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NEXT OSA MEETING

Meetings are held at the
Encanto Park Clubhouse

2605 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona
North of Encanto Blvd. on 15th Ave.

Phone (602) 261-8993

The next regular society meeting will
be Monday, **February 5th**, 2007
at 7:00 P.M.

OSA meetings are open to all
plant enthusiasts

Refreshments will be provided.

Refreshment Coordinators:

Barbara Parnell (480) 948-0714

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OSABOARDMEETING

The next OSA board meeting
will be held

Sunday, January 28, at the home of

Jim Lauck and Roy Castle

Contact them at

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for directions

Board Meetings

are open to all members

GROWER ON CALL

Wilella Stimmell
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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Our regular meeting date is the first Monday of the month and that happens to be January 1st, 2007.

Since our meeting place is a City of Phoenix facility and closed on the Holiday there will be **NO JANUARY MEETING**.

Watch this space in upcoming issues for announcements of some very exciting programs and exceptional speakers. We promise you will not be disappointed.

THE WINNER OF THE ORCHID QUILT RAFFLE

Barbara Brewer, former Mayor of Payson, was the lucky winner of the beautiful orchid quilt. The winner's name was drawn at the conclusion of our December 4 meeting. (JULIE RATHBUN is **solely** responsible for **ALL** of the work done on the quilt. Our talented, dedicated President donated her time and **ALL** of the supplies necessary for the quilt project. Thank you, Julie!!!)

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From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

It's the start of a new year and the beginning of my SECOND term as your OSA President. In 2006, both board and non-board members made my job easier by offering to assist me in various ways. I needed moral support, and I received it WITHOUT asking for it! I'm hoping that in 2007, even more members will pitch in and help with our community service agenda. After checking the community service record of other orchid societies, I am convinced that OSA stands out as THE society most dedicated to working with school children.

Thanks to DOUG BALDWIN and AARON HICKS for conducting our live December auction. Doug moved the large number of plants and non-plant items along at a reasonable pace, and Aaron assisted by reading the names on the plant tags and ad-libbed humorous comments. They made this annual event lively and fun for both members and visitors. JIM LAUCK also provided a valuable service by delivering items to the winning bidders. BARBARA PARNELL served by presiding over BOTH the silent auction and the refreshments' tables! WILLELLA STIMMELL, our Treasurer, kept track of all winning bids of plants sold from OSA's inventory. And LOU ANN REMEIKIS and BOB MACLEOD kept track of the winning bids for both plant and non-plant items. Thanks to all who donated orchids, orchid-related and non-plant-related items for both the live and silent auction, and a variety of food for the refreshments' tables. Your donations were greatly appreciated! And last, but certainly not least, thanks to all of you who purchased items! Reviewing the surplus to our Treasury for this auction and the 3 previous December auctions, I noted that the 2006 December auction surplus was the highest!

There will be **NO New Year's Day meeting!** However, on January 28 there will be a board meeting at the home of Jim Lauck and Roy Castle. All members are welcome to attend board meetings, but if you plan to attend, please have the courtesy to phone the host and let him know that you plan to attend. Jim's phone number and e-mail address are listed in the Board of Directors box that appears in each issue of The Arizona Orchidist.

We will resume our monthly meeting schedule in February. We have speakers who have confirmed to speak to us in February, March, and April, and we're still working on lining up speakers for the remainder of 2007.

The first opportunity to pass around the 2007 refreshments sign-up sheet will be during our February 5 meeting. If you enjoy refreshments at our meetings, it's only fair that you take your turn providing refreshments.

Barbara Parnell has consented to serve again as our **November Show Chair!** In 2007, our **November show will be held on November 3rd and 4th, with set-up on November 2nd.**

Happy New Year and see you on February 5!

Julie

COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wilella Stimmell, CSP Coordinator

Following the hands-on programs that we presented in Yuma on November 17 and 18, the grand total of Arizona students who have been introduced to orchids and conservation by OSA during the past 11 years is **3350!!!** Keep in mind that OSA accepts NO grant money, and there is never any cost to schools for our programs. Funds necessary to continue our community service programs are earned by OSA worker bees at society events.

Following our hands-on programs at Desert Mesa Elementary School in Yuma, we received a large envelope filled with thank you notes from Desert Mesa students. These notes will be available on our raffle ticket sales table at our February 5 meeting. Some of the notes contain hilarious spelling errors, but please overlook such errors. The thoughts and sincere thanks expressed in the notes are what matters!

Also, Kierstin Yamashita, art teacher at Desert Mesa, wrote the following article that appeared in the school newspaper:

"Orchid Society of Arizona (Phoenix) Provides Therapeutic and Educational Lessons for Desert Mesa Students. On Friday, November 17, five volunteers from the Orchid Society of Arizona, three local volunteers from the Yuma Orchid Society and Marlena Parrott and Sandra Gullickson from the Cooperative Extension Office (U of A) worked with approximately 90 students from Desert Mesa School. Students were given an in-service on orchids, what they are, what they need to grow, and where they are found. They also discovered that an orchid provides the favorite vanilla bean!

After the in-service, students created 'greenhouses' from recyclable materials donated by Sarah Farms and were given their very own orchid to replant and care for. Instructions were sent home with the students. The OSA also donated an instructional text entitled Culture of the Phalaenopsis Orchid by Bob Gordon for further research. In addition, this non-profit group has donated collections of books for reference in the Phoenix Library as well as awarded ...scholarships to students majoring in the field of Botany.

Desert Mesa students, Mrs. Baumgarner, and instructors Mr. Gilliland, Mrs. Bromfield, and Mrs. Yamashita would like to extend their thanks for the well-organized and generous presentation. ..."

Kierstin's article does not include mention that participants in the first program on the 17th were Junior Garden Club members; nor did she include mention of the November 18th programs that we, with the help of Yuma Orchid Society members, presented for 4-H members and Daisy (Girl Scout) Troop members. The article by Kierstin was also sent to the Yuma Daily Sun newspaper.

Camilla Mecham, Troop Leader, sent a photo of some of the Girl Scouts who are holding their newly repotted seedlings and their "greenhouses". The photo will be on display at our February 5 meeting.

OSA will begin a new year of community service by helping with the **FRED RATHBUN UNIQUE HORSE SHOW (EQUESTRIAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS) which is sponsored by the Western Saddle Club and the City of Phoenix**. The event has been scheduled for **Saturday, January 20**. In previous years, several OSA members have assisted the Western Saddle Club with this event. The address of the Western Saddle Club Arena is: 12425 N. 7th St., Phoenix. Horse handlers ("spotters" who walk alongside the participants) should plan to be at the arena by 8:30 AM; others who can assist with the food service line for lunch, need not arrive at the arena until 10:00 AM. If anyone has any questions, phone Julie at (602)843-0223 or e-mail: jandfent@aol.com

On **Saturday, February 10, 2007, at 10:00 AM**, OSA will present a hands-on INTERGENERATIONAL program at the **NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY**, 16089 N. Bullard Ave., **SURPRISE**, AZ. The library is a part of the Surprise Recreation Complex and is the Maricopa County Library District's newest state-of-the-art regional library. Children, parents, and grandparents will participate in our program.

If you know of any schools where the teachers would be interested in OSA introducing their students to orchids, feel free to speak to the teachers and ask them to contact me to schedule a date for programs. OSA operates on a first come-first serve basis. Because I need to find out which program team members are available on a particular date, we need at least a month's advance notice in order to schedule a date for programs and to order the necessary Phalaenopsis seedlings.

Membership Renewal Time

If you have not yet paid your 2007 membership dues, a renewal form has been included in this newsletter. Any changes in your snail mail address, e-mail address, phone number, or growing environments, etc. should be indicated on your renewal form. Suggestions for speakers are passed along to our Program Chair, and suggestions for in-house programs are passed along to our 1st VP. Also, if you would like to begin receiving your newsletter via e-mail, please indicate your desire on your renewal form OR contact our Editor, Keith Mead, at kjkm@comcast.net

Members on the Mend

Shirley Engberg and Sarah Heberling are recent recipients of pacemakers. Both members are reported to be adjusting well to their new "parts". Think good thoughts for them!

THANK YOU

To generous OSA members who have contributed funds throughout 2006 for the purchase of soda pop and snacks for the residents at the Arizona State Veteran Home. The veterans are always grateful to receive a monthly donation of items that help make their lives seem more like living in their own homes.

Winter Watering Tip for Orchids

For those who water your plants with tap water and also water in the morning, remember to take the chill off of the water before you use it on your orchids. Giving cold water to warm-growing orchids is a shock to the plants' root systems. Heat approximately 2 quarts of water and add it to the tap water that you will use to water your orchids. Strive for water temperature ranging from 70-80 degrees. Use a thermometer to determine the temperature of the water.

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for our December, 2006 Fundraiser:

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By donating plants and orchid-related items to OSA, these generous businesses supported OSA's community service agenda! Please show your appreciation by patronizing these businesses!

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE HOPI HANDBOOK OF FLORA AND FAUNA:

Kristin Huisinga stated that the handbook is under review "both by the science team (who funded its development) and several Hopi professionals". The cover for the handbook is being designed by Kurt Lomawaima, one of the Hopi interns who received a portion of our donation to fund the student artists. Kristin said that Kurt is creating a "very elaborate" cover. Kristin will notify us as soon as the handbook is available. She further stated that as soon as the public version is available, "OSA will be the first to receive a copy".

For benefit of newer members who might not have seen stunning examples of the artwork done by the Hopi interns who had NO formal art training, a display of some of their renderings will be available for viewing at our February 5 meeting.

W. Stimmell

OSA January 2007 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR</i> <i>(No OSA meeting)</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9  <i>Omar Rios</i>	10	11  <i>Debra Hartill</i>	12	13
14	15	16	17	18  <i>Mimi Brophy</i>	19  <i>Frank Bopp</i>	20 <i>Fred Rathbun</i> <i>Unique Horse</i> <i>Show</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28  <i>Kristin Huisinga</i> <i>Board Meeting</i>	29	30	31			



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