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**GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY**

**ORCHID COLUMN CAROL SIEGEL, EDITOR**

**“POTTING AND POTTING MEDIA”**

**MARK ROMANSKY**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 1 pm (COME EARLY 12:45 SINCE WE ARE HAVING OUR WHITE ELEPHANT SALE)**

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**Our holiday party was a blast with holiday hats, necklaces and jewelry and the fabulous duo of Russine Zellner and John Anthony entertaining us. The Board members and Diana Smith paid for a fabulous Chinese buffet from Buffet at Asia, and Art Chadwick did a wonderful talk on First Ladies and their orchids. He sold cattleyas and we had our traditional holiday orchids, and well, we were happy. Hope 2025 is as successful and as much fun!**

**WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**



**January is our White Elephant Sale, our annual and only fundraiser so bring some moolah and a bunch of your gorgeous but unwanted stuff to sell to others who will scream, “What is it? I want it, but what is it” and then cart it off delightedly. Bring unwanted sporting stuff, kitchen things, kooky gifts, wine, games, books, orchids- just about anything fun and useful. Look around. I have already put together some of my stuff.**

**I have written to vendors to donate orchids which we will sell cheap to you which is always a great way to add to your collection. I will also donate potting materials to go with Mark Romansky’s talk on potting in January. He is just the best speaker, and the meeting is sure to be a delight.**

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**Our meeting in January will be a New Year’s buffet. I will bring New Year theme décor and paper goods, and we ask all of you to bring something yummy for 10-12 people with serving utensils. By the way, we are looking for someone to make coffee at the meeting. We have a coffee pot and supplies. Tell me. I will do it if nobody steps forward, but I have lots to do at the beginning of the meeting. Cathy Loftfield always takes care of the other drinks, which is lovely of her.**

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Diana, website genius, and I have finished our new website [https://lasvegasorchidsociety.org/](about:blank)

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. There are 22 articles that might interest you.

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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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**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 .**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER**

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

**WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

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

**I will provide Russine Zellner and John Anthony duo as entertainment for my birthday treat**

**March 9, 2025 Ron Parsons “The Orchids of Ecuador”**

**April 13, 2025 GREENHOUSE TOUR Dan Mumau, Carol Siegel, Cheryl Sego**

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

**JUNE 7 SATURDAY Carol Siegel :”Buildng an Orchid Collection” Note that this meeting is on a Saturday (don’t ask…) Music by Carol Joyce duo**

**July 13 Peter Lin**

**August 10 Bridget Uzar “The Myths of Orchid Growing”**

**Sept 14**

**Oct 12**

**Nov 9 Tentative Fred Clarke**

**December 14 Holiday party Art Chadwick in person**