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NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be

Monday, April 4th at 7:00 P.M.

Meetings are held at the

Training Center

at the

Arizona State Veteran Home

4141 N. S. Herrera Way, Phoenix.

OSA meetings are open to all
plant enthusiasts

Refreshments will be provided

Beverages by

Wilella Stimmell

Snacks by

Carol Erwin and Bob MacLeod

Refreshment Coordinators:

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FIRST Fall Show

and Board Meeting

April 17th at 1:00 PM

at the home of Harry and

Barbara Parnell

Grower on Call

Wilella Stimmell

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APRIL PROGRAM

Mini-Catts

Delightful Cattleyas in Miniature

Peter T. Lin will be presenting a talk on one of his favorite topics: Mini-Catts, also known as miniature Cattleyas. Peter will be sharing a fast-paced Powerpoint presentation on these charming orchids. The journey will begin with a review of the miniature species, early hybrids, and then to some of the relevant hybrids of today. He will also review how to grow these wonderful plants.

Peter started growing orchids over 25 years ago, but then stopped due to school and starting a career. It wasn't until about 8 years ago that the orchid "bug" came back and he is now heavily involved once again. He is an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society and a hybridizer of mini-catts. He enjoys meeting with other orchid enthusiasts, and can often be found at various orchid shows and societies around the country. He has hundreds of photos of his orchids that he maintains on Flickr. You can view them by typing this address into the internet: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/minicatt/collections/>

He also maintains a website: www.diamondorchids.com.

Due to limited growing space, Peter likes to specialize in miniature orchids, both species and hybrids, and has received numerous AOS awards. His other interests in orchids include Dendrobiums, Angraecoids, and Neofinetias. He maintains a collection of a thousand or more orchids at his home in Southern California in 3 small greenhouses, as well as in the house under fluorescent lights.

This is Peter's second presentation for us, he last spoke to us in February, 2009.

Peter will be bringing a selection of plants for sale. You can also preorder off his website: www.diamondorchids.com

All preorders will receive a 10% discount and should be placed by April 1.

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Julie Rathbun

Before I mention details about our booth at the Garden Show and about our March 7 meeting, I need to thank **Joe Bacik** for conducting our February 20 board meeting. It was necessary for me to be absent from the board meeting because I was working at the Arabian Horse Show. I worked at the show for 21 days, and the day after I was finished, Willie and I made a pilgrimage to Gubler Orchids and purchased plants for sale at the Garden Show. Chris Gubler always gives us freedom to roam the greenhouses in Lucerne and pick and choose from among the thousands of plants in the greenhouses. (Every plant for sale at the Garden Show was hand selected by Willie and me.) **Thanks Chris** for helping me load the plants into my horse trailer and then helping to unload the plants from the trailer and into our hotel room. (The temperature in Yucca Valley was too cold at night to leave the plants in the horse trailer, and Willie's back is so messed up that Chris wouldn't let her lift anything.)

On March 2, we returned to Phoenix and unloaded the plants into my greenhouse. On March 3, Bob MacLeod, Willie, and I set up our booth at the Garden Show. Bob, Willie, and I worked all 3 days that the show was open to the public. Thanks to the following members who worked in our booth: **Joe Bacik, Debra Hartill, Kimberly Levingston, Pat Miller, Barbara and Harry Parnell, and Lou Ann Remeikis**. Even when it is inconvenient for our members to help at one of our events, they make the effort. Thanks to all who helped. If I didn't have reliable workers, I wouldn't have accepted a 6th term as your President!

The Home and Garden Show was more of a home show than a garden show. Fewer plant groups participated this year than in previous years. Most of the exhibits featured home improvement items. (Our workers discussed the subject and concluded that there were fewer visitors to the show than last year because they figured out that there would be few plant booths. Several of us were waiting to purchase tomato plants because we figured that we would buy them at the show. You guessed it: no tomato plants.) However, even with attendance not what we had experienced at previous shows at the stadium, we offered fantastic plants for sale, and financially, we did very well. Any plants remaining after the show, we brought to our March 7 meeting and sold them at bargain prices to our members. On a related note, you might be surprised at the number of people at the show who asked us what we did with the money we raise. Our overhead expenses are minimal because our members are generous and dedicated to our mission. The generosity of our members makes it possible for us to save our money for three purposes: scholarships, school programs, and funding scientific expeditions to the Amazon. Visitors at our booth were so impressed with our three-fold purpose that by Sunday, we were completely out of copies of our Mission Statement. (On Friday, at the start of the show, we had several hundred copies of our Mission Statement!)

The video tape that Lou Ann showed for our March meeting was interesting, but parts of it were scary (pesticides and insecticides - some of which are no longer available), and a few parts were downright boring! The video was an old one because the narrator showed a copy of the American Orchid Society Pests and Diseases book that was published several years before the 2002 edition was published. Having mentioned the scary and boring parts, our members still enjoyed watching the remainder of the video. **Thanks, Lou Ann!**

Our April 4 speaker will be Peter Lin, owner of Diamond Orchids, CA. This will be Peter's second presentation for us. (Speakers whose presentations we enjoy, receive future invitations to return to speak to us.)

Our April board meeting will be held on the 17th at the home of Barbara and Harry Parnell. This will also be our first show planning meeting for our fall show.

See you on April 4!

Member on the Mend

Frank Bopp has made significant progress after he had surgery on his back. Each day he can move a little better than the previous day, and we're happy for him!

FYI: For those of you who have been patiently waiting for Genera Orchidacearum, volume 6 (the last in the series) to be published (the original date of publication was scheduled for 2010), in an e-mail from Alec Pridgeon, one of the Editors of GO volume 6, he stated that Volume 6 is still in preparation. Some major portions have not been completed, including the phylogenetics of Aseridinae which are still being sequenced. Publication has been pushed forward to 2012.

OSA's Policy on Advertising in our newsletters

OSA members are permitted to advertise items for sale in our newsletters. Non-members are NOT permitted to advertise items for sale unless they make a donation to OSA BEFORE the advertisement appears in our newsletter. For non-members, items must be orchid-related. OSA members are permitted to advertise anything they want to sell that's not offensive or known by the seller to be defective.

Reminder

No July or September meetings this year. The June/July newsletter will be a combined issue, and the August/September issue will also be a combined issue.

March Raffle Donors

Bob MacLeod, Wilella Stimmell,
and
non-member Mark Obermayer

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COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Wilella Stimmell, CSP Coordinator

On **February 14**, we presented an Orchids 101 program for the **Cactus Chicks Garden Club** in north Scottsdale. The group meets at the Estancia Golf Club Community Clubhouse. Approximately half of the garden ladies in attendance had some experience (both good and bad) with orchids. They enjoyed our presentation, and not only did they send us a thank you note in which they mentioned that they learned a lot about orchids during our program, but they also donated \$100 to OSA! We were pleased that the winner of the door prize plant had a couple of other orchids in her collection. We didn't inquire how many of the garden club members were "snowbirds", but based on remarks made by a few of the ladies (to each other), quite a few live part of the year in a colder climate.

On **April 4**, we will present an Orchids 101 program for the **Scottsdale Garden Club**. Their meeting is the same day as our meeting, but the garden club meets in early afternoon. OSA will donate a blooming phal for a door prize at the SGC meeting.

On **April 15**, since I live closest to the hotel where the Pacific Region Convention will be held, I will deliver the 14 centerpieces that OSA volunteered to donate for the closing banquet. We're using Bob MacLeod's coconut stand creations for all 14 centerpieces. OSA bought the plants from Gubler Orchids; your board members will assemble the plants in the coconut husks; and I will deliver them. Team work is a beautiful concept. ALL of the coconut husks AND stands were donated by Bob. **Thanks, Bob!** The former Treasurer of the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs was intrigued when I told her that the attendees at the convention will never have seen centerpieces like the ones that we are donating, and she asked me to describe them. I told her that she'd just have to wait until April 15 and be surprised.

On Friday, **April 22**, our program team will presents a hands-on program for Mark Obermayer's 4th grade students at **Kiva Elementary School**. The address of Kiva Elementary School is 6911 E. MacDonald Drive, Scottsdale or...if you're using a GPS device to guide you to the school, Julie will testify that last year she had trouble finding the school because her GPS kept telling her that the school is in Paradise Valley. The program is tentatively set for 8:50 AM. Mark Obermayer has been ill and couldn't confirm the time of day without looking at his calendar which is in his desk at the school. If you recognize Mark's name, but did not help us with the 2010 program at his school, it's because he donates orchids that are no longer in bloom, to OSA. I place all donations on our raffle table.

As of 3/9, we have an Orchids 101 program scheduled for Nov. 14 for the **Sun City Rose and Garden Club**. The President of the club, Tom Schymanski, stopped by our booth at the Home and Garden Show and was impressed at the log/journal of programs we have presented since April, 1995.

Note: we have two dates available in May for community service programs; two dates in September; and only one date in November. If you know of any school that would be interested in our hands-on programs, remember that we operate on a first come-first serve basis. Have orchids; will travel!

Orchid of the Month

Each month *The Arizona Orchidist* will feature a color photo of a member's favorite orchid. Just send your photos to the editor at kjkm@comcast.net with a short description of the plant, the photographer, and some cultural information. Watch each month for a new and different treasure to appear on these pages!

Will yours be next?

Come on folks send those photos!



Paphiopedilum villosum

Grown and Photographed by Keith Mead

Plants are found growing on mossy tree limbs and trunks in Assam India; Northern Burma; Northern Thailand; and Yunnan China at elevations of 1200 to 1500 meters. The area has heavy rains in summer and fall. In the summer the habitat is subjected to heavy fogs and drizzle. Plant should be grown in areas with moderately bright light and cool to intermediate temperatures. Pot in a well draining mix such as medium fir bark and perlite. Species can tolerate many different potting mediums. Water regularly about every four to five days. To induce blooming reduce watering during the winter. Plant blooms in the spring with a single 15 cm wide flower. This plant is from the John Atwood collection. Donated to OSA and happily, subsequently acquired by ME.

OSA April 2011 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  <i>Bob MacLeod</i>	2
3	4 OSA Meeting 7:00 PM	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12  <i>Sally Griffith</i>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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