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NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be

Monday, November 4th 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

Terri Jackson

Snacks

**Carol Erwin and
Lou Ann Remeikis**

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Board Meeting:

November 24th at 1 PM

at the home of Randy Ricardi

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

TERRESTRIAL ORCHIDS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dr. John Alcock, Regents' Professor Emeritus of Biology at Arizona State University will present a PowerPoint program on the biology and conservation of the terrestrial orchids of Western Australia. He will tell us how to search for orchids in this remote part of the world and also discuss what is fascinating about these often inconspicuous but beautiful plants. His presentation will be illustrated with his own photos.

Although John's research deals primarily with the evolution of diversity in how male insects find and acquire mates, he has an intense interest in plant natural history, particularly with respect to orchids. John has traveled extensively within Western Australia, and since 1985, he has made twelve trips to this orchid-rich corner of the world. His most recent trip to Western Australia was in the summer of 2011.

Among other books which John has authored, in November, 2005, AN ENTHUSIASM FOR ORCHIDS: Sex and Deception in Plant Evolution, was published.

This will be John's fourth presentation for OSA. He last spoke to us in February, 2011. Welcome back, John!

W. Stimmell

October Raffle Donors

Joe Bacik, Carol Erwin, Richard Holle, Keith Mead,
Bob MacLeod,
Lou Ann Remeikis, and Wilella Stimmell
Thank You !

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From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

Because we didn't hold a meeting on Labor Day, most of our members were not aware of the many e-mails flying back and forth between our program team members who had committed to help with the 6 repotting programs that we usually present at the Morongo Basin Orchid Festival in Landers, CA. On October 4, we were loaded and ready to go earlier than we ever started previous journeys to Landers. . This year's program team consisted of: **Joe Bacik, Richard Holle, Keith Mead, Barbara Parnell, Lou Ann Remeikis, Wilella Stimmell, and me.** Thanks to all team members for their hard work!

Prior to our departure, I had to figure out what to do about my Yorkies. One was pregnant, and a couple of others had been attacked more than once by their own pack members. Their behavior was puzzling to me because they never had a problem living together as a pack. I left the pregnant one with a friend, and took 2 others with me. The dogs left at home did not fight with each other!

After our October 7th return and following our October 7th meeting, I have two beautiful, healthy Yorkie puppies – a male and a female. If anyone is interested in a puppy, let me know!

The program for our October meeting was a PowerPoint presentation by **Joe Bacik**, our video expert! Thanks, Joe! Since we have so many new members who have never been to Gubler Orchids or the orchid festival, they now have an idea of the work that we do at the festival. This was our **15th** year of participating in the festival. We tried a couple of new ideas this year. One program was an arrangement class where the participants chose 2 Phalaenopsis plants with different colored flowers and added greenery with the plants in a fancy container. The other new idea was for the repotters to select either a Dendrobium or a Phalaenopsis. At least one person took 3 classes: for one class, she repotted a Dendrobium; for another, she repotted a Phalaenopsis; and she also took the arrangement class! Unless Chris Gubler objects, for next year's festival, we'll again offer the either/or option.

During our October meeting, I announced the date for the rescheduled **Fred Rathbun Horse Show** (formerly known as the Equestrian Special Olympics): **November 2**. The event is held at the Western Saddle Club, 12425 N. 7th St., Phoenix. The hours are from 9 AM – 2 PM. If any of you can help, I would consider it a personal favor. If you can't walk around the arena and serve as a spotter for the participants on horseback, you can work the lunch line! (For those of you who don't know, until his death, my husband was an active member of OSA.) If you need further information about the horse show, contact me by e-mail or phone.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will read a recap of our October orchid show.

For our November 4 meeting, Dr. John Alcock will be our speaker. During the meeting, we will also hold our election for 2014 officers and 2 trustees.

Our December meeting is our annual fundraising meeting with a greatly expanded refreshment table. This year the date is **December 2**. Our members already have donated: a gorgeous laptop quilt stitched by Jo Anne Waddoups, orchid note cards crafted by Phillip Liu, and sheet music donated by Pamela Albright. But we need a lot more donations of either plants or other orchid-related items.

See you on November 4!

Julie

Harvest of Orchids

The 2013 Orchid Show and Sale is now history and it was a success! There were visitors from as far away as Flagstaff and Casa Grande as well as a visit from two of the members of the Desert Pointe Garden Club, Josephine Vincze and Judy Tolbert. A big "Thank You" to the volunteers that not only helped set up the displays and tables the day before, but also turned out on the show and sale days. They were Julie, Willie, Barbara, Joe, Richard, Randy, Bob, LouAnn, JoAnne, Dolly, Terri, Dean, John, CeCe and Susan. There were two raffles going on during the show. The raffle plant was won by our own member Dolly! We also featured raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt hand made for OSA by JoAnne Waddoups. Tickets for the quilt will be available up to our December 2nd auction and will be given away that night. Much appreciation to LouAnn for her work with the advertising. Many people mentioned they had seen her (and Julie) on various television shows. All in all a very successful Show and Sale! Now on to the December Auction!

Barbara Parnell
Show Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wilella Stimmell

As you noted in Julie's President's Message, the Fred Rathbun Horse Show is scheduled for November 2.

We have one other community service event scheduled for **November 11 at 7 PM** for the **SUN CITY ROSE AND GARDEN CLUB**. This is an Orchids 101 program, and it is the last program on our schedule for this year. For this program, we need a blooming phal to use as a door prize. If anyone has a plant to donate for the program, please bring it to our November 4 meeting.

We already have an Orchids 101 program scheduled for January 16, 2014. We have one other open date for a program in January, and we can schedule two programs in February. When passing the word about our school and adult programs, remember that we operate on a first come, first serve basis!

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The Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers and Trustees for 2014

The election of OSA's Board of Directors for 2014 will be held during our November 4th, regular monthly meeting.

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 Chairman): Joe Bacik

Secretary: Barbara Parnell

Treasurer: Wilella Stimmell

Trustee: Terri Jackson (Term expires 12/ 15)

Trustee: Dean Toms (Term expires 12/ 15)

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

We believe the slate we have proposed for the upcoming election represents a strong, united, and dynamic team.

All members of OSA thank retiring Trustee Rhonda Woodward for her dedicated service.

Our other two Trustees, Richard Holle and Randy Ricardi, will continue to serve until their terms expire in 12/ 14.

Respectfully submitted by:

Terri Jackson (Chairman)

Bob Blue (Member)

Dean Toms (Member)

HARVEST OF ORCHIDS

Photos by Randy Ricardi



OSA November 2013 Calendar

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



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