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NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will
be

Monday, December 3rd

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;

By EVERYONE !

Refreshment Coordinators:

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Board Meeting

December 16th

Combined Meeting

Newly Elected

and Retiring Officers

Sunday, at 1 PM, at the Hibachi Grill,
10030 N. Metro Parkway E., Phoenix.

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Annual December Fund-raising Auction

Our 24th annual holiday buffet and live auction fund-raiser will begin promptly at 7 PM on Monday, December 3, 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.

RAFFLE DONORS NOVEMBER

Joe Bacik, Brad Dana, Carol Erwin, Bob MacLeod, Julie Rathbun,
Lou Ann Remeikis, and Wilella Stimmell

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

At our November 5 meeting, we had excellent attendance and an excellent assortment of plants and orchid-related items on our raffle table. We were pleased to see Terri Jackson again. We hadn't seen her in many months, and we were glad to see her again. Sometimes we forget to check on absentee members, but that doesn't mean we don't think about them and hope that they are well.

We were also happy to see Bob MacLeod who is recovered after his recent surgery.

I had the tail end of a nasty cold, but I wasn't contagious.

Also at our November meeting, our election of Officers and Trustees for OSA's 2019 Board of Directors took place. The slate prepared by the nominating committee was accepted by acclamation. Thanks to Keith Mead, Nominating Committee Chair; and to Jim Johnson and Pat Miller, the other two members on the committee.

Our speaker for the evening was Tanya Lam of San Jose, CA. Some of you might remember her from her visits to our meetings in 2014. (Tanya's mother lives in the west valley.) Her PowerPoint presentation was informative, and we learned how she deals with helping her **3000** orchids thrive in her challenging growing conditions.

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**.

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 of their choice. Guests are not expected to bring food...unless they really feel the urge to contribute.

Our Dec. 16 board meeting is a joint meeting of newly elected and retiring board members. It will be held on Sunday, at 1 PM, at the Hibachi Grill, 10030 N. Metro Parkway E., Phoenix.

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 3!

Julie

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

Although our December 3 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

It's membership renewal time again. OSA's calendar year ends on December 31st.

At your earliest convenience, please complete all areas of the renewal form and return it with your 2018 membership dues to the Treasurer's address that is listed on the form, or bring your completed form with cash or check to our January meeting. **Please** do not pay your dues without completing your renewal form! When you pay your membership dues, if no information has recently changed for you, **at least please write your name, the date, and "No changes" on the renewal form.**

If you don't receive a renewal form, contact our newsletter Editor, Keith Mead, at orchidsinabq@gmail.com or...check the culture sheet box at our meetings. We always have extra copies of membership applications/renewals on hand.

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OSA December 2018 Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY






TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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2	3 OSA Meeting 7 PM  Randy Ricardi Connie Cromwell	4	5	6	7	8
9  Shirley Engberg	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 Karl Wyant  31	25 	26	27  Janella Bacik	28	29



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