

GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY THE ORCHID COLUMN

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THE BIZARRE WORLD OF STANHOPEA BY RON PARSONS

Lucky us! The very talented Ron Parsons will fascinate us in April with an introduction to the fabulous world of Stanhopea and its relatives. The tribe to which they belong (Stanhopeinae) is one of the most remarkable in the orchid family, both in appearance and natural history. This wholly New World group of twenty plus genera lives in tropical and tropical regions, and are generally epiphytes, although some do grow terrestrially. The means by which the fantastic, but often short-lived flowers of these plants are pollinated are incredibly complex. The flowers of a number of species have powerful fragrances which

the various male Euglossine bees find completely irresistible, and the contortions through which they pick-up and attach the pollen are just as fascinating. Culturally, many of these orchids are fairly easy to grow. The majority of the plants in this group have pendent or descending spikes and need to be grown in a basket or on a mount. Because of their large, plicate leaves, plants generally do well in medium low to medium light. This talk features representatives from most of the genera, and gives cultural information as well as a bit of natural history. Want to see photos? Go to

<http://www.flowershots.net/stanhopea.html>

ALL ABOUT RON PARSONS

Ron is a popular speaker and gives talks on orchids, as well as California wildflowers, cacti and succulents, carnivorous plants, gesneriads and bromeliads. Ron possesses an encyclopedic knowledge of orchids, cultural requirements and little-known facts. He does the most incredible "Show and Tell." It is like he grew up on the same block as these plants. He is considered by many the finest flower photographer in the United States and has a collection of over 80,000 slides. A generous and kind man, he is always willing to share his orchid photos for my Orchid Digest articles. He loves to travel and take pictures of orchids growing naturally in the wild. He has written a book on masdevallias and one on mariposa lilies as well as many articles. He is also the nicest guy in the world!!

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 5, 2009 Ron Parsons
"Stanhopeas"
April 10-12, 2009
Easter Show at the Cal
May 3, 2009
George Hatfield
"Yes, You Can Grow Cymbidium"
June 7, 2009
Karen Muir,
"Brachy Paphs"
July 12, 2009
Barbecue
August 2, 2009
Fred Clarke
"Basic Orchid Culture"
September 13, 2009
John Salventi,
"The Orchids of Peru"
October 4, 2009
Steve Frowine,
"Phalaenopsis for Dummies"
November 1, 2009
Lynn Shaughnessy,
"Pleurothallid Culture"
December 6, 2009
10th Annual Holiday Party
January 10, 2010 (!!!!!)
Jim Comstock, "3-D Orchids"
February 7, 2010
Martin Motes, "Vandaceous
Intergeneric Hybrids"
April 4, 2009
Jason Fischer
May 2, 2010
Mike Glikbarg
June 6, 2010
Mike Blietz, "Encyclias"

YOUR DUES ARE "OVERDUES" ...

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN:

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Show Display-Shelly North
Show and Tell Gurus-Mike Levin, Tex & Gidget Severance
Judging- Mike Levin and The Severances
Membership Card Design-Leslie Doyle
BarbecueMasters-Eldine Stevens, Dan Mumau, Mike Lawless

Everybody loves orchids... Google the word "orchid" and you get 41,200,000 results. Google "Google" and you get 3, 580,000 results. Even googling E-bay will get you 9,110 results for the word "orchids." Although orchids are incredibly popular, paying dues is definitely not, especially at this moment. However, if you haven't paid your dues, we would so appreciate your doing it now. We must pay \$6 for each member to the Nevada Garden Club, up \$2 from last year, and we need everyone to please be timely. Pay at the meeting or send a check to GLVOS (\$30 for singles, \$40 couples) to: Carol Siegel 8601 Robinson Ridge Drive Las Vegas, NV 89117. Thanks a million!

EASTER SHOW AT THE CAL IN APRIL

We are looking forward to our Easter Show at the California Hotel, an event we co-host with the Torrance Cymbidium Society. Shelly North will chair our orchid display, and she is one talented and lovely lady. You can bring in your blooming beauties and help with the display on Thursday, April 9th at about 4 in the Ohana Room. It is always great fun. You can also leave your plant off at my house (254-4168), and I will bring it down for you if you can't make it. We provide AOS judging and a display trophy. Mike Levin and Tex and Gidget Severance will be our judges. In the past years, club members Mike Levin, Diana Smith, Becky Biondi and Norito Hasegawa all won AOS awards at our show. You can volunteer for clerking and for ambassador representation at our meeting. The show is free and is open on Friday from 1-5, Saturday 10-5, and Sunday from 10-3. The Torrance Cymbidium Society sells lovely corsages and Easter arrangements at a really good price. Come down on Friday and vote for your opinion of the best in each class. Wooden trophies are given to winners. ,



DENDROBIUM LINDLEYI (SYN. D. AGGREGATUM)

Our dear member Jane Green sent me this picture of an orchid she has bloomed. She wrote, "This photo is of an orchid purchased not in bloom years ago at one of the GLVOS meetings from one of the speakers. Tag is gone. This is the first year it has bloomed- very exciting. Do you know what it might be?" (Send me other "mystery orchids," and we will feature them, too (only if we can figure out what they are...)) Ron Parsons confirms the "diagnosis.." This epiphyte (grows on trees) is from moderate to high elevations from NE India to southern China. It grows in areas with distinct seasonal climates, often under strong sunlight. It can grow in hot or intermediate conditions as long as it gets a watering rest period in the winter with regular watering in summer and autumn. Way to go, Jane!!



We really enjoyed the terrific talk by Norito Hasegawa on "What's New in Paphs?" He showed us how selective breeding has made the slipper orchids bigger, flatter and more intense in color. Thanks, Norito. He provided a very generous raffle table and did not charge us for his gas or hotel. So nice. Many thanks to Diana Smith, Jackie Braverman, Eileen McKyton, Carol Siegel, Terry Wilsey and Dan Mumau and Mike Lawless for the International Feast. Thanks to me for stuffing Chinese moss into bags as a fundraiser. There will be more next month. (I did a lot of stuffing...) Thanks to Karen and Bill Fields, Christine de La Cruz, Lee Kirschbaum, Daniela Heider, Cathy and Jim Lofffield for our April treats. We will have four dozen blooming orchids from Carmela's for sale at the meeting, too.

NEVADA GARDEN CLUBS REGIONAL CONVENTION

Don't forget that March 31-April 3rd will be the Nevada Garden Clubs regional Convention.

<http://www.gardencentral.org/nv/eventscalendar/>

You can sign up for a boat ride on Lake Mead, a tour of the Nevada Test Site and Atomic Museum or one to the Springs Preserve or the Bellagio Conservatory. Look on the website for an application.

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Dan Mumau has send us an attachment which lists all the abbreviations and crosses that make up those confusing abbreviations on orchid labels like "Aergs" or "Bak" mean. I will forward it to you from Dan and you can print it up. It is a gem Click here: <http://retirees.uwaterloo.ca/~jerry/orchids/names.html>

Love you Carol