

THE GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY

THE ORCHID COLUMN

CAROL SIEGEL, EDITOR



April 12, 2015 Sunday
Piano 1pm Meeting 2pm
Second Sunday (1st Sunday Easter)

SPECIAL EVENTS 2015

April 12, 2015 Art Chadwick
“First Ladies and Their Cattleyas”
May 3, 2015 Barbecue Shelly’s Steve
Marvel “DI/RO water”
June 7, 2015 Jason Fischer
“Orchids of New Zealand”
July 12, 2015 Peter Lin “Cattleya
Species and How to Grow Them”
August 2, 2015 Mark Romansky
“Orchids in the Home”
Sept 13 , 2015 Alan Koch “Orchid
Biology”
October 4, 2015 Diana Smith “Pests”
November 1, 2015 Cathy Loftfield
“Orchids Around the World”
Dec 6, 2015 Holiday Party
January 10, 2016 Mary Gerritsen
“The Orchids of Borneo”
Feb 2, 2016 Fred Clarke “Catasetum”
March 6, 2016 Guillermo Salazar
“African Orchids”
April 3, 2016 Greenhouse Tour
June 5 Ron Parsons “Indonesia”

DUES ARE DUE... DO IT! SEND IN YOURS..



2015 DUES WERE DUE IN JANUARY. IF YOU HAVEN'T SEND YOURS IN YET, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE RUN AN EXTRAVAGANT, INFORMATIVE AND EXPENSIVE SPEAKER PROGRAM WITH ONLY THE BEST AND THAT TAKES \$\$\$ (WHAT DOESN'T?) WE HAVE NOT RAISED OUR DUES IN YEARS SINCE SOME OF US HAVE HAD TOUGH TIMES. DUES REMAIN \$30 FOR SINGE, \$45 FOR A COUPLE- TWO PEOPLE RESIDING AT THE SAME ADDRESS. IF YOU CAN SEND AN EXTRA \$5 OR \$10, IT MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE SEND A CHECK MADE OUT TO: GLVOS C/O CAROL SIEGEL
8601 ROBINSON RIDGE DRIVE
LAS VEGAS, NV 89117.

Thanks to Clarice Dean and Steve Hochman for the extra donation las month.

RON KAUFMANN "ORCHIDS ON THE ROCKS" in March

The speaker in March was **Ron Kaufmann**, Chair of the San Diego County Orchid Society Conservation Committee and a Founding Director of the Orchid Conservation Alliance who delighted us with a talk on orchids that grow on rocks. His talk titled "**Life on the Rocks: the World of Rupicolous Orchids**" explored the habits and habitats of orchids that grow on rocks. Our club donated \$50 to the Orchid Conservation Alliance in honor of his visit. Thanks to Steve Hochman for the pickup, lunch and return to the airport and to Terry Wilsey for the travel arrangements. The Board, Carol, Cathy, Diana and Eileen presented a Chinese feast from Buffet of Asia on Rainbow and Sahara. It was delicious! We welcomed guests Tim Kruze and Julie Rubin and sold cattleya orchids from Akatsuka Orchids in Hawaii. Thanks to Ole, Tony and Joel for the lovely hotel plants. We made \$130 on their hard work. I was overwhelmed by the nice things everybody said when I got the Orchid Digest Diamond Award. Thanks so much.



ART E. CHADWICK OF
CHADWICK'S ORCHIDS
APRIL'S SPEAKER "FIRST
LADIES AND THEIR
CATTLEYAS" April 12

Art E. Chadwick, our April speaker, holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina State and an MBA from James Madison. He founded the Chadwick & Son Orchids Inc in 1989 with his father who has been growing orchids since 1943.

'The Classic Cattleyas' is widely considered to be the definitive book on large flowered Cattleya species and was written by Art and his father. Martha Stewart favorably reviewed the book and had both Chadwicks on her TV Show.

Art has the distinction of naming Cattleya hybrids after the wives of the last four U.S. Presidents and personally presenting the flowers to the honored recipients. He speaks internationally, most recently at the Western Australian Orchid Conference and the World Orchid Conference in France. Each month since 2002, the Richmond Times Dispatch publishes Art's orchid advice column. The Winston-Salem Journal now also runs the popular column.

Chadwicks operates 11 greenhouses in rural Powhatan County, a retail store in Richmond, and boards over 13,000 orchids for local clients. The company was recently featured in Southern Living Magazine and the New York Times.

When not growing orchids, Art enjoys outdoor recreation and raising two children. He will be selling his cattleyas!!

We thank Dallis Church, Diana Smith, Cathy Loftfield, Mark Romansky and Pat Holland for April food.

ORCHID SHOW AT THE WEST CHARLESTON LIBRARY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH 10AM-4PM “A Passion for Orchids”

We are having our orchid show on Saturday, March 28th at the W Charleston Library. We hope Tony and Ole will do continuous potting demonstrations and give away the plants to visitors. We will have our orchid banner so visitors can take pictures of themselves in an orchid. **We will be setting up our display at 10am on Fridy, March 27th at the library.** We will have a display on different kinds of orchids, native Nevada orchids, orchid photography, orchid potting mixes, and orchid library books. I will donate a basket of blooming orchids to give away in a free raffle open to everyone. It helps us get the names of people who visit our show who might be interested in joining. **We need your orchids!!** Please... We have gotten volunteers listed on the next page to man our show. It should be fun, and it is only one day. Please step up... There is a big auditorium and Cathy, Diana, Mark Romansky and I will be giving talks. Make sure you show up and enjoy this fun event. ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER EMAIL IS A COPY OF THE FILE ADVERTISING OUR SHOW. Print up a few and give it to some friends who might enjoy the event- and us.

Schedule:

11 a.m. Orchids of Guatemala with Cathy Loftfield This PowerPoint presentation will discuss orchids from the different regions of Guatemala.

1 p.m. Freaks and Stinkers with Carol Siegel Explore the freak show side of orchids including the weird and wacky species.

2 p.m. Orchids 101 with Diana Smith Learn how to keep the most popular orchids healthy and blooming on your windowsill.

3 p.m. Orchids in the Home with Mark Romansky Learn where orchids come from, how to acquire them, what varieties are available and what to do with them once you have them.

Saturday, March 28 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**West Charleston Library Art Gallery and
Lecture Hall**

6301 W. Charleston Blvd.

Free and open to the public

DISPLAY SETUP

Friday, March 27 10am West Charleston Library (not our regular library!)

Bob Furtek

Gail Harris

Ole Borresen

Liz Waters

Carol Siegel

Cathy Loftfield

Diana Smith

Steve Hochman

Please bring blooming plants if you have them.

Saturday, March 28 West Charleston Library Ambassadors

10-1

Marge Redman

Nita Bragg

Rae Kurtz

Tony Billitere

Frankline Stein

1-4

Myra Lee Glassman

Gail Harris

Jeri Lee

Claudia Drake

Tony and Ole will do potting demonstrations, and Diana, Cathy, Mark and I will do talks.

Very fun. You can win a blooming basket of orchids just by attending.



CLUB DOINGS:

So glad to see Bruce LaFollette again after his recent hip replacement...

He and Wanda are planning to go to Scotland in a couple of weeks... What a guy...

Glad to see Kathy Weber up and around and doing well after her knee surgery...

So happy for June Cravenn who is back in her house after the water damage...It was MONTHS, poor baby.

Glad that Diana is doing well after her hand surgery. Love you, baby.

Our sincerest condolences to Mike Lawless on the loss of his sister Kim. Our hearts go out to you.

CONFESSIONS OF AN ORCHID ADDICT

Carol Siegel

I have a secret, and I'm really ashamed
I lust after every orchid that's ever been named.
You'd never know it to look in my eyes
That I'm an addict would be a surprise.

I don't have to kick coke or give up the booze
(Though I do find the weight a little difficult to lose).
Please don't judge me too hard or look down your nose
It's much easier to happen than you'd ever suppose.

I am embarrassed to tell you I'm just on the skids
I am totally, completely hooked on orchids.
It started so slowly what led to my woes
I was just food shopping at Trader Joe's

I was turning a corner and some flowers caught my eye
I had to have one or surely I would die.
"What's one little orchid; it just cost ten bucks!"
And now they deliver orchids in those great big trucks.

I sit at my computer in the dark of night
I order from nurseries from last to first light.
My wallet is flat, and my bills are high

You should, my friends, hear my husband sigh.

Normally honest as Abe, I've become a liar
As the credit card bill go higher and higher.
"Orchids Ltd. sells chicken and crackers and such
I really don't ever buy orchids that much.

They call it Cal Orchid but they really sell shoes
Oh, honey it's really much better than booze."
The boxes are sneaked into the garage by dark
I have so many orchids I can no longer park

On garbage day my lawn is filled with Styrofoam
That blew out of boxes when no one was home.
The cartons they sit in a pile mountain high
A very large reminder of all the orchids I buy.

It isn't just orchids but orchid dishes and books
Orchid shirts and pictures and bathroom hooks.
I am starting to speak Latin although I can't find my keys
And I even like native orchids you discover on your knees.

I take trips to see orchids that grow really far away
And when I spy it growing there it just makes my day.
I tried very hard to achieve orchid sobriety
So I went and joined an orchid society

I told the president I heard he could help
He laughed so hard he gave out a yelp.
"Oh, sweetie, forget it, it's never been done
Nobody gives up orchids, absolutely no one.
They can beat the booze and surely stop smoking
But if they say you'll quit orchids they have got to be joking." (**Keep going...
there's more to the newsletter.)....**



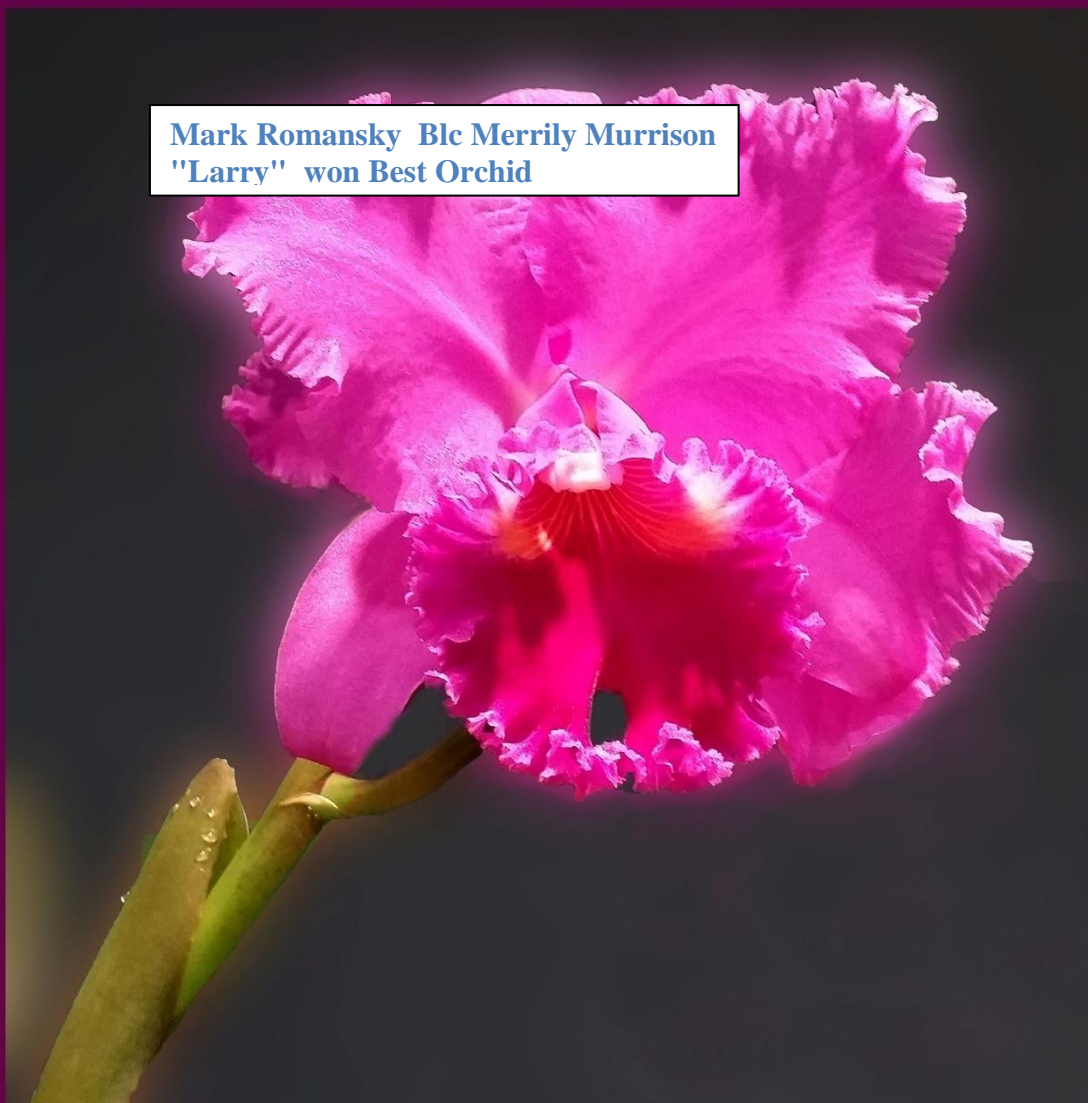
Paph Chiu Hau Dancer grown by Dallis Church

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BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

Mark Romansky B/c Merrily Murrison
"Larry" won Best Orchid



Dan Mumau Best Inspiring Orchid
Angraecum sesquipedale





Cherie Lin *Ludisia discolor*
Best Newbie Orchid

