

THE GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY

THE ORCHID COLUMN

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**APRIL 3, 2016 GREENHOUSE
TOUR 12:30 PM EARLY!!!**

April 3, 2016 Greenhouse Tour
May Native Orchid Walk
May 1, 2016 Art Chadwick
"Large-Flowered Cattleyas"
June 12 2016 Cathy Loftfield
"Orchids of the Old World"
July 10, 2016 Mark Romansky
"Forgotten Orchids" 2nd Sunday
Aug 7 Mary Gerritsen "The
Orchids of Borneo"
Sept 11 Diana "What Kind of
Orchid Is It?" 2nd Sunday
Oct 2, 2016 Carol Siegel "10
Ways to Kill an Orchid"
Nov 6, 2016 Steve Frowine
"Growing Under Lights and In the
Home"
December 4, 2016 Holiday Party
January 8, 2016 Ron Kaufmann
"Phragmidpedium"
February 12, 2016 Fred Clarke
"Orchids 101"

GREAT MEETING IN MARCH!!

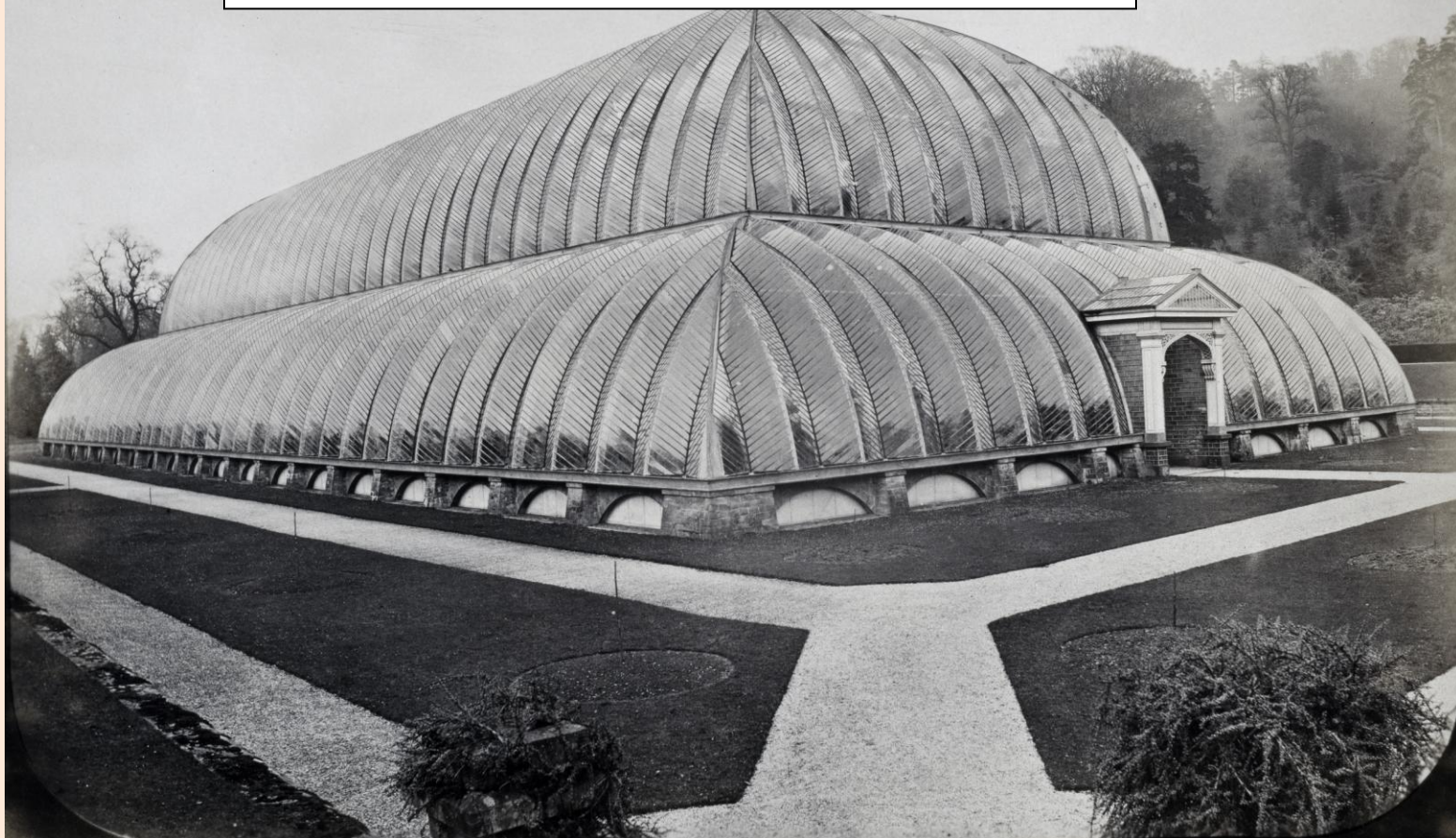
Guillermo Salazar did a most interesting talk on the orchids of Africa and sold very unusual orchids, to our great delight. Thanks to Diana Smith for taking him on a Red Rock nature walk on Saturday and to Diana, my husband and I, Mary and Barry King and Steve Hochman for taking him to dinner in the evening. Steve kindly transported him to dinner and the meeting AND paid for the Chinese feast on Sunday! How kind! Thanks, too, to Carol Siegel, Diana Smith, Marilyn Short, Eileen McKyton, and Cathy Loftfield for helping with paper goods, drinks and desserts for the feast. Kisses to Ole, Tony, Ken and Joel for the great hotel plants. We made \$155, thanks to them. We adored the gorgeous table skirts talent Caroline Campbell generously donated to the club! What a gal!

A PASSION FOR ORCHIDS LIBRARY SHOW

Our show at the West Charleston library was our most beautiful ever! We had a gorgeous orchid display featuring our members' stunning and fragrant orchids and Caroline Campbell's beautiful table skirts. The display was just beautiful, thanks to the efforts of Mark Romansky, Diana Smith, Cathy Loftfield, Carol Siegel, Claudia Drake, Bob Furtek, Jeannie Smith, Randa Stice and Joyce Lengson. Check out our facebook page Greater Las Vegas Orchid Society or our website www.glvos.org for beautiful pictures from the show that Caroline and others took. Members stopped by all day, meeting and greeting. A special thank you to Ole Borresen and Tony Billitere for their potting demonstrations, free orchids, and orchid flowers in tubes for guests to take home. We thank our wonderful ambassadors including Franklin Stein, Mark Romansky, Claudia Drake, Jeri Lee, Myra Glassman and Eileen McKyton. We hope members and guests enjoyed the lively lectures in the auditorium presented by our expert orchid team of Diana Smith, Carol Siegel, Mark Romansky and Cathy Loftfield.

I donated a a basket of live orchids to a free raffle, and our very own Claudia Drake won it!! It is a good way to get new members because they willingly give us their emails and names so we can contact them and invite them to meetings. I have already made up a database with all their names and will send them this newsletter!!

**OUR ANNUAL GREENHOUSE TOUR
12:30 PM EARLIER THAN UNUSUAL**



You guessed it! That is MY greenhouse (in my dreams...) Actually, it is the Great Conservatory of the 19th Century collector the Duke of Devonshire. They say Queen Victoria drove her carriage right through the front door. We won't visit THIS growing area, but we will visit some you might possibly be able to afford. At any rate, you will certainly get some great growing ideas. We will start at Christina de la Cruz's house at 12:30. She will leave after an hour to join the others on the tour, so come on time. Then, we continue on the Ole Borresen's home, then on to Al de Ricco and then finally finishing up at Dan Mumau. Ken Summerville has kindly made maps for us. I will attach the directions to the top of the email with the newsletter. I will also give you the link that Ken gave me. The directions start with Christine's house.

- 1.Chrstine de la Cruz 967 Cardelina Lane Henderson, NV 89052 702-896-4442**
- 2.Ole Borresen 1248 S 8th Street Las Vegas, NV 89102 702-384-1129**
- 3. Al de Ricco 921 Shifting Sands Las Vegas, NV 89108 702-608-4920**
- 4.Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless 9647 Rainfall Avenue Las Vegas, NV 702-362-5251**

**BELOW IS A CHECKLIST TO BRING TO THE GREENHOUSE TOUR TO TAKE
NOTES**

CHECKLIST FOR OUR GREENHOUSE TOUR

As you go to each grower's growing area, make sure you find out about all their tips for growing orchids. All growers have to solve the problem of how to provide light for their plants, how to water them, how to fertilize them and provide air movement, how to control temperature, how to provide humidity, how to provide shelving, and how to provide the correct medium for them. Fancy or modest, a growing area works because it provides these basic orchid needs. The following are questions that you might keep in mind to ask when visiting our members' growing areas:

1. Why did you choose this kind of growing area? (greenhouse, sunroom, atrium, lights, windowsill, bathroom...)
2. How did you build it? What kind of material did you use? Why? Would you do it again? Did you do it yourself? Did you hire somebody? Who?
3. How do you provide and control light? Do you use shade cloth? Where do you put different plants to provide for high and low light? What lessons have you learned?
4. How do you control temperature? Do you have an evaporative cooler
5. What kind of shelving or tables do you use?
6. How do you provide humidity for your plants? What percentage are you able to provide?
7. How do you provide air movement? How important is this?
8. What kind of water do you use? (tap, deionized, r/o, bottled...) How often do you water? How? (hose, sink, misting, automatic...)
9. What kind of medium do you grow in? How often do you change it? Do you vary your potting medium for different plants?
10. What kind of fertilizer do you use? How often? Do you add any other kind of supplement (oyster shells, calcium, etc.)
11. How do you control pests?
12. What kind of orchids are you most successful with? Why is that? Are there any you have trouble growing. Why?
13. Where do you like to buy your orchids?

