

GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY

THE ORCHID COLUMN

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2007 2pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2007 12:30pm

BUILDING OPEN AT 1 PM

Carol Siegel, Newsletter Editor

AS IS THE CUSTOM, THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST SINCE I WILL BE TRAVELING. THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 9TH MEETING. SAVE THE MAP THAT COMES WITH THIS NEWSLETTER WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR GETTING TO ELDINE'S HOUSE FOR THE AUGUST 5TH BARBECUE.

Our great catering team, Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless, have graciously agreed to prepare food for our August barbecue. We are so excited since they are the BEST. We thank Eldine Stevens for once again opening her lovely home in COOL Mt Charleston to our group. The barbecue will be at 12:30 on Sunday, August 5th. The club will provide meats and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a dish (filled with food, of course!) for 10-12 people- a side dish, casserole, dessert, salad and the like. It is always great fun to be together- and cool, at last.

What fun we had at our June meeting as Fred Clarke delighted us with a wide-screen presentation on the weird and wonderful world of *Cycnoches*, *Conchocarpum*, *Mormodes* and *Clowesia*. His photos of these beauties were fabulous



and, as always, he humbled all of us with his vast store of information. His mantra for these deciduous (losing their leaves) orchids was to WAIT, WAIT, WAIT before resuming watering after their dormant period.

As Fred summarized:

1. As the new growth develops, wait to irrigate until the new roots are developed and are 3-to-5 inches long. Don't be in a hurry to water. It is better to wait.
2. Irrigate and fertilize frequently while the plants are in active growth.
3. Stop fertilization and reduce irrigation by $\frac{1}{2}$ by mid-November.
4. Cease watering by the 1st of January.

Fred, owner of Sunset Valley Orchids, treated us to sales of his inexpensive and lovely orchids.

Clarice Dean presented the Species of the Month,

Cycnoches warscewiczii, which she amazingly could pronounce. This easy-growing epiphyte (grows on trees), like other *Cycnoches*, can be found from sea level to 1800 feet in hot lowlands of Mexico, Central America and the Amazon Basin. The name "cycnoches"

means "swan's neck" referring to the shape of the flower which resembles the body of a swan. Interestingly, this species can produce separate male and female flowers. During flower development, leaves will begin to fall, and during the dormant winter rest, plants should be kept quite dry. Hybrids of this species require similar care.

Responding to members' requests, we sold some more big beautiful cattleyas from Hausermann's Orchids (www.orchidsbyhausermann.com).

In July, we are having a special event, our "Fifteen-Minute Solution," our new invention to share our expertise. We will have presentations going on at the same time in different spots in the meeting hall, and you will have the opportunity to attend four of the presentations, each fifteen-minutes long.

The speakers will be:

Carol Siegel "Growing Under Lights"
Diana Smith "How to Begin to Grow Orchids"

Clarice Dean "Building A Greenhouse"
Dan Mumau "Outfitting a Growing Area"

Steve Ninemire "Learning to Grow by Reading"

Cathy Loftfield "Orchid Photos"

We thank Poly Arcos, Angel Escobar, Nita Bragg, Marilyn Short and Steve Ninemire for the delicious June treats. We thank Joe Raba, Anna Contomitros and Peter Lom, Esther Watson, Billie

Wyrick and Gene Radcliffe as our July food angels.

Welcome to Alison Lockwood, our newest member for 2007. We are so glad to have you. If you haven't paid your dues for 2007, well.....your dues are overdue, and we can't do it without you.

Thanks once more to Tony Billitere, Ed McCormick, Myra Glassman, Clarice and Dennis Dean for all their help getting us hotel plants for the raffle. It is lots of work, but we really appreciate it.

We are grateful to Sharon and Uwe Proehl for volunteering to help dear Tony with picking up and storing the plants. We have such wonderful members!

Paula Garrett, a new club member and an expert at the UNLV Arboretum has been working with me on a brochure for the university on the Native Orchids of Nevada as well as on a big laminated poster. **THE BROCHURES ARE DONE! THE POSTER IS FINISHED!** Included in this newsletter is a copy of the brochure that will be distributed at the UNLV Arboretum. The information will also be on the Arboretum website (The address is on the back of the brochure.) We are so thrilled that this important work will be disseminated throughout the community. Our club has really made a difference! Paula is such a smart, self-motivated and generous lady, and we (and I) are so thrilled to have her so interested in our work in orchids We will have the poster at the meeting.

The Springs Preserve is open, and it is a fabulous addition to our city. This 180-acre park has 2 ½ miles of hiking trails, gardens, a museum on the origins of Las Vegas, one on the Mojave Desert, and another on conservation and sustainable growth. Photoelectric cells coat the covered parking and will provide 75% of the electricity for the facility. It is GORGEOUS and lots of fun and education. 243 million dollars has been spent on the Springs Preserve, and it is a dream that has taken ten years to come to fruition. They welcome volunteers (www.springspreserve.org). Leslie Doyle and Joe Raba have taken training to be a docent and I have signed up to be a volunteer, too. I love to be part of a class act. Think about volunteering.

At the end of the newsletter is an article I wrote called "For The Love of Orchids- Why We Do It," to be published in Orchid Digest as well as the map to Eldine's house and the UNLV brochure on native orchids.

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THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN:

CAROL SIEGEL- PRESIDENT

CLARICE DEAN -VICE-PRESIDENT

EILEEN MCKYTON- SECRETARY

DIANA SMITH-TREASURER

Miles Hoffman- "The Recruiter"

Paula Garrett- University Liaison

Dan Mumau, Michael Lawless, Marsha

Hawley - Membership Hospitality Chairmen

Eileen McKyton/DanHawley- Welcome Desk

Lillian Patterson, Cathy Loftfield-

Photographer /Historian

TonyBillitere, Sharon and Uwe Proehl,

Myra Glassman, Ed McCormick- Raffle

Angels

Marsha Hawley- Fund Raising Chairlady

Phyllis Bond, Leslie Doyle, Shelly North

and Eileen McKyton- Special Events

Jeri Lee, Myra Glassman, and Gail

Harris- Nevada State Garden Club

Representative

AlexMcKyton-BuildingChairmen&Webmaster

Tex &Gidget Severance and Mike Levin-

Show and Tell Gurus and Judging Chairmen

Scotty Nogaim- Election & Raffle Lady

Terry Wilsey- Club Travel Agent

Steve Ninemire Library Chairman

Clarice Dean-Species of the Month

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ORCHIDS

Dr. Phillip Cribb &

Christopher Bailes

The authors aptly subtitle this slender, 64-page book "A Romantic History With A Guide To Cultivation Arranged In Three Chapters". They succinctly summarize 2500 years of orchid history, then proceed to a discussion of the orchids, providing information on life-cycle, morphology, classification, and native habitats. Finally, they provide guidelines for orchid care and cultivation. All of this is done in a manner that is scholarly, yet intelligible even to the novice orchid grower. By relating cultural requirements to an orchid's native ecology, they render the often confusing subjects of media, light, feeding, etc. logical.

The book is written in straightforward, almost conversational prose and is well- illustrated in full color. The diminutive size of this 5"X8.5" volume makes it easily portable in pocket or purse. All in all, a delightful and practical little gem for any orchid lover.

BOOK REVIEW BY "DOC" MYRA LEE GLASSMAN

The earliest portrait of Charles Darwin, Mea Allen relates, shows him at six clutching a pot of flowers. In an age of industrialization, Darwin found in flowers, and particularly in orchids, a study in the wonders of nature over the stream of time. We, too, clutching our pots of flowers, find in the mystique of orchids, in its fantastic diversity and flamboyant colors and shapes, a way out of the mundane and into the ethereal.

Why grow orchids? As Charles Darwin exulted,

They are wonderful creatures, these Orchids, and I sometimes think with a glow of pleasure, when I remember making out some little point... You cannot conceive how the Orchids have delighted me...For the orchids are more play than work...

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MAPQUEST

EXAMPLE

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Las Vegas, NV 89146, US

End: 70 Moritz Way
Mt Charleston, NV 89124-9166, US

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7: Turn RIGHT onto MONT BLANC WAY. 0.2 miles
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8: Turn LEFT onto MORITZ WAY (Portions unpaved). 0.1 miles
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Mt Charleston, NV 89124-9166, US

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BARBECUE

*BRING DISH FOR 10-12

SUNDAY

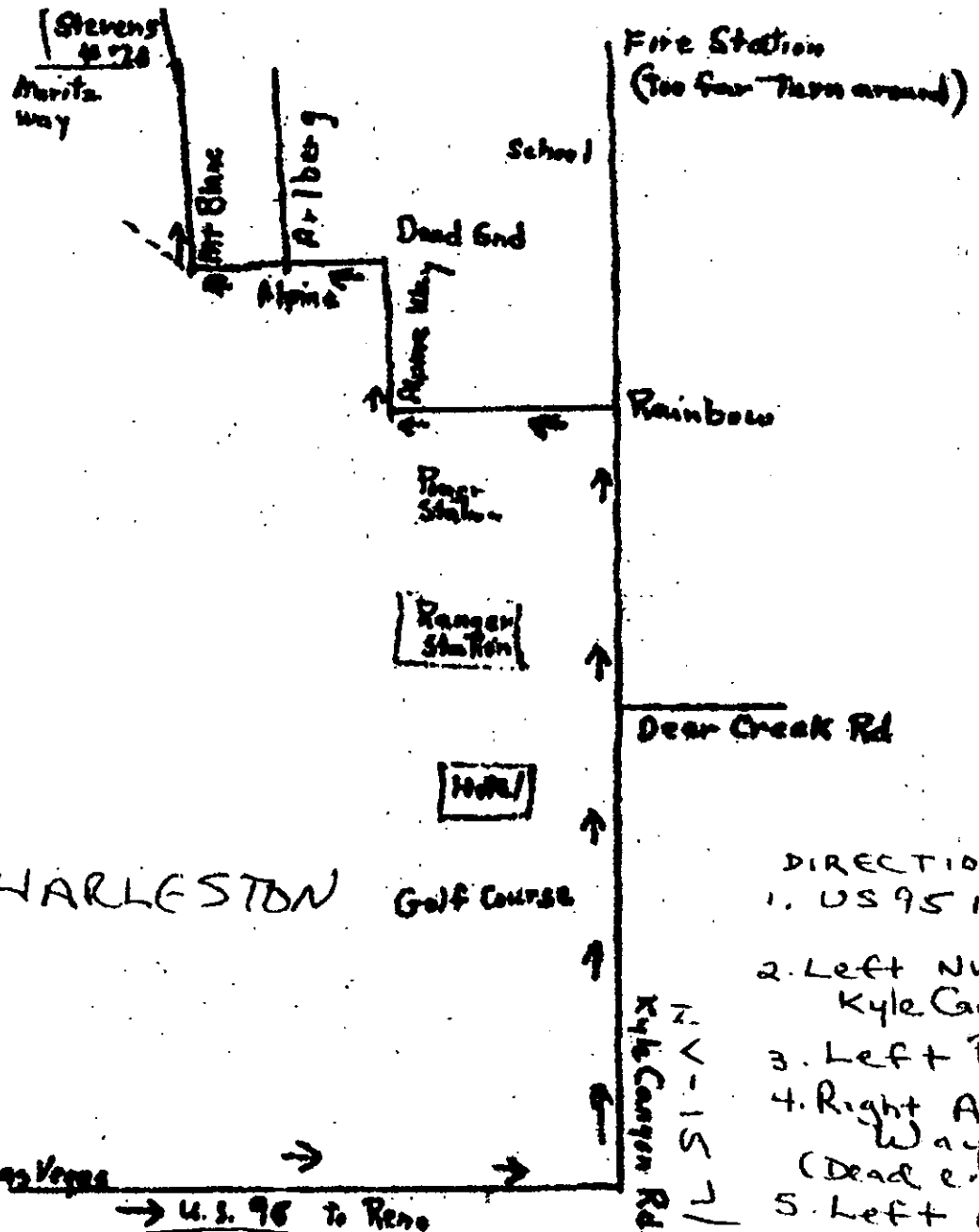
AUGUST 5th

12:30 PM

LOST?

CALL ELDINE

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MT CHARLESTON

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 3. Left Rainbow
 4. Right Alpine Way (Dead end)
 5. Left Alpine
 6. Rt. Mont Blanc
 7. Left Moritz Way (#70)

Las Vegas → U.S. 95 to Reno

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