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## NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be

**Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 P.M.**

Meetings are held at the

**Training Center**

**at the**

**Arizona State Veteran Home**

**4141 S. Herrera Way, Phoenix.**

**(Formerly North 3rd Street)**

OSA meetings are open to all  
plant enthusiasts

Refreshments will be provided by

**EVERYONE!**

Refreshment Coordinators:

Barbara Parnell (480) 948-0714

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## Joint Board Meeting

The December board meeting is a joint meeting of retiring and newly elected board members. The meeting will be held on **December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM** at the home of Barbara Parnell.

## Grower on Call

**Wilella Stimmell**  
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## DECEMBER PROGRAM

### Annual December Fund-raising Auction

Our 19<sup>th</sup> annual holiday buffet and live auction fund-raiser will begin promptly at 7 PM on Monday, December 3rd, 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. 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.**

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## From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

Our annual show on October 20 and 21 was a huge success! Of the hundreds of beautiful plants for sale, we sold out! Those of us who served as cashiers figured that we were selling plants at the rate of about 35-40 plants PER hour! Elsewhere in this issue, you will read our Show Chair's critique of our show, but I wanted to personally thank everyone who helped make our show so successful. Our dependable workers included both new members and veteran members who were willing to pitch in and help wherever they were needed. Your team spirit and dedication are the reasons that I am still willing to serve as OSA's President.

Several guests attended our November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. In fact, so many people attended our meeting that we had to scrounge around for additional chairs! Everyone enjoyed an informative and educational, laid-back PowerPoint presentation by our speaker, Dennis Olivas.

Our election of Officers and Trustees for OSA's 2013 Board of Directors took place during our November meeting. Lou Ann Remeikis moved and Bob MacLeod seconded the motion that the slate of candidates prepared by the Nominating Committee, be accepted by acclamation. The motion passed. Thanks to the three ladies on our Nominating Committee for their service: Lou Ann Remeikis, Committee Chairperson, along with Barbara Parnell and Pamela Albright. Special thanks to our two retiring Trustees: Carol Erwin and Chris Gubler. Your service was greatly appreciated!

The king size orchid quilt that I made for our December 3<sup>rd</sup> fundraiser was also on display at our November meeting, and tickets were sold. At our December meeting, you still have a chance to buy tickets for the quilt drawing. (Thanks to our webmaster, Jim Johnson, pictures of the quilt are also on our website.)

Our popular December meeting is **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 this meeting. This year our meeting will be held on **December 3**. As this issue of our newsletter goes to press, the person who will serve as our auctioneer during our live auction, is not yet known. We hope that Aaron Hicks will be able to serve, but since our last auction, Aaron's "side-kick", Doug Baldwin, moved to Prescott.

During our November meeting, I also announced that before our December auction, Willie and I will make another trip to **Gubler Orchids** and hand-select plants for our auction.

Our annual fund-raiser is lots of fun! An added attraction is our expanded refreshment table. It features a smorgasbord of assorted foods. All OSA members bring a food item, but guests are not expected to bring food...unless they really feel the urge to contribute.

Our joint board meeting of retiring and newly-elected Officers and Trustees will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at Barbara Parnell's home. For benefit of our two newly elected Trustees, Richard Holle and Randy Ricardi, You might want to ride-share with other board members who have been to Barbara's new home. For future board meetings, we would welcome any OSA member to volunteer his/her home as the host location for a board meeting.

See you on December 3!

Julie

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

Although our December 3rd 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 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.

**Membership Renewal Time**

Attached to this issue is a membership renewal form. OSA's calendar year ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

At your earliest convenience, please complete all areas of the form and return it with your 2013 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!

If you didn't receive a renewal form, contact our newsletter Editor Keith Mead at [orchidsinabq@gmail.com](mailto:orchidsinabq@gmail.com)

**November Raffle Donors**

Bob MacLeod, Julie Rathbun, Wilella Stimmell, and the family of August Lorenzini

**Thank You !**

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## **WHAT A SHOW !!!**

I am so very pleased with the overall experience of our annual show and sale! From the first show planning meeting through to the end of our event, I have nothing but praise for everyone who assisted in making the show such a success.

For those of you who were unable to attend or be involved in the show, I can assure you the show and sale was a hit. We had a great attendance and members and guests were buying lots of orchids. In fact, we were down to five plants left for sale within the first four hours of the show. Panic set in – BIG time!

Although we were out of our “hand-picked” inventory, many of our members came to the rescue by purchasing orchids at various outlets around the valley. The lack of our “hand-picked” plants was very disappointing and obvious to our members. Guests who were familiar with our show from previous years, also realized that the Society no longer had those special “hand-picked” plants. As you know, the plants we bring in are unique and unavailable in the grocery store/home improvement retail outlets. It was bittersweet having to explain to our visitors that we were sold out of the hand-picked plants. On one hand, it was nice to sell out of plants so we have minimal inventory left over. Yet, on the other hand, it would have been nice to have had more of our hand-picked plants for those visitors who came to the show Saturday afternoon and Sunday! It is always a crapshoot as to how many plants to bring back for our show...too many and we have a large inventory left over or too few and we disappoint the participants of our show.

I believe that we had the best advertising and exposure to the public this year. Thanks to Rhonda Woodward and her husband, William, the Orchid Society of Arizona had the amazing talents of Susan Kern-Fleischer at our disposal. Susan works with William and is very well versed and connected in the world of publicity. Her contacts gave coverage on television stations, newspapers, and web exposure for our Society and our show/sale.

The following individuals are to be recognized for their efforts in making the show such a success this year:

Joe Bacik	Julie Rathbun
Bob & Cece Bleu	Randy Ricardi
Kristin Fray	Wilella & Fred Stimmell
Richard Holle	Joanne Waddoups
Terri Jackson	Rhonda & William Woodward
Jim Johnson	Karl Wyant
Susan Kern-Fleischer	ASVH Security Officer Jason
Bob MacLeod	ASVH Maintenance Staff
Keith Mead	

I truly hope I have not forgotten anyone who assisted in making our Golden Anniversary Show & Sale such a success. If I have somehow missed acknowledgement of someone, please know it was not intentional and the Society is grateful for your assistance!









Thank you again –  
Lou Ann Remeikis

# IMAGES FROM THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW



Special Thanks to Master Craftsman Bob Macleod

# OSA December 2012 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	<b>3 OSA Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>  <i>Connie Cromwell</i> <i>Randy Ricardi</i>	4	5	6	7	8  <i>Bev Tall</i>
9  <i>Shirley Engberg</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21  <i>Doug Baldwin</i>	22
23  <i>Pam Albright</i> <hr/> <i>Jennifer Schmitt</i> 30	24  <i>Karl Wyant</i> <hr/> 31	25 	26	27  <i>Jannela Bacik</i>	28	29



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