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## NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be

**Monday, February 1st 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 by**

**Dana and Dana Floyd**

**Snacks by**

**Carol Erwin and**

**Wilella Stimmell**

Refreshment Coordinators:

Lou Ann Remeikis (602) 803-6889

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**Board Meeting**

**Feb. 21 at 1 PM; location TBA**

**Grower on Call**

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## FEBRUARY

### Orchids of Western China

Our speaker for the February Meeting will be Thomas Sampliner from Cleveland, Ohio. Thomas will be speaking on the Orchids of Western China.

Thomas is a free-lance naturalist, guide, photographer and instructor based in Cleveland who travels the globe searching for orchids in situ. He has developed a lifelong hobby into a post retirement career, leading trips and speaking to groups via Power Points created from his travels showing off orchids where he finds them.

Thomas teaches orchids to senior citizens as well as a more general course on wildflowers, mushrooms and nature photography at a local college. He also volunteer teaches at a local botanical garden. He has submitted articles and images to the journal of the Native Orchid Conference and leads trips for nature observation and photographic purposes.

Thomas is interested in doing some sightseeing and photography while in Arizona if any members would like to join him while he is here.

Please visit his Facebook page entitled, "The Bee Orchids, the genus Ophrys"



*Cypripedium tibeticum.*

### Raffle Donors

Karen Barber, Cece Blue, Bob MacLeod, Julie Rathbun,  
and Wilella Stimmell

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## From the President's Desk

### Julie Rathbun

For those of you who didn't know, I was scheduled to have hip replacement surgery the day after our meeting. I called on **Joe Bacik** to conduct our first meeting of the new year, and he obliged. From several members, I heard that Joe did an excellent job and that, despite the rain, we had excellent attendance.

And for those who were unable to attend our December, 2015 auction, there was a silent auction of a few plants for those members who were unable to attend our auction.

**Thanks to Dean Toms** for transporting the silent auction plants and raffle ticket cart to Liberty Hall. And **thanks to Bob Macleod** for demonstrating his technique of potting orchids with NO medium in the pots.

Barbara Parnell also passed around the refreshment sign-up sheet for 2016 meetings. I know that a few people missed signing the sheet. Don't worry, the sign-up sheet will again be available at our February meeting. If you enjoy refreshments brought by others, please consider taking your turn to bring something – anything!

**Early notice about the Garden Show at the University of Phoenix Stadium: We set up our booth on March 3rd** at the stadium. The **dates for the Home/Garden Show are March 4-6. WE NEED WORKERS!** (This event has become an important source of income for us.) A work sign-up sheet will be available at our February 1st meeting. **Barbara**, will you please take care of preparing the work sign-up list for our February meeting? If you miss our February meeting, we'll also pass around the work sign-up sheet at our March 7th meeting.

I'm sorry that I have so little news to add to this newsletter, but I hope you understand that I'm concentrating on making a full recovery after my hip replacement surgery. The recovery also involves working with a physical therapist. FYI: for anyone who hasn't had hip replacement, walking several hours after the operation is a weird experience. My leg felt like it had been anchored in cement.

**Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped out when they knew that I couldn't do my usual activities.**

See you on February 1!

Julie

**Owen Holmes**, the co-founder of Carter & Holmes Orchids, who was 90 years old, died December 31st, 2015. He was blessed with a long life and family and friends that he treasured. He was a WW II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the Pacific Theatre and in China. Owen finished Newberry College after being released from active duty. While in school, he joined W.C. Carter in several businesses including Carter & Holmes Orchids.

He helped form the S.C. Orchid Society and served as president of the Hartford Grange, the Newberry Historical Society, and The Rotary Club of Newberry. He served as a Trustee of Newberry College for many years and also chaired the Newberry County Planning Commission and the Newberry Community Hall Commission.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Raye; his son Owen M. "Mac" Holmes, IV and Mac's wife, Kathryn E. Brooker He was predeceased by his parents and his cousin and business partner, W.C. "Bill" Carter.

"I also want you to know that we consider Carter and Holmes Orchids to be the legacy of my parents and of Bill and Mary Carter. Bill and my father were first cousins who grew up together in the same house like brothers. Later, I would grow up with "Uncle Billy" and "Aunt Mae" and Carter And Holmes Orchids next door, and now Kathryn and I live in the house that Bill and my father grew up in that has been in my family for over 100 years. Carter and Holmes Orchids is truly a family business.".....Mac Holmes

## Last Reminder

### 2016 OSA Membership Renewal

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

Please complete all areas of the form and return it with your 2016 membership dues to the Treasurer's address that is listed on the form, or bring your completed form with cash or check to our February 1st meeting. **Please** do not pay your dues without completing your renewal form! When forms do not accompany payment, errors can happen.

If you didn't receive a renewal form, contact our newsletter Editor, Keith Mead,

## Happy New Year

**Greetings to OSA from Kathryn Mauz.** Kathryn was OSA's 3<sup>rd</sup> scholarship recipient, and every year since we helped her with scholarship money, she sends us a greeting.

For benefit of newer OSA members, in 2006, Kathryn received her PhD from the University of Arizona. It's always gratifying to know that recipients of the Deacon Bell Scholarship Fund are grateful for OSA's financial assistance. While Kathryn was still a student in Tucson, she was our speaker at two of our meet-

## CLEAR POTS FOR SALE

OSA has sets (10 pots = one set) of each of the following size pots: 5 ½"; 6 ½"; and 7 ½". If anyone wants pots brought to a meeting, phone or e-mail **at least 2 days prior to our monthly meeting**. A set of 5 ½" pots is \$14.00; a set of 6 ½" pots is \$18.00; and a set of 7 ½" pots is \$22.00. If you don't need 10 pots of any one size, you may purchase them singly at the following price: one 5 ½" pot is \$2.00; one 6 ½" pot is \$3.00; and one 7 ½" pot is \$4.00. (For sets, remember that there is no shipping charge added to the cost! Keep in mind that if you order these pots online from a vendor, the cost is based on a minimum order of 10 pots of each size plus a shipping charge.)

W. Stimmell

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# OSA February 2016 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 OSA Meeting 7 PM	2	3	4	5	6  Carol Erwin
7	8	9	10  Gary Cauble	11	12	13
14 	15 President's Day	16	17	18	19  Jim Johnson	20
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