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NEXT OSA MEETING

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

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

OSA meetings are open to all
plant enthusiasts

Refreshments will be provided.

This month Cynthia Schnitzer will
provide liquid refreshment
Snacks by

Jim Lauck and Barbara Parnell
Refreshment Coordinators:
Barbara Parnell (480) 948-0714
Mary Gannon (623) 878-4173

OSA BOARD MEETING

Board Meetings
are open to all members

The next Board meeting will be
November 18th, 1:00 PM
at the home of Jennifer Schmitt

GROWER ON CALL

Joe Bacik
bacikj@cox.net

November Program

The Genus Laelia in Brazil

a CD by Francisco Miranda

The genus Laelia includes some of the showiest of orchid species. The CD shows different habitats where Laelia species are found in Brazil and the remarks accompanying the photos are arranged to take the viewer on a "trip" from the south to the north of their distribution range. Also included on the CD are comments regarding several identification problems and their present status. Aaron Hicks has agreed to bring his laptop computer to our meeting, and we will also use OSA's multimedia projector.

W. Stimmell

SHOW TIME

Don't forget about the upcoming OSA Show scheduled for November 3 & 4th! We need you to help with the set-up on Friday, November 2nd at the Encanto Clubhouse from 1 to 5pm! Also we need YOU for a little time during the show & last but not least please bring Disney related items to use in the show displays and be sure to have your name on the bottom of the items.

Barbara Parnell

Show Chair

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From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

For those of you who missed our October 1st meeting, you missed an outstanding photography program presented by Doug Baldwin. The information was clear and concise, and even "newbie" photographers learned that it isn't necessary to purchase expensive lighting equipment to photograph orchids to their best advantage. By repositioning two lights, Doug showed how unwanted shadows could be made to disappear. He also used a photo program during the program, but I'm not sure that I should mention which program he used because our newsletter is published online. Doug is an excellent teacher! Thanks, Doug. Perhaps you will present a similar program at a future meeting.

For those who do not already know, during the meeting I mentioned that Wayne Baker died on September 27. I regret that I could not and cannot pass along any details about a memorial service, or refer you to his obituary in the newspaper. All I knew and know is that Wayne, a member of OSA for 42 years (information I obtained from OSA's 2007 membership roster), died. We will miss him!

On Friday, October 5, 5 OSA program team members traveled to the Morongo Basin Orchid Festival in Landers, CA. The festival was held on Saturday and Sunday, but we always arrive a day early and are escorted to the Lucerne greenhouses (NOT open to the public) by Chris Gubler and Heidi Gubler Brodeur who turn us loose to round up plants for our November show. Chris and Heidi are always a huge help to us. Chris is always extremely generous with us, and for that we are truly thankful. And Heidi is tolerant of us as she counts plants. We do our "best" to confuse her so that when the plants are moved by truck from Lucerne to Landers, she recounts the plants that we selected. She's always pleasant even when we joke about the accuracy of her tally sheet.

On Saturday, October 6, we presented one repotting program for children and two repotting programs for adults. One of the adults had taken our class last year and showed us a picture of his plant as it appears today. Even in the picture, we could tell that the plant had been over watered, but it wasn't dead! There was a keiki on one of the leafless canes. Many of the adults who participated in our classes were very appreciative and stayed after the class ended and repeatedly thanked us. We had fun, but...we always do! On Sunday, October 7, we presented two repotting programs for adults, and again, those participating thanked us for our assistance. After the last class, we started loading plants into my horse trailer. By the time we returned to our hotel, we were exhausted. We returned to Phoenix on Monday, and 5 of us unloaded the plants from the horse trailer. The inventory and pricing the plants for sale at our show are chores best left until we've had several days to rest. (One grower from the Landers' area brought 3 plants that she wanted us to repot during the festival. She was so pleased with the assistance that we gave her that she phoned me the day after we returned home and told me AGAIN how grateful she was to our program team.)

Our November 5th meeting will be the day AFTER the last day of our annual show. During our meeting, in addition to our program, we will hold our election of OSA's Board of Directors for 2008. I will read the nominating slate that was prepared by Jim Johnson, Chairman, Ann Cherny, and Keith Mead. After I read the slate, I will call for nominations from the floor. Please do not nominate anyone for any office without first getting consent from the person whose name you mention.

See you on November 2nd for set up of our show, at our show on November 3rd and 4th, and at our November 5th meeting!

Julie



Orchids and Disneyana



Annual Orchid Show and Sale
Presented by

Orchid Society of Arizona

November 3 and 4, 2007

Encanto Park Clubhouse

2605 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix, AZ
Free Admission

Hours:

Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Orchids, Supplies, Cultural Information
Refreshments, gifts, entertainment
Children and adult raffle

For Information contact show chairman:
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or visit us at www.orchidsocietyaz.org



DECEMBER AUCTION

Remember that our December meeting is our annual auction/fundraiser/holiday celebration.

It is a great opportunity to purchase plants and orchid related items for gifts (or for yourself!)

Donations of items for the auction are always welcome.

OCTOBER RAFFLE TABLE

DONORS

**Joe Freasier and the late Wayne Baker,
Lou Ann Remeikis, ORCHIDS ALIVE,
the Family of Ken Gettys,
and Wilella Stimmell,
THANKS TO YOU ALL!**

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QUESTION?

How many Phalaenopsis does it take to fill an ocean container?

Let's have a contest. You email me your guess and I will answer the question in next month's newsletter.

Willie, Julie, Lou Ann and Frank are excluded from the contest because they know the answer. They know because they saw them on our recent trip to Landers, California to participate in the 12th annual Morongo Basin Orchid Festival held at Gubler Orchids. This year marks the ninth time the Orchid Society of Arizona has participated in the festival. This event is a major fundraiser for charities selected by the sponsor, the Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary club.

As has become our custom, we arrived in Landers early Friday afternoon, October 5th, and met Heidi Brodeur (Chris's sister). Then, accompanied by Heidi, it was on to the greenhouses at Lucerne, where construction/reconstruction of the last of the twenty one greenhouses is nearing completion. Also nearly complete is the new packing and shipping building. This new facility will put all the preparation of the plants for shipping under one roof. When finished there will be in excess of 100,000 square feet of greenhouses at Lucerne.

We spent an enjoyable afternoon selecting plants for our November show and sale. The selection process was made easier because it was difficult to find a less than acceptable plant. Our excitement was not dampened by the wind and rain, only by the impending darkness of the evening.

After a restful night we arrived early at the Landers greenhouses to prepare for the days' classes. Our first class was the children's milk jug/seedling repotting class given free of charge to those attending as we do for the Arizona schoolchildren presentations.

Although the class had a few less participants than last year the quantity of students was offset by their enthusiasm. The next class was the first of four presented for adults during the next two days. For a fee of ten dollars participants in this class are able to select a blooming dendrobium and are shown how to repot it. They leave with a wonderful plant they have repotted and hopefully we have planted the seed that will grow into another orchid lover.

All plants, pots and potting media are contributed by Gubler Orchids and all proceeds of the classes are donated to the Orchid Society of Arizona to help continue our community service programs. Thanks Chris.

Was the festival a success? The Hi-Desert Star community newspaper reported the following on October 15th "Continuing its record-breaking fund-raising trend of double-digit increases, the 12th annual Morongo Basin Orchid Festival netted \$11796.17 for charity, representing an increase of almost 18% over last year's figures, the Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary announced Friday. The festival's theme and focus this year was improving the lives of children, especially those in need. As such, the beneficiaries will include Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Desert. Service to American Rotarians, Joshua Tree Kids Club, Morongo Basin Coalition for Adult Literacy, Landers Elementary after-school programs, Theatre 29, the Yucca Valley High School Scholarship Program and the Orchid Society of Arizona Education Fund."

'The atmosphere created by orchids, classes, live entertainment, wine and cheese and art, all within a relaxed atmosphere for the entire family continues to increase the popularity of this festival,' said Chris Gubler of Gubler Orchids and the Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary"

Congratulations to Chris and the Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary for another successful event.

We are already looking forward to participating in the 13th annual festival.

Keith Mead

OSA November 2007 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>ANNUAL OSA SHOW</i>
4 <i>ANNUAL OSA SHOW</i>	5 <i>OSA Meeting 7 P.M.</i>	6 <i>Demitris Sagias</i> 	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>Board Meeting 1:00 PM</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	23	24 <i>Madeleine Herberling</i> 
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>John Atwood</i> 	



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