



GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY
THE ORCHID COLUMN

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SPECIAL EVENTS:

December 6, 2009
10th Annual Holiday Party
January 10, 2010
Jim Comstock, "3D ORCHID
SHOW" AND WHITE
ELEPHANT SALE!
February 7, 2010
Martin Motes, "Vandaceous
Intergeneric Hybrids"
March 7, 2010
Peter Lin
"Mini Cattleyas"
April 4, 2010
Jason Fischer
"Phalaenopsis"
May 2, 2010
Mike Glikbarg "Fragrant
Orchids"
June 6, 2010
Mike Blietz, "Encyclias"
July 11, 2010
Carol Siegel "Sex Life of
Orchids"
August 1, 2010
Barbecue
September 12, 2010
Greenhouse Tour
October 3, 2010
Culture Day "The 15-Minute
Solution"
November 7, 2010
Jackie Braverman TBA
December 5, 2010
11th Annual Holiday Party



DECEMBER 6, 2009
12:30pm (It's a party!!)

OUR E-NEWSLETTER IS ONE YEAR
OLD!

Happy holidays to all our dear members!

It's party time once more! Our holiday party will be held at my home, 8601 Robinson Ridge Drive 254-4168 (Canyon Gate Country Club between Durango & Fort Apache on West Sahara) **12:30**

Sunday, December, 6, 2009. **NOT THE REGULAR TIME!!** From Rainbow, go west on Sahara until you pass Durango. The

next light is Canyon Gate Drive across from the Lakes). Make a right turn into the guard gate & the first right after that which will be Medalist, Iron Ridge, and Robinson Ridge in just a minute. Mine is the first house on Robinson Ridge Drive with a peculiar grass driveway and stained-glass shell doors.

IT'S PARTY TIME...

We will eat drink and schmooze and enjoy each other's company as always. I will provide music and song with Mike and Adrienne Thurber who will play keyboard and violin and sing. I will provide a nail tech to paint orchids on our fingernails (guys, too, if they are liberated enough...) as well as a margarita machine, paper goods, drinks, tiramisu, kahlua bread pudding, bok choy salad, wine and champagne. We thank Dan Mumau, Mike Lawless and me for two big prime rib roasts, Debbie Beaupre for roasting a turkey, William Whaley for doing his fabulous Luau Pork, Joel and Linda Davidson for the two famous fried turkeys, Cathy Loftfield for the

delicious roast ham, and Chef Ole Borresen for a great pork dish, YUMMY!! We ask everybody to BRING A DISH (FILLED WITH FOOD, OF COURSE) FOR 10-12 PEOPLE- main dish, salad, side dish, appetizers, dessert... Please remember to bring serving forks and spoons and ladles and to have the food cut up, hot or cold, and ready to serve.

WE ALSO TRADITIONALLY ASK EVERYONE TO BRING A FEW CANNED GOODS OR BOXED FOODS TO DONATE TO THE SALVATION ARMY TO HELP THE NEEDY.



THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN:

President-Carol Siegel
 VP Jackie Braverman
 Secretary-Eileen McKyton
 Treasurer-Diana Smith
 Raffle Angel-Tony Billitere
 Raffle Committee- Diana Smith, Cathy Loftfield, Gail Harris, Pat Holland, Mickey Matthews, Claudia Drake, Jackie Braverman, John&Judie Tuthill, Dan Mumau, Aaron Schave
 Travel Angel-Terry Wilsey
 Webmaster-Alex McKyton
 Librarian- Myra Glassman, Miles Hoffman& Gustavo Mattiello
 University Liaison- Paula Garrett
 Membership Hospitality- Mike Lawless, Marsha Hawley
 Welcome Desk-Eileen&Alex McKyton, Jackie Braverman
 Election Chairlady-Gail Harris
 Nevada State Garden Club Reps-Myra Glassman, Jeri Lee, Terry Wilsey
 Show Display-Shelly North
 Show and Tell Gurus-Mike Levin, Tex & Gidget
 Severance
 Judging- Mike Levin and The Severances
 Membership Card Design- Leslie Doyle
 Barbecue Masters-Eldine Stevens, Dan Mumau, Mike Lawless

Drinking and driving and holiday orchids...

Loosen your belts, put on your fancy pants, and join us for a good time. Speaking of good times, if you imbibe too much at the party, we will take away your keys and put you in a cab. We cannot allow you to drive if it is not safe.

WE LOVE YOU AND KNOW YOU WILL UNDERSTAND. ONE OF THE MARGARITA MACHINES WILL BE "VIRGIN" FOR THOSE WHO LIKE THE TASTE BUT NOT THE EFFECT.

The club will underwrite 100 holiday blooming orchids worth at least \$20 from Hilo Orchid Farms which members can get for a \$6 raffle ticket, first come first served. I can't believe it is that time again, but good things can't come around too fast. Don't forget your dish for 10-12, your canned goods for the needy and your party shoes. **MAKES SURE TO BRING SERVING SPOONS AND FORKS FOR YOUR DISH AND HAVE IT HEATED AND CUT-UP, IF NECESSARY, AHEAD OF TIME.**

Our November meeting was great fun...

On a gorgeous November afternoon, our club met for friends, fun, flowers and food once again. We welcomed charming new member Toby Librot. We were pleased to welcome Mike Buckroff and his lovely parents, as well as Kelly and Darryl McCollough and Barry and Mary King. We hope you have fun with our club. We will be happy to meet you and share our passion. Do come to the Holiday Party. Gail Harris, Election Chairlady, presided over the annual elections. The group graciously elected Carol Siegel as president, Jackie Braverman as vice-president, Eileen McKyton as secretary, and Diana Smith as treasurer. We are all thrilled to lead this fun and friendly group. We thank John and Judy

Tuthill, Bettye and John Williams, Cathy and Bruce Weber and Ole Borreson for the fabulous food at our meeting. We are grateful to Diana Smith who cared for the blooming phals for our raffle and to Tony Billitere who provided hotel plants. **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CATHY AND JIM LOFTFIELD WHO PICKED UP, ENTERTAINED, AND HOUSED OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER, LYNN O'SHAUGHNESSY.** (If you would ever be willing to do this, tell us! It saves the club money, and you have unlimited access to an orchid expert for the week-end.) I cheerfully donated my Huntington speaker fee to the club which paid for Lynn's speaker fee. Thanks, too, to Terry Wilsey for his travel help with Lynn.

LEARNING TO GROW PLEUROTHALLIDS

Lynn O'Shaughnessy (www.pleurothallidalliance.com) gave us great tips on growing the subtribe pleurothallidinae, which includes such tiny gems as restrepia, pleurothallid, and masdevallia. She stressed that the plants have no water storage and don't like to become bone dry. While they don't like having their feet wet all the time, they appreciate humidity as high as 80%. They need good air flow with fans and like air around their roots. Bud blast is common and usually caused by inconsistent humidity. R/O water is best, and she recommends a feeding regimen that is 1/2 strength and similar to the Michigan State U recommendations- 13 3 15 with 8 calcium and 2 magnesium. She likes moss

Nevada Garden Club

Thanks to Myra Glassman, Terry Wilsey, and Jeri Lee for attending the NGC Conference. Myra reports that dues have been raised, despite her protests, by \$2. We now pay \$6 per member to join the NGC, which allows us to use the building for free. NGC is hosting the Pacific Region Garden Club Convention March 31-April 2nd. A new refrigerator has been purchased for the building, and landscaping bids have gone out. Both air conditioning units in the building need replacement at a cost of \$8000-10,000. Alas, nothing is free. Congratulations to our very own Alana Sullivan who is now editor of the Silver State Gardener. Deadline for the winter issue is December 15.

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in the smaller pots and Aussie Gold in pots 4" and larger. She says you can repot at any time without harm. Cleanliness with the plants helps prevent infection and infestation so remove all spent inflorescences and brown leaves. A differential of at least 10 degrees between day and nighttime temperatures promotes flowering. She uses a product called Xclude on aphids and insects. She mentioned several plants that might be suitable for our area, especially those with more succulent leaves. Among the orchids she suggested we try were Myoxanthus, Restrepia, Barbosella, Panmorphia, Dracontia and Talpinaria. Many of these little gems do very well when mounted. Remember that Andy's Orchids has lots of these plants (www.andysorchids.com).

WE SHONE AT THE FALL FLOWER SHOW

Many thanks to Alana Sullivan for her work on the Fall Flower Show. It was lovely. We congratulate Dan Mumau, Diana Smith and Carol Siegel for the ribbons you won. Way to go! A special thank you to Tex and Gidget Severance for all their work as judges. We really appreciate you! Many thanks to our ambassadors Miles Hoffman, Aaron Schave, Myra Glassman and Terry Wiley for your fine work.

IT'S DUES TIME AGAIN.

DUES WILL REMAIN \$30 A PERSON AND \$40 A COUPLE FOR 2009. YOU CAN PAY AT THE PARTY OR SEND A CHECK TO "GLVOS" TO CAROL SIEGEL AT 8601 ROBINSON RIDGE DRIVE LAS VEGAS 89117.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE- DON'T FORGET THAT OUR JANUARY 10TH MEETING WILL BE A WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. WE WELCOME YOUR ELEGANT JUNK AND WILL APPRECIATE YOUR CARTING HOME OURS. THIS IS A MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR US USUALLY YIELDING \$1000 OR MORE. IF YOU CAN GET A GIFT CERTIFICATE OR MERCHANDISE DONATED, SO MUCH THE BETTER. I WILL TRY TO GET ORCHIDS DONATED, BUT WE APPRECIATE ANYTHING. I HAVE GOTTEN SOME OF MY BEST STUFF AT THE SALE!

BRING A FRIEND TO OUR 3-D ORCHID SHOW IN JANUARY...

WE HAVE THE GREAT PLEASURE OF WELCOMING JIM COMSTOCK TO OUR JANUARY 10TH MEETING DOING HIS EXCITING 3-D SHOW ONCE AGAIN. IT TOOK SOME CONVINCING TO GET HIM (HE IS A VERY BUSY MAN) BUT WE CHARMED HIM AND HE WILL BE HERE. BRING A FRIEND AND INTRODUCE HIM/HER TO US! IT WILL ALSO BE WHITE ELEPHANT TIME SO IT WILL BE OUR VERY BEST MEETING.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND!

AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER, IS A COPY OF MY ARTICLE (UNFORMATTED) THAT WILL APPEAR IN ORCHID DIGEST IN JANUARY 2010. SHHHHH... YOU ARE THE FIRST... SEE YOU AT THE PARTY AT 12:30. Love, Carol 254-4168