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 **GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY**

 **ORCHID COLUMN CAROL SIEGEL, EDITOR**

 **“FIRST LADIES AND THEIR ORCHIDS”**

 **ART CHADWICK IN PERSON**

 **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024 1 pm**

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**OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA”**

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**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE RAINBOW LIBRARY.**

**We will have a holiday orchid raffle from Hilo Orchid Farm with tickets being only $8, and the club subsidizing the rest. Everyone will get an orchid who buys a ticket. The Board- Diana Smith, Cathy Loftfield, Jackie Bravermann, Christine Delacruz and I- will pay personally for a glorious Chinese Feast, and we ask everyone to bring something chocolate for our Chocolate Bar for dessert. I have donated holiday hats and necklaces, holiday décor and imprinted pens for little favors. Thanks to Cathy Loftfield for providing drinks for our feast and to me for providing holiday-theme plates and such.**

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**We will have in-person speaker, Art Chadwick of Chadwick Orchids, who is coming all the way from Virginia to speak on “First Ladies and Their Cattleyas,” the subject of his new book. He will be selling some books, too, as well as budded cattleyas. YAY. He is a co-author of the famous orchid book, “The Classic Cattleyas.” He is a real charmer and a fun and interesting speaker. Who doesn’t love cattleyas!! We are taking Art and his wife on Saturday night before the meeting to Fogo de Chao. It is a fabulous price fixe Brazilian restaurant with skewers of meat for $67.50 per person. They also have a market buffet that does not include the meet for $36. It is an incredible meal. Unsure? Look up** [**www.fogodechao.com**](http://www.fogodechao.com) **on the web. You won’t be sorry. Tell me by November 25 if you would like to come.**

**We will have special holiday entertainment at our meeting. I will treat the club to two terrific entertainers, the dynamic duo of John Anthony and Russeline Zellner. They are a much-in-demand professionals who performed for us on my big birthday last year. They are just world-class, and I know you will enjoy them. Come promptly at 1pm to enjoy their song and music.**



**BRING IN CANS OF FOOD FOR THE POOR AT THIS HOLIDAY**

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**IN KEEPING WITH OUR TRADITION OF GIVING, WE ASK YOU TO BRING IN TO OUR PARTY MEETING A FEW CANS OR BOXES OF FOOD FOR US TO DONATE TO THE SALVATION ARMY. IT IS A WAY OF GIVING TO OTHERS IF WE ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO NOT SUFFER FROM HUNGER.**

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Diana, website genius, and I have finished our new website https://lasvegasorchidsociety.org/

We will improve it as time goes by, a work in progress, but we are proud of it. If you don't get a newsletter or don't remember a meeting date, it is always there as well as lots of information.

Do click on it. We are proud of it. There are 22 articles that might interest you.

**ELECTIONS**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CURRENT BOARD ON BEING ELECTED AGAIN. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

IT WAS APPRECIATED!

**Carol Siegel, Pres Cathy Loftfield, VP**

**Christina Delacuz, Secy Jackie Bravermann, Treas**

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**DUES FOR 2025 WILL BE SLIGHTLY MORE- A SINGLE WILL BE $40 AND $60 FOR A COUPLE. DONATIONS, OF COURSE, ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED. THIS YEAR WE NO LONGER GET HOTEL PLANTS AND DUE AND DONATIONS ARE SPECIALLY IMPORTANT NOW TO KEEP OUR WONDERFUL PROGRAMS GOING.**

**Last year, members gave donations of $1500, and it made all the difference.**

**If you haven’t paid your 2024 dues, PLEASE FEEL FRREE TO PAY YOUR 2025 DUES…. Until the end of the year, we will forgive your back dues just this once.**

 **We now have the ability for you to pay your dues online!   Just click on the link, and the rest is quite clear. The form will ask for your credit card information which is secure through the Square application. I tried it, and it worked great. If you want to add a little extra for a donation, just add it on to your membership. It says “donation” instead of “dues” due to a technicality because we are a non-profit. You will receive a receipt immediately.. You can also pay at the meeting, but it makes the treasurer’s job much easy if someof you do this online.**

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**Thanks to everyone who made our Thanksgiving potluck such a hit especially Warren Adler, Phyllis Bond, Christine Delacruz and Jan Carey for bringing all the meats and fish. I can’t mention everybody, but it was really outstanding.**

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CATHY LOFTFIELD WHO DID SUCH AN OUTSTANDING JOB PRESENTING THE ORCHIDS OF THE OLD WORLD. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A SMART AND TALENTED LADY IN OUR VERY OWN CLUB. THANKS, CATHY.**

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**BRING YOUR BLOOMING BEAUTIES TO THE LIBRARY FOR SHOW AND TELL. YOU CAN EVEN BRING PLANTS THAT YOU JUST BOUGHT OR THAT ARE NOT IN BLOOM BUT HAVE AN INTERESTING STORY .**

**WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

**REMEMBER THAT WE WILL HAVE OUR WHITE ELEPHANT SALE AT OUR MEETING ON January 12.**

**Be looking around for unwanted loot to bring to the meeting. It is our main fundraising event, and we are grateful for your trash and treasure.**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER**

**December 8, 2024 IN PERSON Art Chadwick “The First Ladies and Their Orchids” Live entertainment Russelline and John Christmas party at library**

**January 12, 2025 Mark Romansky “Potting Media”**

**WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

**February 9, 2024 Mary Gerritsen “Slippery Tales”**

**March 9, 2025 Ron Parsons**

**April 13, 2025 GREENHOUSE TOUR**

**May 11 Beth Davis “Waldor Orchidss- The Story Goes On and On”**

**JUNE 2 Carol Siegel :”Buidling an Orchid Collection”**