOLD. THANKS TO DIANA SMITH FOR ORGANIZING THIS FUNDRAISER.**



Ole Borresen, Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless all received Diamond Awards of Excellence this year from Orchid Digest for their contributions to our club. They were written up in the January issue of the magazine. Below we have reproduced their tributes. We really do love and appreciate them!



#### Ole Borresen

The Greater Las Vegas Orchid Society is pleased to present the Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence to Ole Borresen, an outstanding member and friend of the society. Ole grew up in Denmark after World War II. He had knowledge of orchids, but only royalty and the wealthy were in possession of these wonderful plants. In 1972, Ole settled in Las Vegas and purchased two boxes of cattleys from Stewart Orchids, built a greenhouse and successfully grew cattleyas with hundred of blooms. *Cattleya trianaei* was the favorite. Ole joined our society in 2006 and became very active. He obtains, for our raffle table, orchids and green plants that are donated by several hotels and casinos. This is our major fund-raising project. Ole has worked hard with profound determination to make GLVOS a great success, and we thank him for his contributions.

#### Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless

The Greater Las Vegas Orchid Society is pleased to present the Orchid Digest Award of Excellence to Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless for their contributions to our society over the past years. Dan's love began with *Cattleya Harrisonia* when he was 16, and he has developed a love for orchids as well as for teaching the members various potting methods, along with healthy care. Dan and Mike set up for our meetings and potlucks. They are our hospitality chairs and help with hosting our annual picnic. Dan is a chef so he cooks for over 125 members who attend. They pick up various speakers. Mike and Dan host greenhouse tours and provide meals as well. As members, Dan and Mike are always willing to contribute as much as possible to inspire and encourage the love and beauty of orchids to all in their daily living.

## **WHY DO THEY KEEP CHANGING THOSE NAMES!!**

**I just finished writing an article on “How Orchids Got Their Names” for the summer issue of Orchid Digest. One of the most difficult parts of writing for a scholarly magazine is to get the new names correct for the publication. Orchids names keep being changed so that *Encyclia cochleata*, the Shell Orchid, is not called that any more, but is called *Prosthechea cochleata*. I thought you would like to know why all this is happening and how you can learn what the correct name is at any one time.**

**After much competition among nations, since 1867, the names that plants bear have been regulated by the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature. With flowering plants, in general the system has been based largely on the flowers of the plants. Today, at the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, Professor Mark Chase is the head of the Molecular Systematics Section which analyzes the DNA of plants and works out an evolutionary tree of life. They determined that the morphological (shape of the flower's parts) approach to naming was sometimes incorrect and that the lotus should not be lumped with the water lily which it seems to resemble. Suddenly, orchid names we are familiar with like *Cattleya skinneri* (now *Guarianthe skinneri*) or *Sophronitis coccinea* (now *Cattleya coccinea*) are catapulted into new and unfamiliar genera on the basis of DNA.**

**Because the DNA analysis is likely to stay as the means of classifying orchids, you might like to know how to find out the accepted names today. You can google “Kew list” and you will be taken to [apps.kew.org/wcsp/](https://apps.kew.org/wcsp/) which is the World Checklist of Selected Plants Families at Kew. You can enter the name of your plant like “*Encyclia cochleata*” and the list will take you to another page. If the name is in bold, it means it is still the accepted name. If it is not, you will be directed to the next page where the new name is found in bold. There is also a lot of other information about the plant.**

**With all the changes in names, sometimes the neophyte (and experienced) orchid lover can be confused and exasperated. Hubert Mayr, expert on orchid names, gives comforting words when he proclaims:**

**So do not take it too seriously! As long as you do not intend to write scientific articles, the correct naming is not so important. As long as you and your friends know what you are talking about...., everything is okay.”**

**Attached to the newsletter is an article I wrote just published in Orchid Digest on orchid deception. Love, Carol 254-4168 [growlove@cox.net](mailto:growlove@cox.net)**

