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NEXT OSA MEETING

Meetings are held at the
Encanto Park Clubhouse
2605 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona
North of Encanto Blvd., on 15th Ave.
Phone (602) 261-8993

The next regular society meeting will be
Monday, December 1, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

OSA meetings are open to all
plant enthusiasts

Refreshments will be provided
This month beverages will be furnished
by: OSA Board of Directors
Edibles will be provided by:
EVERYONE
IT'S BUFFET TIME !!
Janet Jurn,
Refreshment Coordinator

NEXT OSA BOARD MEETING

The next OSA board meeting will be
Sunday, November 16, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.
Hosted by Norma Kafer
Please contact Norma at (602) 252-6197
for directions to her home,
if you plan to attend
The meeting is open to all OSA members

GROWER ON CALL

Wilella Stimmell
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THIS ISSUE OF THE ARIZONA ORCHIDIST IS DEDICATED TO THE SPOUSES OF ALL THE WORKERS WHO WERE OFTEN ABSENT FROM THEIR HOMES AND OTHERWISE ENGAGED IN OUR NOVEMBER, 2003 SHOW PREPARATIONS. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE PATIENT SPOUSES WITHOUT WHOSE COOPERATION OUR SHOW WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE!

December Program

IT'S PARTY TIME !!

The Annual Holiday Buffet and Live/Silent Auction is the agenda for December 1st meeting!

The December meeting will be successful because of YOU. With items donated by you, other members, and the Society, there will be something for everyone to bid on – either by silent auction or by the friendly competition of the traditional “live” auction. And...while you are bidding on items for yourself, or for the Christmas gift for that special orchid lover in your life, you can feast on a fabulous array of food at the Holiday Buffet Table. Don't forget to bring a dish to place on the potluck table (serving utensils, too, please). Individually, the Board members will be bringing food, however the Board will also provide the beverages for the evening.

If you bring item(s) for the auctions, and want your item(s) to have a minimum bid on them, please include the minimum price on an index card or mark the item in such a way as the auctioneers will know what to start the bidding at.



Don't miss the fun at our last fundraiser of the year!



Lou Ann

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ava Dering , Jeanne Morehouse , Tatsue Parcell
and
Molly Ashenbaum.



From the President's Desk

Lou Ann Remeikis

Honestly, I don't know where to begin...I want to thank each and every person who helped make our Orchid Mardi Gras Annual Show & Sale a success. I am, however, faced with the fear of leaving someone's name off of the recognition list. I've decided that, to avoid this dilemma, I won't name everyone individually. I do want YOU to know how much I, and the Board of Directors, appreciate all of your efforts.

Our show is such a large undertaking, and a huge challenge, to make it interesting and informative to all who attend, and fun for the members who worked very hard toward its success. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of Joe Bacik, this year's Show Chairman. Joe did an outstanding job taking care of publicity for the show, being the contact person, keeping everyone focused and handling an array of details that immeasurably contributed to the show's success! Bob MacLeod...what can I say about Bob...he's the best! Bob's immense talents turned the set concepts into reality. Each year Bob amazes me with his construction talents, and this year was no exception. From the Asian gazebo to the Bourbon Street lamplighter posts commonly found in the New Orleans area, and everything in between, Bob puts his heart and soul into his creations. Bob has worked for weeks, if not months, designing and creating the sets used for this year's show. Nothing I can say or do will make Bob understand what a special man he is and how valued he is to OSA. A thank you to these two men doesn't seem like enough, but... Thank You Both!

Some of our newer members got a chance to meet OSA's Newsletter Editor, Keith Mead. Keith drove from his home in Albuquerque, NM, to help with show set-up on Friday, and manned the floor on Saturday greeting visitors and helping answer questions. And I thought driving from Gilbert was a long way, ha! Thanks, Keith!!!

Please check out the list of individuals and businesses in this newsletter that made donations in one way or another to the success of our show and sale. Join me in thanking them, and patronize them when needing their particular services or products.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the December meeting. Please do your part in making a donation to the cause, or come and show support of this fundraiser by bidding on the items available. There will be plants! I've got the inside scoop that there is an orchid-buying trip being made by certain OSA members to bring plants for the December auction!!!

Until then...

Happy Growing –

Lou Ann

November Program Notes

It is always a pleasure to welcome Bob Gordon back to speak to our membership. If you did not attend the November meeting you missed out on a great interactive presentation.

Bob covered a lot of ground in less than an hour on the culture and care of his favorite orchid – the phalaenopsis. After a general discussion of seven elements (water, humidity, light, temperature, fertilization, potting material and air circulation) that are crucial to growing these fabulous plants, each were discussed in depth. I was impressed with the caliber of quality questions asked from our members and guests, and I believe Bob was too. Bob made mention to me that he usually doesn't get as technical in covering the aspects of growing orchids, however the questions asked convinced him that we are way beyond the basic level of knowledge regarding orchid care.

Highlights of Bob's presentation: Water once a week with the water volume matching the pot size; light should be no more than 1000 foot candles (no direct sun); humidity "around" 50% works; ideal temperatures - 60 degrees in winter, 85 degrees in summer; feed a weak solution of fertilizer with each watering; and air circulation aids in the control of several potential problems (excess heat, molds, mildew, etc.). If using artificial lighting, change lighting tubes each August, and duration of light should be approximately eight hours in the winter/twelve hours in the summer – mimicking nature's daylight cycles. The biggest tip of all: To rebloom a phalaenopsis - reduce water and fertilizer by half, and increase light for a 30 day period, starting around November 1st. Resume normal growing conditions after the 30 days, thus triggering the blooming cycle to begin!

Bob, accompanied by his wife (Alice), honored his commitment to speak to our group even though their property was in potential harm's way by the California wildfires. We thank Bob for sharing his love and knowledge of the phalaenopsis orchid!

Lou Ann

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Thank you for your November Raffle Table Donations



**Julie Rathbun, Cynthia Schnitzer, Joe Civello,
Lou Ann Remeikis, Wilella Stimmell and OSA**

MEMBERS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FINANCIAL WELL-BEING OF OSA

by Wilella Stimmell, OSA Treasurer

EACH member who donates his/her time, talents, and/or "things" to OSA, no matter how great or how small, makes a contribution that favorably impacts the bottom line of our Treasury. Because OSA has a **very special mission: community service**, every item that we do NOT need to purchase with funds from our Treasury, conserves our capital. Also be aware that NO member of OSA's Board of Directors receives financial compensation for the many hours they donate to OSA, and often board members and others choose to expend personal funds without submitting bills for reimbursement.

A HUGE savings to our Treasury is the direct result of **JIM GORDON** allowing us to copy our newsletters in his office. Jim has generously permitted us to use his copy machine, paper, and ink so that we do not have to pay a "copy shop" to run our newsletters. (And we sometimes also require the assistance of one or more of Jim's employees to help us get the copying deed, done.) The estimated savings to our Treasury is at least **\$700 PER YEAR**, and Jim has been allowing us to copy our newsletters in his office for the past **FIVE YEARS**. Do the math! **THANK YOU, JIM!!**

Some members contribute their talents. For the benefit of new members, you might not know that master builder, **BOB MACLEOD**, has built elaborate sets for our shows for the past **8 YEARS!** ALL of Bob's sets are works of art! Just ask anyone who has attended our shows! And we especially need to thank **Bob's wife, DEE**, for permitting Bob the time to work on the sets for our shows! Dee, if it is any consolation for Bob's preoccupation with building sets and not paying attention to you, you might be pleased to learn that after this year's November show (as after last year's show), we **donated the sets** so lovingly and expertly constructed by Bob, **to the Arizona State Veteran Home**. Those sets will be reused, and the Recreation Therapy staff at ASVH is grateful for our generosity. **THANK YOU, BOB, FOR YOUR ABILITIES AND LABORS OF LOVE, AND THANK YOU, DEE, FOR "LOANING" YOUR LOVING HUSBAND FOR THE GOOD OF THE (SHOW) CAUSE!**

Our **2003 Show Chair, JOE BACIK**, did an outstanding job! Don't forget to thank him for a job well done!

Our **Refreshments Chair, JANET JURN**, has faithfully served as "grub" chair for the past **9 YEARS**. **Thanks, Janet!** Little did she know when she first volunteered to take on the job, that 9 years later, she would STILL be in charge of refreshments. I think that the one thing that most disturbed Janet about the job was the fact that **NOT ALL members who partake of refreshments at our meetings, take their turns BRINGING food and/or beverages.**

Special thanks to **KEITH MEAD**, who "volunteered" to edit our newsletter! From his very first issue, Keith has produced a very professional-looking newsletter! We plan to keep him as Editor even if 10 years from now, he protests!!

Our **website** is often the first introduction new growers have to the existence of Orchid Society of Arizona. **JIM JOHNSON**, our webmaster, updates the information when we let him know of changes, and he provides this valuable service **FREE** and as a labor of love. Also, OSA does NOT incur any host charges, as some non-profits incur. **THANKS, JIM!!** Many people have given "us" compliments on our website. **YOU** deserve those compliments!

We have many other worker bees, and they all contribute in their own way. What would we do without **JULIE RATHBUN** who lovingly cares for OSA-owned plants?? Not only do our plants take up space in her greenhouse, but caring for the plants is a **LOT** of work!! We can't say it often enough: **THANK YOU, JULIE!!**

There are not enough adjectives to describe how reliable and wonderful our **school program team members** have been this year! Since we began our programs in 1995, **we have introduced over 2300 Arizona school children to orchids!** And that number does NOT include the Landers, CA school children whom we have introduced to orchids, with the help and generosity of OSA member, **CHRIS GUBLER!** **THANKS, CHRIS, FOR BELIEVING IN OUR MISSION!** Without your help, we wouldn't be financially able to introduce as many children to orchids!

Every group, so I'm told, has a certain percentage of members who contribute NOTHING but their membership dues. OSA is indeed fortunate that only about 10% of our membership can be considered "dead wood". My personal philosophy is and shall remain that **people only get out of any organization, what they are willing to put INTO it**
To the 90% of our membership who constitute the backbone of OSA: THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING OSA STAY THE COURSE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE!

In our January newsletter, I will include a breakdown of the percentage of money OSA gave back to the community from our earnings in 2003. You WILL be impressed...unless you are self-absorbed!

2004 OSA Membership Dues are Due!

OSA operates on a calendar year, which means that on Jan. 1, unless you joined as a new OSA member after September 1, 2003, your membership dues are due on Jan. 1. If you wish to send your dues in early or wish to pay them at our Dec. 1 meeting, a renewal form has herein been included for your convenience. **PLEASE DO NOT PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES WITHOUT FILLING OUT A RENEWAL FORM TO ACCOMPANY YOUR CHECK OR CASH!!!** OSA's Treasurer **DOES** have a non-orchid life! Unless you present a signed statement from your doctor that you have a broken arm and are therefore unable to write, she will **NOT** spend time going back through old rosters to gather information to include in the 2004 roster. In other words, if your growing environment has recently changed, if you have a new e-mail address, phone number, snail mail address, or have recently joined another orchid group listed on the renewal form, those changes need to be reflected on your renewal form.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

OSA is looking for a new Refreshment Coordinator! Unfortunately there are no health care benefits, or an hourly wage for that matter, but you will be the most appreciated volunteer of the organization! Janet Jurn, who has unselfishly given of herself in this position for nine years, has resigned for health reasons. If you are interested in accepting this appointment, please contact Lou Ann (602-803-6889) – first person showing interest gets the job! Please and thank you!

Note from Cynthia Schnitzer

"In our last POT, all those plants labeled *Eugongora maculata* are probably *Gongora galeata*. Please mark your labels accordingly. There are plenty of pictures of this plant on the internet. Your plants are the mostly honey amber version. There will be one or two more on the next POT."



GREAT WEB SITE

From *Acinbreea* (Acba) to *Zygowarrea* (Zwr)

Do you have a plant label abbreviation you can't figure out?

Check out www.orchids.mu/Glossary/Glossary_A.htm for an easy to use listing of Intergeneric Orchid Hybrid Abbreviations/Genus Initials and their Genus Combination.

Special Acknowledgement for OSA Show Supporters

Big John's Mardi Gras Stompers
Phoenix Metro Area

Creative Photography by Mendy (Mendy Hastin),
15234 S. Mountain Rd., Mesa, AZ 85212
602-502-4668

Easley's Fun Shop
509 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85003
602-271-9146

Northern Arizona Veteran's Administration Health Care System
Betty Stephens and Bill Starkman
Prescott, AZ

Patty's Cakes (Specialty Cakes)
Phoenix, AZ
602-944-7698

Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department (City of)
Julie Ebersole & Staff (Lee, Marsha, Thad, & Mario)

Yuma Orchid Society

ELECTION RESULTS

The slate of Officer's and Trustees for 2004 was accepted as presented by the Nominating Committee.

President: Norma Kafer 1st Vice President: Aaron Hicks

2nd Vice President: Joe Bacik Secretary: Jennifer Schmitt

Treasurer: Wilella Stimmell

Trustees: Julie Langston, Sharon Davis, Julie Rathbun

Bob Macleod has agreed to fulfill Joe Bacik's remaining term as Trustee

The Society thanks the Nominating Committee: Jim Johnson, Doug Baldwin and Bob Macleod

International Orchid Conservation Congress II Registration Forms Available

At each of our monthly meetings from June, 2003 through April, 2004, registration forms for the International Orchid Conservation Congress II, will be available on our raffle ticket sales table. The Congress will be held at Selby Gardens, Sarasota, FL, May 16-21, 2004.

OSA was the FIRST orchid society to donate funds for the IOCC! The goal of the organizing committee is to have funds available so that scientists from Third World countries will be able to attend the congress. Your OSA Board of Directors voted unanimously at our March 2 Board Meeting, to donate funds for the IOCC.



OSA December 2003 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>OSA MEETING</i> 7:00 P.M.	2 <i>Mary Sallee</i>	3	4 <i>Janet Jurn</i>	5	6 <i>Dave Armstrong</i>
7 <i>Elizabeth Greenwood</i>	8 <i>Bev Tall</i>	9 <i>Shirley Engberg</i> <i>Eloise Koonce</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 <i>Norma Kafer</i>	18	19	20
21 <i>Doug Baldwin</i>	22 <i>Betty Stephens</i>	23 <i>Pam Albright</i> <i>Jane Heckel</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Janella Bacik</i>
28	29	30 <i>Jennifer Schmitt</i> <i>Roy Castle</i>	31 <i>Jim Gordon</i>			



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