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## NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be

**Monday, April 2nd 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

Beverage by

**Debra Hartill**

Snacks by

**Bob MacLeod and Jo Anne  
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## Board Meeting &

**First Show Planning Meeting**

April 29th at 1 PM at the home of

**Barbara Parnell**

## Grower on Call

Wilella Stimmell  
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## APRIL PROGRAM

### LIBRARY LIQUIDATION (PART ONE)

I have been OSA's "Librarian" for a very long time. It isn't quite what I would call myself, or what other members of our Society would call me... however it is because our Library had no home (except in boxes in and around my house)!

Over the years, our Orchid Society of Arizona has collected and acquired a variety of reference books, magazines, and periodicals. Some have been purchased by the Society and some are donated treasures from past and present members. I have acted as the guardian of this collection as the Library lost its home and accessibility to the members, when OSA changed meeting venues from the Valley Garden Center years ago. The Valley Garden Center had a locking bookcase for our Library inventory and it was opened at each monthly meeting, making all publications available for checkout.

Unfortunately, there is no on-site storage for our Library inventory where our meetings take place. Therefore, OSA's Board of Directors has decided to liquidate the Library, with our members being able to peruse and purchase items at our meetings. As the collection is quite large, it will take several meetings to complete the liquidation process...so if you are interested in taking advantage of this unique sale, don't miss future meetings.

A large selection will be available at our April meeting, that's why I've named April's meeting "Part One". I will strive to have a great selection of old & new, vintage & modern, references for novice and expert growers, and even a few scientific in nature. I will have a cross-section of our Library available during April's meeting!

Members currently owning or familiar with books offered will share their comments and perhaps the current retail values.

Members are also encouraged to bring "problem plants" to the meeting for diagnosis and discussion.

See you then!

Lou Ann Remeikis  
Orchid Society of Arizona  
Librarian

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## Julie Rathbun

The March 2-4, 2012 Home and Garden Show at the University of Phoenix Stadium is over, and I want to personally thank each member who helped make our participation another financial success: **Debra Hartill, Richard Holle, Bob MacLeod and two of his sons – Doctors Dan and Rob, Susan Nahmias, Pat Miller, Barbara Parnell, Lou Ann Remeikis, Megan Stuff, and Wilella Stimmell.** Bob, Dan and Rob, and Richard did most of the heavy lifting, and we certainly appreciated their efforts on our behalf. I appreciated everyone's help, no matter how long they were able to help in our booth.

We had a small Mardi Gras theme set-up on one table, and even though our gorgeous plants didn't need any help with a theme, one person offered to **buy** our Mardi Gras items. They were not for sale. We need them for next year! The dates for next year's Home and Garden Show at the Stadium are **March 1-3, with set-up of our booth on Feb. 28.** Mark your calendars!

At this year's show, at least 3 people expressed interest in having us present our school programs. They were told that we operate on a first come-first serve basis.

I'm rarely ill, and when I am, I don't usually talk about it. But some of you might like to know that I had just concluded working at the Arabian Horse, and the next day (February 27), Wilella and I were off to Gubler Orchids to purchase plants for the Home and Garden Show. By the 28<sup>th</sup>, I was starting to feel ill, but I kept moving because there was much to do before the Garden Show. The first day the show was open, I didn't feel as sick as I did the following day. Those of you who know me, also know that I have to feel **very** ill before I go home early from a show. I rested at home, and for the last day of the show, I had regained some strength.

For our March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, during a live auction conducted by Wilella, we sold plants left from the Garden Show. Bob MacLeod collected the money from those who purchased plants. Members who were unable to attend the Garden Show were able to purchase cheaply, quite a few plants. So even though they missed the Show, they still had a chance to buy some fantastic plants. It was a fun meeting! Also, several members brought their "sick" plants for a consultation. They kept those plants isolated, but their plants were free of pests and posed no threat of contaminating the plants on the auction.

On March 10, OSA members Bob MacLeod, Lou Ann Remeikis, and Wilella Stimmell served as volunteers for the Fred Rathbun Memorial Horse Show. (Fred and I started the Equestrian Special Olympics in 1977, and after Fred died, his contribution to this wonderful event was renamed in honor of him.) The weather was sunny and warm, and there were plenty of volunteers to help the participants in an assortment of activities: horse riding, hayrides, a petting zoo, roping, and square dancing. Trophies were presented to each participant, and of course, both volunteers and participants enjoyed lunch provided by the Western Saddle Club, where the annual event is held. Barbara Parnell volunteers each year, and she had planned to volunteer this year, but she had to take one of her beautiful birds to Emergency. We missed you, Barbara!

In my "spare" time, I've been working on a quilt which we will raffle at our December Fund-raiser meeting. The fabric was donated; the time that I spend working on the quilt is my choice.

Our April 2 speaker had to cancel because of a family problem. So our meeting will be an in-house program involving liquidating our library which currently resides in Lou Ann's garage.

See you on April 2!

Julie

## March Raffle Donors

Carol Erwin, Barbara Parnell, Julie Rathbun,  
Lou Ann Remeikis, and Wilella Stimmell  
Thanks to all !

## COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Wilella Stimmell, CSP Coordinator

On February 17, **Bob MacLeod**, **Lou Ann Remeikis**, and I presented an Orchids 101 program for the attentive members of the Tempe Garden Club. Bob was the only male in the room! At least two of the garden club members had won the centerpieces that OSA donated for last year's Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs' Convention. The ladies seemed to have a lot of orchid questions, and we tried to answer them. Before we departed, several club members examined our display plants and were fascinated by the variety of shapes of the flowers and their colors. One lucky gardener won the door prize phal, and we gave her a sheet that contained growing instructions.

So far this year, several of our newer members have contributed funds for the purchase of comfort items for the residents of the Arizona State Veteran Home. THANK YOU! Rest assured that the veterans appreciate our monthly donations!

## Four Gracious Plants

The Four Gracious Plants: Plum, Orchid, Chrysanthemum and Bamboo, were traditionally the subject-matter of Korean Literary Painting. An exhibition showing orchid paintings is opening in Korea. How about indulging the beautiful appearance and sweet scent of orchids [Interview : Moon Bong-sun, Painter] "Painting the orchids with ink, rather than colors, makes them come alive and it is the reason these flowers have been expressed with ink since ancient times."

The pointy blossoms and straight leaves stretch upward to the sky. The winter orchids that grow on Halla Mountain during the cold seasons resemble the graceful shape of a crane, and the spring orchid which bows its head looks like a bashful and beautiful girl. The author of this exhibition, who has observed orchids for the past 35-years, has discovered the marked characteristic of Korean orchids.

The author's realistic take yields original pictures rather than a predictable ink-and-wash painting composition.

[Interview : Moon Bong-sun, Painter] "The characteristic of Korean orchids, when contrasted with Chinese orchids, is their beautiful bowing head, giving them a unique appearance of elegance and grace."

These orchids, completed with a single stroke of the brush, use restraint to express the subtle beauty of Korea ( Arirang news , Korean TV March 12, 2012)

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## **YOUR INPUT IS REQUESTED**

Our Annual Orchid Show & Sale is a few months away, but there is no time like the present to start generating thoughts and suggestions to make it the best ever. After all, the 2012 Orchid Show & Sale is celebrating 50 years that the Orchid Society of Arizona has been an established group. This is the year for us to go the extra effort to really shine!

OSA acquired a few new members from the 2011 Orchid Show & Sale and, of course, we have many members who have been a part of the Society for many years. I am looking for input from old and new members on how we can do a better job in promoting the show: suggestions on how we can make our displays better, how we can present the sale plants and orchid-related items that we sell at this event, ideas for the refreshment and snack area.

What have we done in previous shows that you think has been done correctly? Do you think we should add something to the show that has not been previously done? Does anything come to mind that will enhance the Golden Anniversary of the Orchid Society of Arizona, which is the focus of this year's Show & Sale?

As I am famous for emphasizing that the Orchid Society of Arizona is a clear reflection of what YOU as a member contribute, I want to give you a venue to do this. Please feel free to send me an e-mail (remeikis@andiamo-tel.com), or call me (602-803-6889) with any ideas you may have. You can also relay your suggestions to any Board member. The 1st Show Planning Meeting will be held in conjunction with the normal Board Meeting on April 29th, 1:00 p.m., at Barbara's house. All Members Welcome To Attend!!! or become a participant in the Show Planning Committee (made up from member volunteers).

So I am counting on YOU to be part of the process of making our Golden Anniversary one to remember! It is the last hurrah of the year that is publicly promoted and attended, and the members' contribution of time and effort will be needed and appreciated the most!

Lou Ann Remeikis

**FYI:** For those of you who missed our January meeting and didn't see Chris Gubler's **photos of the 20<sup>th</sup> World Conference in Singapore**, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/7zzmgc5>

(Thanks to **Jim Johnson** for sharing the URL with us.)

Photo below taken by Chris Gubler at the 2012 Taiwan Orchid Show



# Photos from the Taiwan Orchid Show March 2012



TIOS is considered one of the biggest events of the year in Tainan because it combines two of Taiwan's important sectors- agriculture and tourism.

Over 400,000 people from more than 30 countries are expected to attend this year's show, and their spending may help to spur economic growth in the city.

The organizers anticipate that on-site procurement sessions during the 10-day event will generate business worth NT\$7 billion (US\$235 million) for the country's agricultural sector.

Over the past few years Taiwan has established a worldwide reputation as the Orchid Kingdom, boasting sunny and humid subtropical weather that is perfect for growing orchids. Moreover, frequent orchid competitions and exhibits have encouraged widespread planting of the exquisite blooms.

Statistics gathered by the International Commercial Orchid Growers Organization (ICOGO) show that 60 percent of domestic orchids sold every day originate from species grown at the Taiwan Orchid Plantation in Houbi District, Greater Tainan City.

In addition, orchid exports climbed by 36 percent in 2010 to US\$116.56 million, accounting for 77 percent of Taiwan's total floral exports for last year.

*TaiwanHolidays.com.au*



Photos by Chris Gubler



# OSA April 2012 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Bob MacLeod	2 <b>OSA Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	3  Richard Holle	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12  Sally Griffith	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  Mary Gannon Jan McVey	27	28
29	30  Susan Nahmias					



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