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 **GREATER LAS VEGAS ORCHID SOCIETY**

 **ORCHID COLUMN**

 **CAROL SIEGEL, EDITOR**

 **“THE ORCHIDS OF HAWAII” CAROL SIEGEL, PRESENTER**

 **“I must have flowers-always and always”-Claude Monet”**

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 **SATURDAY JUNE 7, 2025**

**YES! YES! THE MEETING IS ON SATURDAY 1 PM**

**“THE TWO OF US- CAROL JOYCE AND MARGARET-**

**ENTERTAIN AT 1 PM DELIGHTFUL SINGING!**

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 **At our meeting on Saturday, June 7th (the library had an event all the other Sundays in June-really), Bridgette Uzar of Carter and Holmes Orchids, will speak to us about**

***Orchid Mythbusters: The Truth Behind the Tales*.  We will explore many common (and uncommon) misconceptions about growing and propagating orchids.  In the digital age, we rely too much on simply what we read online which can lead to poor growing choices.**

**Bridget Uzar has been working at Carter and Holmes Orchids since 2002.   She has been charge of the breeding collection for most of that time and has remained hands-on in all areas of production.  Bridget has been the chief hybridizer since 2009 as well as the person who produced all the printed catalogs from 2009-2016.  You will find her on our social media, compiling regular email offerings as well as**

**EPIPACTIS GIGANTEA**

**giving talks during the nursery’s open houses and to tour groups. She travels to various societies, symposiums and events and also gives presentations via Zoom.**

**Bridget Uzar**

**Carter and Holmes Orchids**

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**Gram. scriptum var. Citrinum**

I have purchased a dozen ***Grammatophyllum scriptum*** from 808 Orchids in Hilo, Hawaii. They are in low spike so you will have all the fun of watching them burst into flower over the next month or two. They last a long time and have lots of yellow flowers. We will sell them for $50, which is a great price.

Grammatophyllum orchids are renowned for their impressive size, robust pseudobulbs, and elongated, leathery leaves. Their striking inflorescences bear multiple vibrant blooms in colors ranging from green and yellow to brown and maroon, emitting a pleasant fragrance.

To care for Grammatophyllum orchids, provide them with bright, indirect light and maintain temperatures between 70-85°F (21-29°C). Ensure good airflow to prevent fungal issues. Water these orchids generously when the potting mix feels almost dry, but avoid overwatering to prevent root rot. Fertilize regularly during the growing season using a balanced orchid fertilizer. Repot the orchids every few years, using a well-draining medium suitable for epiphytic orchids.

***WALDOR ORCHIDS***

Beth Davis of Waldor Orchids did a terrific talk on her family nursery at our May meeting. She gave us the code “glvos” to use on checkout to get a 10% discount until June 30th. I took advantage of it!! They have the most gorgeous cattleyas, expensive, but absolutely worth it. Kate Schlatter did the most beautiful piano music before our meeting. It was wonderful. She plays professionally at the American Restaurant. So nice of her.

**THANKS TO PHYLLIS BOND FOR PAYING OUR INSURANCE THIS MONTH! SO NICE**

**We welciomed Phyllis Bond graciously serving as secretary after Christina’s passing. Thank you.**

SUMMER POTLUCK



I will provide summer décor and paper goods. Cathy will graciously provide drinks. We ask all of you to bring something yummy to eat- main dish, side, salad or dessert for 10-12 peole with serving spoons. Just lovely! We thank Maria deMeo for providing coffee these last few months. She is unable to continue, and I will provide coffee this month. If there is a kind soul who could provide coffee going forward, I would be grateful. I have the pot, but I have a lot to do setting up so if someone could volunteer, it would be a help.

**JUNE 7 SATURDAY Note that this meeting is on a Saturday (don’t ask…) Bridget Uzar “The Myths of Orchid Growing”**

**Music by Carol Joyce duo**

**July 13 Peter Lin “12 Months of Orchid Growing”**

**August 10 Ron Kaufmann "Canoeing through the Canopy: Orchid Exploration in the Flooded Forest of the Rio Negro."**

**Sept 14 Jason Fischer**

**Oct 12 Cathy Loftfield “Lycaste”**

**Nov 9 Tentative Fred Clarke**

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

**January 11, 2026 Mark Romansky “All About Potting an Orchid”**