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NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be
Monday, December 2nd 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

Beverage & Snacks
By
ÉVERYONE

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Joint Board Meeting:

Sunday, December 29th

at the home of
Julie Rathbun

Grower on Call

Wilella Stimmell
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DECEMBER PROGRAM

Annual December Fund-raising Auction

Our 20th annual holiday buffet and live auction fund-raiser will begin promptly at 7 PM on Monday, December 2nd, 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.

Please review Instructions for those donating plants or orchid-related items for the December auction on page 3.

November Raffle Donors

Richard Holle, Julie Rathbun, Randy Ricardi,
and Wilella Stimmell

Thank You !

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From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

During our November 4 meeting, I thanked Bob MacLeod, Barbara Parnell, and Wilella Stimmell for helping at the Fred Rathbun Horse Show on November 2nd. The weather was perfect for the event, and participants and volunteers enjoyed themselves.

For those of you who were unable to attend our October 19 and 20 orchid show and sale, I also thanked the members who helped make our show a financial success. Your team spirit and dedication are the reasons that I am still willing to serve as OSA's President.

Special thanks to our Editor, **Keith Mead**, for holding off on completing our November newsletter until he received a recap of our show from our Show Chair, Barbara Parnell. The only shop props that have not been returned to their owner are two small scarecrows. If anyone knows who owns them, let me know. I have the scarecrows.

Several guests attended our November meeting. In fact, so many people attended our meeting that our speaker, Dr. John Alcock, commented that our membership had really grown since he last spoke to us in 2011! Everyone enjoyed John's informative, educational PowerPoint presentation about the Orchids of western Australia.

We were also happy to see **Aaron Hicks** at our November meeting. Aaron agreed to serve as our auctioneer for our December fundraiser meeting. During the live auction, Aaron will be assisted by **Randy Ricardi**. Thanks, guys!

Our election of Officers and Trustees for OSA's 2014 Board of Directors took place during our November meeting. After Terri Jackson, Nominating Committee Chair, read the slate of candidates, Carol Erwin moved and Bob Blue seconded the motion that the slate of candidates prepared by the Nominating Committee, be accepted by acclamation. The motion passed. Thanks to our Nominating Committee for their service: Terri, Bob Blue, and Dean Toms.

Bob MacLeod donated a blooming phal for a door prize at our November 11 Orchids 101 program for the Sun City Rose and Garden Club. He brought the plant to our meeting. Thanks, Bob!

Unfortunately, the beautiful laptop orchid quilt that Jo Anne Waddoups made for our December fundraiser was not on display at our November meeting. At our December meeting, you still have a chance to buy tickets for the quilt drawing. Jo Anne put a lot of effort into making this quilt for our fundraiser, so please show your appreciation by buying more tickets!

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 2**.

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 29th at 1 PM at my home. For future board meetings, we welcome any OSA member to volunteer his/her home as the host location for a board meeting. Also, our board meetings are open meetings, and any non-board member is welcome to attend.

See you on December 2!

Julie

Instructions

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

Although our December 2nd 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 31st.

At your earliest convenience, please complete all areas of the form and return it with your 2014 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

W. Stimmell

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 29th** at 1 PM at the home of Julie Rathbun.

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BLUE TODAY.....FOREVER WHITE

AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM !

A Plant geneticist who bought an 'unusual and striking' orchid for his wife was surprised to find it leaking ink.

Charles Ainsworth, from Sidlesham, bought the orchid from Tesco Extra in Fishbourne for his wife, who is recovering from an operation.

"My wife was left with a blue substance on her fingers which she found extremely worrying given her medical condition," said Dr Ainsworth.

"A real worry is I do not know if the dye is toxic and could have affected anyone who handled it."

Dr Ainsworth said inspection of the stem showed a region which had been 'punctured' and was covered in blue 'inky' material.

"It seems like the stem has been injected to give a plant that normally flowers white flowers, blue flowers," he said.

"The finding that the plant is a fake took the gloss off the purchase and I took it back to Tesco."

Dr Ainsworth, who is a loyal customer, said the manager was 'not the slightest bit interested' and told him to phone Tesco's head office.

"No refund or any type of apology was offered."

A Tesco spokesperson said: "It is not uncommon for florists to add dyes to ornamental flowers to create a specific colour effect, and the dyes used do not pose any risk.

"We sincerely apologise if the customer feels his complaint was not taken seriously by the store."

Chicester (England) Observer

Caladenia Species Threatened

"A team of scientists in Australia are collaborating on a mission to save one of the world's rarest plants - an orchid species of which there are believed to be only two in existence.

So vulnerable is the species of Caladenia spider orchid, that the team won't reveal its name or location in the wild as they try to rehabilitate it in a controlled environment.

A species of orchid from the Caladenia genus, its location is known to only a handful of people...

GRAEME LORIMER, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST, SAYING: "We're down to two on the planet. We had a couple of dozen a couple of decades ago."

...

on a mission to save the species, not only from environmental factors like drought, but also from the people who care about it most. ... "... it's loved to death..."

There's a class of people who must have photographs of the rarest orchids and last year when this plant came up it only took a day before somebody holding the stem, bent it and the thing flopped over...

A team led by horticulturalist Rob Cross at Melbourne's Botanical Gardens have collected pollen from the plant in hopes of fertilising its flower to produce seeds.

They already have fifty seeds stored from previous collection efforts, which they're trying to turn into plants...

ROB CROSS, HORTICULTURAL BOTANIST, ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS, SAYING:

"We will use those plants to set up a seed orchard here at the Royal Botanic Gardens where we can cross pollinate plants and produce more seed that can then be used out in the wild again."

...

The state of Victoria is home to more than 400 orchid species, half of which are regarded as threatened.

The scientists however, say none are at greater risk than this one."

URL : <http://reuters.com/video/2013/11/11/scientists-battle-to-save-orchid-at-the? Ideold=2744917&videoChannel=103>



Julie's

Potinara Memoria
Frank Fordyce

Blc. Chia Lin 'Shinsu #1' AM/JOGA
X
Slc. Circle of Life 'Ultra Glow'.

SOME PLANTS FOR YOU TO BID ON AT THE DECEMBER 2ND AUCTION



Lc. Schilleriana primary hybrid
(C. intermedia x L. pupurata)



C. Krull's Spotted Angel.



Cattleya deckeri



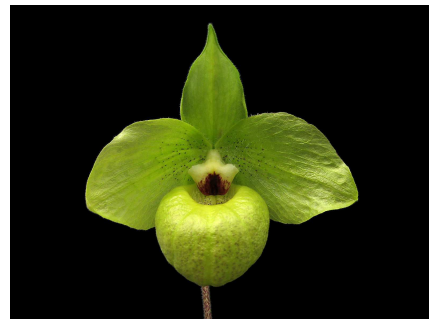
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Paph Cheryl Ann Boyd





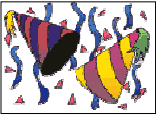


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Song

OSA December 2013 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 OSA Fundraising Auction 7:00 PM	3  Richard Ricardi Connie Cromwell	4	5	6	7
8  Bev Tall	9  Shirley Engberg	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23  Pam Albright	24  Karl Wyant	25 	26	27  Janella Bacik	28
29	30	31 				



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