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NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be

Monday, November 5th 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

Snacks by **Julie Rathbun
and Randy Ricardi**

Beverages by **Barbara Parnell**

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November Board Meeting:

November 25th at 1 PM
at the home of Julie Rathbun

Grower on Call

Keith Mead

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Orchids That Require Dry, Cool, Rest Periods NOT Suitable for Low Desert Culture

Dennis Olivas was born and reared on the island of Kauai. He was a member of the Future Farmers of America, and it was through his association with that organization that his orchid addiction started. In 1980, he left the garden island and arrived on the mainland. From the first time he spotted a *Paphiopedilum Maudiae* at Rod McLellan's Acres of Orchids in South San Francisco, his life was consumed with his addiction to orchids. After he filled his home with orchids, he leased greenhouse space for his increasing collection of plants. Dissemination of orchid information became his career. He has been involved with every orchid society in the Greater Bay Area and has held many of those societies' highest positions. His plant distribution center is located in the Half Moon Bay Area.

After the first year that several OSA members attended Pacific Orchid Expo in San Francisco, and Dennis became acquainted with us, he became a valued member of OSA. Appreciating our community service agenda, Dennis wanted to be a part of our group. He is also an AOS judge, a member of the American Orchid Society, Garden Island Society, and the Honolulu Orchid Society.

Dennis last spoke to us in September, 2008. We always learn more from speakers who have a sense of humor, and we always learn new information from Dennis. Welcome back, Dennis!

(During our meeting, there will be a silent auction of plants donated by Dennis.)

W. Stimmell

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From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

Our Oct. 1 meeting was fun! I called on **Joe Bacik** to serve as the auctioneer of the donated “huge, neglected cattleyas”, and he didn't refuse. Thanks, Joe!

We were very pleased to see Pamela Albright and Diana Sibley. Pamela has been available to attend a few meetings this year, and it was the first meeting in a long time that Diana was able to attend a meeting. We know that Diana read our October newsletter because she knew about the auction of the large plants at low prices, and she came prepared to buy as many as she could.

Earlier on meeting day, **Bob MacLeod** helped me bring the huge plants to our meeting. Thanks, Bob! There were NONE of the huge plants left at the end of the meeting. That made me very happy because then I had room in my greenhouse for the sale plants for our October show.

During the meeting, I also mentioned that I had finished the king size quilt for our raffle drawing at our December 3rd fund-raiser meeting. Tickets will be available at our orchid show, at our November 5th meeting, and on December 3rd. Buy tickets! I can only complete a quilt every two years (it's a LOT of work, and I do have a non-orchid life), and ticket sales are important to the financial health of our Treasury. Anyone can buy a ticket, even if they live out of state. I will mail the quilt to the winner. It doesn't get easier or cheaper than that for a beautiful gift for yourself or for a loved one. Soon there will be a picture of the quilt on our website.

On October 5th, 7 of our members set out for the Annual Morongo Basin Orchid Festival in Landers, CA. This year, two of our members were new to our festival program team: **Richard Holle** and **Bob MacLeod**. They were awed by the sheer size of the greenhouses and the huge number of plants in them. Although they were like kids in a candy store, the guys pitched in with the other 5 program team members and worked hard during our 6 repotting programs. In between programs, all of us hand-selected plants for our October show. The other 5 team members were: **Joe Bacik**, **Keith Mead** (who drove to Phoenix from Albuquerque), **Lou Ann Remeikis**, **Wilella Stimmell**, and **me**.

This was our 14th year of participating in the festival, and Chris Gubler said that since 1996, the year the first festival was held, this year was the most successful one. That's very good news for all of the participating charities.

The weather in Landers was warm and sunny. In previous years, sometimes the night temperatures were quite cold for “low desert rats”, but that was not the case this year. Although we were tired by the end of the festival, a good time was had by all! We're already planning for next year's trip to Landers.

Several of our program team members took pictures of our classes and of the greenhouses. It will be interesting to see which of them submitted photos for the color page in this newsletter.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our 50th anniversary orchid show will have taken place.

Our election of officers and trustees for 2013 will be held during our November 5th meeting, and our longtime friend, **Dennis Olivas**, will be our speaker.

See you on November 5th!

Julie



Welcome to California

Willie and one more milk jug

Chris and the Kids Program

Lou in Heaven



Bob at work



Willie with future botanist



Keith helping with the adult class



Richard teaching and Julie with a treasure !



Photos by Joe Bacik, Richard Holle and Keith Mead

OSA's Annual December Fund-raising Auction

Our **December 3rd fund-raiser** is rapidly approaching. We need donations of plants and orchid-related items from commercial orchid growers and from our members. This is one of our major sources of income in our calendar year, and it is our last fund-raiser for the year. If you contact commercial growers, PLEASE do not ask for donations unless you have personally purchased plants and/or orchid-related items from the growers that you contact.

Watering with Ice Cubes

Advice overheard at the recent Orchid Festival at Landers regarding this new fad....." Remember, most of these orchids are from the tropics.....when was the last time it rained ice cubes in the tropics?????"

October Raffle Donors

Julie Rathbun, Wilella Stimmell,
and non-members
Mark Obermayer, Penny Post,
and Eric Schecter

Thank You !

Botanical Garden orchid collection is brought back from the brink after Hurricane Katrina

Orchids aren't the prissy, particular plants that they're often believed to be, but like any living thing, they have basic needs if they are to survive. So when brackish waters unleashed by Hurricane Katrina levee failures filled the New Orleans Botanical Garden's greenhouses and Conservatory, and storm-associated power outages disabled watering and ventilation systems, even the hardiest of orchids succumbed to the hostile conditions. Within a week or two, the garden's orchid collection dwindled to a handful of specimens.

Now, thanks to volunteer Richard Bergeron and his dedicated colleagues, the orchid collection has been reborn, growing from a handful rescued by orchid lovers after the storm to a thriving Conservatory exhibit of more than 100 specimens.

R. Stephanie Bruno September 28, 2012
http://www.nola.com/homegarden/index.ssf/2012/09/botanical_garden_orchid_collec.html

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Nomination Committee's 2013 Slate of Officers and Trustees

The election of the Orchid Society of Arizona's Board of Directors for 2013 will be held during our regular November meeting (November 5, 2012). The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following list of candidates:

President: Julie Rathbun

1st Vice President (In-house Program Chairman): Bob MacLeod

2nd Vice President (Outside Speaker Program Chair): Joe Bacik

Secretary: Barbara Parnell

Treasurer: Wilella Stimmell

Trustee: Terri Jackson (Term expires 12/2013)

Trustee: Rhonda Woodward (Term expires 12/2013)

Trustee: Randy Ricardi (Term expires 12/2014)

Trustee: Richard Holle (Term expires 12/2014)

The Nominating Committee is encouraged by the ever-increasing number of newer OSA members willing to become involved, and who understand that maintaining OSA's status as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization is predicated on our continuing focus on community service.

We believe the slate proposed for the upcoming election represents a strong, united, and dynamic team. We are very pleased that our current officers have consented to run for another term.

OSA members thank the two retiring Trustees for their dedicated service: Carol Erwin and Chris Gubler. A special thanks to Chris because he has held his Trustee position while living and operating his business in Landers, CA. He took this position seriously and was always involved in the decision-making process involving allocation of OSA funds.








Respectfully submitted by:

Lou Ann Remeikis, Chairperson

Barbara Parnell

Pamela Albright

OSA November 2012 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 OSA Meeting 7:00 PM	6  Nancy Ramsey	7	8	9	10
11  Jo Anne Waddoups	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 	23	24  Madeleine Heberling
25	26	27  Rhonda Woodward	28	29  Terri Jackson	30  John Atwood	



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