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NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be

Monday, December 6th 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 and Snacks by

EVERYONE !

Refreshment Coordinators:

Barbara Parnell (480) 948-0714

Lou Ann Remeikis (602) 803-6889

Jo Anne Waddoups

480-654-9883

Joint Board Meeting:

The December board meeting is a
**joint meeting of retiring and
newly elected board members.**
The meeting will be held on De-
cember 19th at 1 PM at the
home of Barbara and Harry
Parnell.

Grower on Call

Wilella Stimmell
wilellas@att.net

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Annual Fund-raising Auction

Our 17th annual holiday buffet and live auction fund-raiser will begin promptly at 7 PM on Monday, December 6th, in Liberty Hall at the Arizona State Veteran Home.

You are cordially invited to join in the fun of our auction. There will be both a live and silent auction of orchid plants and orchid-related items. As you know, OSA is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to community service, and we do NOT accept grant money. Our December auction is one of our major fund-raisers in the year.

We need your donations of plants and orchid-related items. If you don't have anything to donate for the live and/or silent auction, join in the bidding, and perhaps you'll take home one or more plants from your "wish list" or a few orchid-related items to give as holiday gifts. This is your one-stop shopping adventure! Don't forget to **bring boxes or crates** in which you can take home your winnings!

An expanded refreshment table will be provided by OSA members.

Note to guests and new members who are attending their first OSA December auction:

NO credit cards are accepted.

Please see page 3 for instructions on donating plants or orchid related items for the December auction.

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Julie Rathbun

Our annual show on October 16 and 17 was even more successful than last year's annual show! Part of the success was due to admiration of the outstanding showcase for our display orchids. Even veteran home staff members who weren't orchid growers, stopped by to see our pyramid. They were amazed that we were able to erect a 7 foot tall, 8 foot wide pyramid in Liberty Hall. In addition to our hand-selected sale plants – each one chosen by this year's Orchid Festival Program Team: **Joe Bacik, Lou Ann Remeikis, Wilella Stimmell, and me** - THE major topic of conversation was the **outstanding pyramid built by Bob MacLeod**. We also had requests from out-of-state members and other friends for photos of the pyramid. Of course, we sent them the photos that they requested.

Every year Bob MacLeod creates an amazing backdrop for our show. We believe that there is nothing that Bob can't build and have it look like it was done by a professional master builder. Without Bob's creative talents, our shows would look like several other orchid society shows – bland and lacking creative effort. Our annual show is always unique, but this year, the pyramid was an outstanding achievement! **Thanks, Bob**, for donating so much of your time on our behalf, for donating the materials necessary to build the pyramid, and last but certainly not least, we are very sorry that you injured yourself painting the pyramid. For those of you who did not help erect the pyramid, you might like to know that Bob built it in 6 pieces which fit together like a jigsaw puzzle. In my horse trailer, I hauled the pyramid from Bob's house to Liberty Hall. (After our show ended, **Kimberly Levingston** used her pickup truck to haul the pyramid to my home where I will store it until next year. We've already decided how to transform the pyramid into something else!)

This year our Annual Show Chair was **Lou Ann Remeikis**. She deserves high praise from all OSA members. **Thanks, Lou Ann**, for your team spirit and dedication to OSA. Next year, Lou Ann and Barbara Parnell have agreed to serve as co-chairs for our Annual Show! And Kimberly Levingston has agreed to design our show flyer! (Kimberly also designed the flyer for this year's show. She is very talented and creative!) **Thanks, ladies!**

For this year's show, our usual dependable workers did what they do best – work as a team, and some of our new members also volunteered to help!

Our election of officers for OSA's 2011 Board of Directors took place during our November 1st meeting. Since there were no other nominations made after the slate was read, Bob MacLeod moved and Lou Ann Remeikis seconded the motion that the slate of candidates prepared by Nominating Committee: Chair, Kimberly Levingston, with the assistance of two other committee members, Jim Johnson and Kathleen Luther, be accepted by acclamation. The motion passed. Thanks to the Nominating Committee members for their time and efforts! (Elsewhere in this issue, you will find the list of newly elected officers whose terms begin on January 1, 2011.)

Special thanks to our two retiring trustees: Kimberly Levingston and Carol Erwin. They have been valuable, reliable members of OSA's board, and I hope that they will continue to help OSA! (Note that Carol Erwin readily agreed to serve another two-year term as Trustee.)

Our November meeting program, How Orchids Have Adapted to Survive in Nature, was presented by **Dr. Joe Arditti**. Several of our newer members took notes during the PowerPoint presentation, and it was because we have so many new members who had not heard Joe's September, 2006 program, that we requested a repeat presentation.

Our **December 6th meeting** will be our **annual fund-raising auction** and the last event in this year for us to raise money for our community service agenda. Both a live and silent auction will be held during our meeting. **Doug Baldwin** has graciously agreed to serve as our auctioneer, and he will be ably assisted by **Aaron Hicks**. If you haven't seen these two in action during an auction, you should know that they have fun and make the entire evening an enjoyable event. The smorgasbord of food on our expanded refreshment tables is an added attraction!

Also, December 6 will be the last time that you will be able to buy raffle tickets for the quilt that I made for our auction. Tickets are \$3 for one ticket, and \$10 for 4 tickets. We will pull the winning raffle ticket at the end of our auction. FYI: This quilt was completely hand-stitched by me. (Thanks to Jim Johnson, our webmaster, pictures of the gorgeous fabric have been uploaded onto several pages on our website.)

Our joint board meeting of retiring and newly-elected officers will be held on December 19th at 1 PM at the home at the home of Barbara and Harry Parnell.

See you on December 6!

Julie

Instructions for those donating plants or orchid-related items for the December auction

Although our December 6th auction will begin promptly at 7 PM, **members bringing donations need to arrive by 6:30** at Liberty Hall and do two things:

1. **A minimum bid should be CLEARLY written on the item** so that if it's an item for the **LIVE** auction, our auctioneer, **Doug Baldwin** and his assistant, **Aaron Hicks**, will be able to **READ** the minimum bid. Items that don't fetch minimum bid will be returned to the donors **ONLY** if they write **ON** the item – "return to (name) if the item does not receive a minimum bid". The items so marked will be left on the live auction tables. It will be a donor's responsibility to retrieve unsold items at the end of the meeting.

2. **Members arriving later than 6:30 and who have items for the SILENT auction, need to physically take the items to the silent auction tables.** (See #1 regarding items that do not receive a minimum bid.) An OSA member will be stationed at the silent auction tables.

News from former OSA Member, Gary Kooistra (e-mail message received a few weeks ago)

"I moved back to Ontario, Canada, which is home for me. The majority of my kinfolk live in southwestern Ontario.

After living in the US for 20 years, it was time for me to come home. For the time that I spent living in the US, the best part was not only living in Surprise, AZ, but also being a member of OSA. The time spent was great. The information and experience that I picked up while being a member of OSA has been wonderful. The interaction with fellow club members was awesome. The participation with various events while being an OSA member, has not been surpassed by any other events that I have participated in.

I still have a few orchids. I can't live without them.

Please pass on my greetings to those in the club who still remember me. Gary"

Raffle Donors

November Meeting Raffle Donors

Carol Erwin, Bob MacLeod, Connie Skinner, Wilella Stimmell,
Prescott VA greenhouse, and non-member Mark Obermayer

Thanks for your Support

NEW MEMBERS

Terri Jackson and Susan Nahmias

Seek them out, introduce yourself, and make them welcome!

2011 OSA Board of Directors

President – Julie Rathbun

1st Vice President – Bob MacLeod

2nd Vice President – Joe Bacik

Secretary – Barbara Parnell

Treasurer – Wilella Stimmell

Trustee – Carol Erwin (term expiring 12/12)

Trustee – Chris Gubler (term expiring 12/12)

Our other two Trustees who will complete their term of office in 12/11 are Debra Hartill and Diane Norman.

(Librarian and Newsletter Editor are positions appointed by OSA's President)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Enclosed with this issue is a membership renewal form. OSA's calendar year ends on December 31st.

At your earliest convenience, please complete all areas of the form and return it with your 2011 membership dues to the Treasurer's address that is listed on the form, or bring your completed form with cash or check to our December or January meeting. Please do not pay your dues without completing your renewal form!

For those who receive their newsletters via e-mail, a separate attachment is (or should be!) included with this month's newsletter. If you didn't receive a renewal form, contact our newsletter Editor, Keith Mead, at kjkm@comcast.net

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In Appreciation

I want to take this opportunity, as the 2010 Show Chairperson, to mention how pleased I was with our recent Show & Sale. The planning is always open to any and all members if they want to participate (hint...2011 show!) Once the plan is set, it is important to have as much help as possible from all OSA members to make it all happen. I was not disappointed!

It takes a lot of work to put on our little show and sale. From planning, the buying trip to Landers, the flyer design, building displays, publicity, set-up, tear-down, and the interaction our members have with visitors to the show, it is amazing how it all comes together. If you were unable to help this year, I know your support and appreciation for the efforts put forth were with us. The team of workers I contribute the show's success to are listed below. I apologize if anyone was accidentally left off this list.

Joe Bacik
Carol Erwin
Debra Hartill
Dusty Hartill

Kimberly Levingston
Bob MacLeod
Dianne Matlock-Bailey
Barbara Parnell
Harry Parnell

Julie Rathbun
Seelye Smith
Wilella Stimmell
Fred Stimmell
Jo Anne Waddoups

A special note of thanks goes to Kristin Fray, the Recreation Therapy Director at the Arizona State Veterans Home. Kristin made arrangements with the Engineering Department to deliver twelve (12) tables to Liberty Hall for our use. The Engineering Department also removed the game items in Liberty Hall and erected the tables that we requested. The OSA set-up crew was extremely pleased to find Liberty Hall ready for use when we arrived, and it shortened our set-up time. Thank you, Kristin!

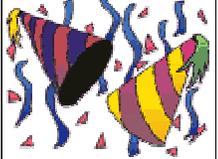
Bob MacLeod...what can I say to make you understand how much we adore you and are grateful for all you do for our group? For those unaware, Bob completed the construction of this year's show prop – the Pyramid. No one could have done better! I join many others in regretting Bob's injury while trying to paint it. Even so, Bob was there both show days, set-up and tear-down, with a walker or cane to assist him! Thank you so much, Bob!

There was only one "hitch in the giddyup" at this year's Show & Sale worth mentioning. The Show Planning Committee and the Board of Trustees make a huge effort to ensure that everyone plays fairly at our events. To that end, there will be NO ONE allowed in the Show & Sale area prior to the opening time of 9:00 a.m. It seems that while the volunteers were preparing for the day, prior to 9:00 a.m., visitors found their way into the sales area and started collecting the plants they planned on purchasing. This gave this individual(s) an unfair advantage of choosing the "best of the best" from our sale plants. This was not, and will not be tolerated, and all volunteers will be instructed to escort any early visitors out of the show and sale area until the magic hour (9:00 a.m.) I should add that this was NOT one of our Society members, but it would not be allowed by a Society member either. No entry will be allowed by anyone unless you are a volunteer helping for the day.

I have agreed to be the Show Chair for the 2011 Show & Sale (unless someone else wants to volunteer). I hope I can count on YOU to help. Watch for further information on the date, time, and place of our first show planning meeting.

Lou Ann Remeikis
2010 Show Chair

OSA December 2010 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3  Connie Skinner	4
5	6 OSA Meeting 7:00 PM	7	8  Bev Tall	9  Shirley Engberg	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21  Doug Baldwin	22	23  Pam Albright	24	
26	27  Janella Bacik	28	29	30  Jennifer Schmitt		



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