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NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be
Monday, November 3rd at 7:00 P.M.

Meetings are held at th

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 – Gary Law
snacks – Lou Remeikis and
Wilella Stimmell**

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Barbara Parnell (602) 451-5952

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Jo Anne Waddoups 480-654-9883

Board Meeting

**Sunday, November 23rd 1PM
at the home of
Randy Ricardi**

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Classic Cattleyas That Stand the Test of Time

**A PowerPoint presentation by
Dr. John Atwood of Bridgewater, VT**

John Atwood was Director of the Orchid Identification Center at Selby Gardens from 1982 to 2000, continuing as a contracted worker from Vermont until 2003. During these years he worked on orchids of Costa Rica with Dora Emilia Mora and Robert L. Dressler, and also on pollination biology of Paphiopedilum. After a short career as a gardener, he became an organ builder and church organist. He is currently organist/choir Director for the Congregational Church of Bradford in addition to serving as organ builder to A. David Moore, Inc. He now grows a small collection of about 20 orchids as a hobbyist.

John T. Atwood

Editor's Note: John Atwood last spoke to us in October, 1997.
Welcome back, John!

October Raffle Donors

Gary Cauble, Bob MacLeod, Keith Mead, Julie Rathbun,
Randy Ricardi, Wilella Stimmell, and non-member, Mike Sielaff

Thanks to All !

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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 that recently a yellow tape had been placed in front of the front doors to prevent entry through the front at the veteran home. New entry doors are being installed and are not yet operational. When we arrived at the veteran home for our Oct. 6 meeting, it was a matter of finding the correct entry door – on the west side.

Our program team members were tired after arriving home that afternoon from Landers, CA, but we had just enough energy left for our meeting. Our program team members who helped with the 6 repotting programs that we usually present at the Morongo Basin Orchid Festival in Landers, CA, were: **Joe Bacik, Dean Toms, Keith Mead, Bob MacLeod, Lou Ann Remeikis, Wilella Stimmell, and me.** Thanks to all team members for their hard work! In the 16 years that our program team participated in the Morongo Basin Festival, this was the first time that males outnumbered females. On the way to Landers, the males helped me change a tire on the trailer. Males are very handy!

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 **16th** year of participating in the festival. The first program was a children's program. The other 5 programs were repotting programs for adults.

Thanks to Chris Gubler and Heidi Gubler Brodeur for their generosity and help!

During our October meeting, Barbara Parnell passed around a work sign-up sheet for the show. If you missed signing up to work, call Barbara or me.

Also, I asked for a volunteer to bring a beverage for our Nov. 3 meeting. Gary Law volunteered. Thanks, Gary!

On Nov. 3, Dr. John Atwood, of Bridgewater, VT, will be our speaker. John and his wife, Donna, will be my houseguests for 3 nights. I know that John lives on a farm, but I don't think that he has any animals. He grows plants. It might be fun to see if I can coax him to ride one of my horses. I might also assign him some other "farm" tasks.

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

During our November 3 meeting, we will also hold our election for 2015 officers and 2 trustees.

Our December meeting is our annual fundraising meeting with a greatly expanded refreshment table. This year the date is **December 1.** We need donations of plants and/or orchid-related items. If you don't have either of those items to donate, please bid on auction items. This is our **last** major fund-raiser for the year.

See you on November 3!

Julie

Community Service Program

By Wilella Stimmell

Our last community service program for 2014 will be presented at the **White Tank Branch Library**, 20304 W. White Tank Mountain Rd., Waddell, AZ. Hanna Bozhko, the Librarian who contacted us, requested a **Sat., November 15 program at 10:30 AM**. This will be a repotting program for approximately 50 students. Family members are welcome to attend the program, but only one person per family will be repotting a phal seedling.

Please save empty gallon plastic water jugs for us to use. We used up all of our extra jugs for the children's program at the Morongo Basin Orchid Festival.

Thanks to Kim Michels (Julie Rathbun's daughter) for mentioning our program to Hanna!

To date, we already have 3 programs scheduled for 2015!



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SUNSET ROTARY YUCCA VALLEY

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL NON PROFITS

Congratulations to the Sunset Rotary Club of Yucca Valley on record fundraising at this year's Morongo Basin Orchid Festival. This year was the nineteenth annual event and raised \$16400 for local charities. The 20th Annual Morongo Basin Orchid Festival will be held on **October 3rd and 4th 2015**. It will also be the 40th anniversary of Gubler Orchids moving to the High Desert. You can expect one big celebration. (I will be there! ed)

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Cornell University Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP)

Part of the Pesticide Management Education Program

Shelf Life of Pesticides

<http://psep.cce.cornell.edu/facts-slides-self/facts/gen-peapp-shelf-life.aspx>

Pesticides left over after the garden season can pose a storage problem. Safety is of course, a concern and all pesticides should be stored out of the reach of children and under lock and key if possible.

Since many home gardeners may use only small quantities of a chemical in any given season, the question often arises. How long can I keep my chemicals before they lose their effectiveness. A study of information by chemical manufacturers by J. Capizzi provides information on ranges of shelf life for pesticides. (Source: J. Capizzi, OPEW, Vol. XI, No. 3)

All companies contacted in the study recommended not storing pesticides longer than two years.

Other recommendations are **to keep temperatures below 100 degrees F.** And **do not allow liquids to freeze. Keep chemicals in original containers and tightly sealed.** The following are estimates on the shelf life of various insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides.

Shelf life Pesticide (years)

<p>Comments -----</p> <p>Sevin, wp several flow-ables will settle Diazinon 5-7 Disyston 2 Malathion, wp indefinite decomposes under high temperatures Meta-systox-r 2 Methoxychlor, wp indefinite Imidan, wp 2-3 Benlate, wp 2 keep dry Captan, wp 3 Thiram, wp 4 keep dry, below 100 degrees f. Ammate, sol. Salt at least 2 no low temperature limit Casoron, 4g at least 2 Dacthal, wp at least 2 Roundup, liquid at least 2 stable below 140 degrees f., Do not freeze Kerb, wp at least 2 Paraquat, liquid indefinite very stable, do not freeze Princip, wp indefinite Surflan, wp 3 Treflan, g 3 loss 15 - 20 % activity when stored at 100 degrees f.</p>

It is also important to **regularly check stored pesticides, especially if you have stored them for more than a year. Some pesticides, if stored improperly or for too long a time, will not mix properly and may be ineffective. Watch for the following indications that your pesticides should be properly disposed of:**

Formulation	Signs of breakdown
<p>oil sprays emulsifiable conc.</p>	<p>sludge forms, solution separates Addition of water does not produce a milky solution</p>
<p>wettable powders dusts and granules</p>	<p>lumping, powder will not mix with water excessive lumping</p>
<p>aerosols</p>	<p>generally effective until nozzle clogs or propellant is dissipated</p>

The following are some suggestions for safe storage:

1. Be sure that caps are tightened securely on all bottles and cans. Eliminate leaky containers.
2. Do not store weed killers close to other materials such as wettable powders, dust formulations or granular insecticides. Some weed killers such as 2,4-d and 2,4,5-t are highly volatile substances and can contaminate other materials especially when confined in close quarters.
3. Store wettable powders, dusts and granules of pesticide products in a cool, dry place.
4. Do not store liquid pesticides in a place where the temperature will fall below 40 degrees f. Too low temperature may result in a breakdown of liquid material, and if the liquid should freeze, there is the danger that the glass containers will break.
5. Do not carry over pesticide products whose labels have been lost or are not complete and legible.
6. Above all, keep pesticide materials in a locked room or cabinet and out of reach of children and animals.
7. Glass bottles should always be stored within a metal can, not necessarily closeable, such as a coffee can. In the event the bottle breaks, the spillage will be contained.
8. Always purchase pesticides in a container size small enough to be used up within a season or less. This is the best method for reducing storage problems. Although this method may seem somewhat unecological, in the long run, it may prove to be a great savings when one looks at the previous six suggestions.

The Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers and Trustees For 2015

The election of OSA's Board of Directors for 2015 will be held during our November 2014, 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: Bob Blue (Term expires 12/ 2016)

Trustee: Randy Ricardi (Term expires 12/ 2016)

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 the two retiring Trustees for their dedicated service:
Randy Ricardi and Richard Holle.

Our other two Trustees, Dean Toms and Terri Jackson, will continue to serve until their terms expire in 12/2015.

Respectfully submitted by:

Randy Ricardi (Chairman)
Iva Dobson
Pat Miller

OSA November 2014 Calendar

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



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