

May 3, 2009

GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY THE ORCHID COLUMN

Carol Siegel, Editor

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 3, 2009
George Hatfield
"Yes, You Can Grow Cymbidium"
June 7, 2009
Karen Muir,
"Brachy Paphs"
July 12, 2009
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Fred Clarke
"Basic Orchid Culture"
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John Salventi,
"The Orchids of Peru"
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"Phalaenopsis for Dummies"
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Lynn Shaughnessy,
"Pleurothallid Culture"
December 6, 2009
10th Annual Holiday Party
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mstock, "3-D Orchids"
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Martin Motes, "Vandaceous
Intergeneric Hybrids"
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Peter Lin
"Mini Cattleyas"
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Jason Fischer TBA
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Mike Glikbarg TBA
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Mike Blietz, "Encyclias"
August 1, 2010
Barbecue
December 5, 2010
11th Annual Holiday Party



RON PARSONS ENTERTAINS US AT OUR APRIL MEETING

We loved having Ron Parsons introduce us to the bizarre and beautiful world of Stanhopeinae. Exclusive only to the New World, this fabulous group of twenty plus genera lives in tropical & 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 male Euglossine bees find completely irresistible, and the contortions through which they just as fascinating. The majority of the plants in this group have pendent or descending spikes. We need to be grown in a basket or on a mount. Because of their large, plicate leaves, plants generally do well in medium low light. I am especially grateful to Ron for the beautiful photos he let me use for my article published in ORCHID DIGEST, "The Duke, The Gardener and the Glass House." His gorgeous photos really made the article special. We had a great time at the April Garden Walk at Aaron Schave's beautiful home and loved him in the Fantastiks. Isn't he talented! We thank Karen & Bill Fields, Christine delaCruz, Lee Kirshbaum, Daniela Heider, and Cathy Loftfield for the delicious food in April. We thank in advance John & Judie Tuthill, Penny & Ed Prudhomme, Carolyn Jones, Wanda La Follette and Jesse Sanders for the treats for our meeting in May. We welcomed new members Penny Senneseth and Ebe Yau and guest Doris Williams. Happy to have you!

CHECK OUT THE NEW IMPROVED AOS WEBSITE WWW.AOS.ORG

If you haven't been to the American Orchid Society Website lately, you are in for a treat. There is a lot of new stuff. There is a great new forum where you can ask orchid questions, show photos of your blooming beauties, read other society's newsletters or just chat. There is a blog for orchid societies as well as one for judges. Greg Allikas is working on the website and it is full of exciting information and lovely photos. If you don't see the link to the forum on the home page, go to the "Orchid Information" link, and you'll see it. There are great new "How To" videos showing everything from how to pot a keiki to what a virused plant looks like. You can also purchase AOS books. Of course, there are great cultural sheets, too. Check it out! It's fun.

COME TO ORCHID DIGEST DAY ON JUNE 13, 2009

Mark your calendar for the Seventh Orchid Digest Speaker's Day at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California on Saturday, June 13th from noon to 8 pm in Friends Hall. Tickets are \$60 and include speakers and dinner. Reservations close on June 9, 2009. Lecturers will be Frank Smith of Krull Smith Orchids, Glen Decker of Piping Rock Orchids, Bill Goldner of Woodstream Orchids, and March Hachadorian of the NY Botanical Gardens. James Woodstock will do a special 3D show, and vendors will sell orchids. The subject for the day will be "Paphs and Phrags." Interested? Contact Simone Friend at 1-562-431-1247 or email her at orchidsimone@aol.com. Reservations close June 9th.

George Hatfield "Yes, You Can Grow Cymbidium in Las Vegas!" In May

We are excited to welcome George Hatfield as our speaker on May 3rd who will teach us how to grow cymbidium in our hot and dry climate. George, the owner of Hatfield Orchids, has published articles in the AOS Awards Quarterly and the Cymbidium Society of America Journal. He is an orchid judge for the AOS and the CSA and is currently the Chairman of the Santa Barbara judging region for the CSA. He will share his experience and knowledge and orchids with us through a dynamic slide show and lecture. He is the authority on cymbidium, and we are glad to have him! Check out his website at www.hatfieldorchids.com.

YOUR DUES ARE "OVERDUES"...

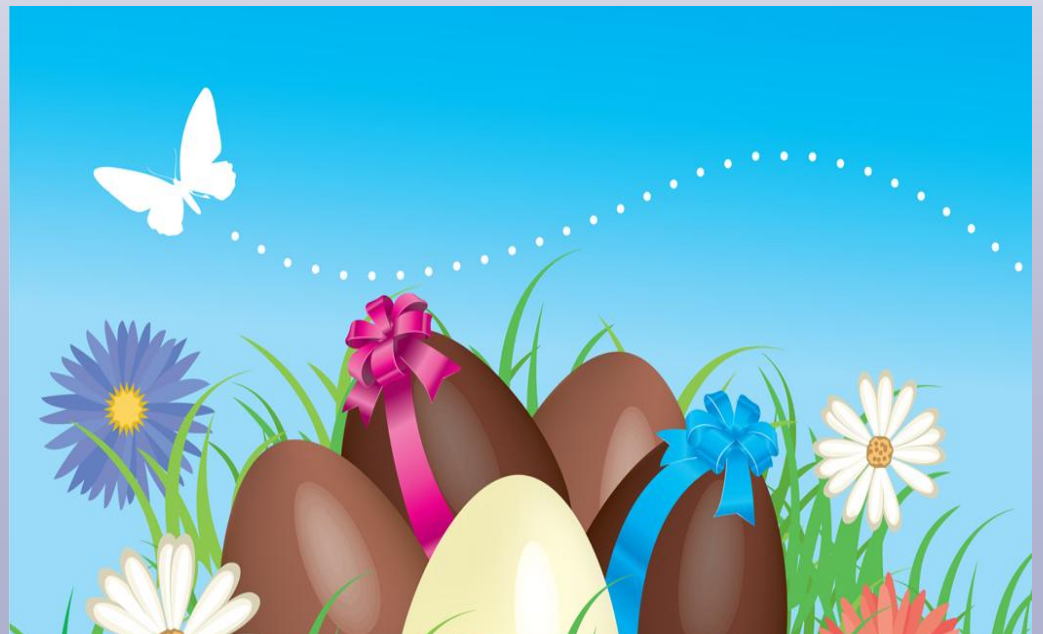
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Show Display-Shelly North
Show and Tell Gurus-Mike Levin, Tex & Gidget Severance
Judging- Mike Levin and The Severances
Membership Card Design- Leslie Doyle
Barbecue Masters-Eldine Stevens, Dan Mumau, Mike Lawless

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

We had a gorgeous display at the Easter Show at the California Hotel, an annual event we co-host with the Torrance Cymbidium Society. Shelly North outdid herself designing the orchid display, and she is one talented and lovely lady. We thank Ole Borreson, Jackie Braverman, Carol Siegel, Eileen McKyton, Diana Smith, and Cathy and Jim Loftfield for contributing their plants, ideas, and artistic talent to make our display the best ever. (Everyone said so!) We appreciated our AOS judges Mike Levin and Tex and Gidget Severance and our clerk Ole Borreson. In the past years, club members Mike Levin, Diana Smith, Becky Biondi and Norito Hasegawa all won AOS awards at our show. We thank all the kind folks who contributed their time to serve as our ambassadors- Gail Harris, Terry Wilsey, John and Judie Tuthill, Cathy Loftfield and Claudia Drake. Cathy Loftfield promises to put pictures of the show and display on Shutterfly. To see them, go to www.shutterfly.com. Our email is glvorchids@gmail.com Our password is Growlove, only first letter capitalized



WE ARE PLANNING TO SEE *EPIPACTIC GIGANTEA*!

As many of us know, we have fourteen native orchids in Nevada. (Don't know? Ask us for a copy of our brochure at the meeting.) We try to see one every year. This year, Paula Garrett, brilliant botanist at the UNLV Arboretum and a lovely lady, has consented to take us up to the Red Rock area when *Epipactis gigantea* is in bloom, probably the beginning of May (although with the weird weather this year, who knows...) We will notify you when we have a firm date. Sometimes known as the "Stream Orchid," this native loves to grow in wet places from sea level to 7500 feet where it is found in bogs, hot springs, road cuts and wet cliff faces. It occurs all over Las Vegas where there is a little water: First Creek, La Madre Spring, Ash Spring, Pine Creek, Icebox Canyon, Spring Mountain Ranch, Sandstone Spring and Blue Diamond. The plant blooms to about 3 feet high with 12-20 flowers per inflorescence. The flowers are about 1 1/2 to 2 inches across. Part of the lip is elongated and quivers in the breeze, earning its other name, the "Chatterbox Orchid."



I have included two attachments. One is an article reprinted with permission by Yin-Tung Wang on *Dendrobium anosmum*. At our April meeting, we sold some of these beautiful pendant pink orchids with a heavenly smell. I thought you would be interested in more information about them. They are available at Carmela's Orchids www.carmelasorchids.com. Another is an article forwarded to me by Alana Sullivan reprinted from the NY Times on an orchid as big as a car! Find out what it is. See you on May 3rd. Keep safe, keep happy, and keep blooming. Love, Carol
growlove@cox.net