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NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be
Monday, November 2nd 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- Joe Bacik

**Snacks - Lou Remeikis and
Randy Ricardi**

Refreshment Coordinators:

Barbara Parnell (602) 451-5952

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Board Meeting

Nov. 22 at 1 PM
at the home of
Julie Rathbun

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NOVEMBER

Our speaker for November will be Monique Mumaw. Monique is the owner of Loco 4 Coco LLC. She will be speaking to us about her line of CoConut Coir products. She is the Phoenix area distributor of Prococo products which are guaranteed not to require fresh water rinsing to use.

This brand of coir is used in Tucson by famous plant hybridizer and botanist Dr. Mark Dimmitt. Mark uses it for his orchids, cactus and adenium collections.

He has created a mixture of different Coir textures with the addition of pumice and vermiculite to supplant the minerals normally missing from the CoConut fibers.

Monique will bring both types of coconut coir along with Dr. Mark Dimmitt's signature mix for the meeting and they will be available for purchase.



Raffle Donors

Bob MacLeod, Brad Dana,
and Wilella Stimmell

Thanks to all for your support of this important fundraiser

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From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

For those of you who missed our October meeting, you didn't miss much from the CD on Laelias that we showed. Not all of our programs can be excellent and/or outstanding. Fortunately we had a guest in attendance, and she helped Dean Toms figure out how to show the CD using the Training Center's equipment. Dean also was guided by Joe Bacik by phone on how to use the equipment. But...without sound, and being so far away from the text besides the pictures, most of us had to be content to see the pretty pictures. We will **not** show that CD in future!

At least for this meeting, we had time to visit with our members! Dean Toms read the nominating slate for our November election. Thanks, Dean!

There will be a speaker for our November meeting.

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 17 years that our program team participated in the Morongo Basin Festival, this was the second time that males outnumbered females. Males are very handy and muscular!

Unfortunately, for the children's program, we had to turn away several children for lack of space. We're considering adding a second children's program for next year's festival.

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.

A recap of our October orchid show will have to wait until our December newsletter.

During our November 2 meeting, we will also hold our election for 2016 officers and 2 trustees.

If you are available, don't forget the Fred Rathbun Memorial Horse Show on November 7. Phone or email me for additional information.

Our December meeting is our annual fundraising meeting with a greatly expanded refreshment table. This year the date is **December 7.** 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 2!

Julie

The 20th annual Morongo Basin Orchid Festival was held Oct. 3rd and 4th, at Gubler Orchids. OSA has participated for 17 of the 20 years.

This year also celebrated the 40th anniversary of Gubler Orchids moving to the Hi-Desert and the final payment of a loan for the repairs that brought the business back after the 1992 Landers Earthquake. In other words, it was one big celebration. As always, there were tours of the greenhouses, live music, nonprofit booths, wine and cheese tasting, (ask Keith and Joe) fresh food and classes on orchid growing, transplanting and arranging, including a free class for children. The Orchid Festival is a fundraiser for the Hi-Desert's nonprofits. This year, local groups raised more than \$21,000 thanks to the big celebration.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

Wilella Stimmell

Our last community service programs for 2015 will be presented on **Saturday, November 21st**. The first program is scheduled for **10 AM** at the **Litchfield Park Branch Library**, 101 W. Wigwam Blvd.

The second program for the same day is scheduled for **1 PM** at the **White Tank Branch Library**, 20304 W. White Tank Mountain Rd., Waddell, AZ. Both programs will be repotting programs 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.

The Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers and Trustees for 2016

The election of OSA's Board of Directors for 2016 will be held during our November 2, 2015 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: Dean Toms

Treasurer: Wilella Stimmell

Trustee: Terri Jackson (Term expires 12/17)

Trustee: Ed Perregaux (Term expires 12/17)

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:

Terri Jackson and Dean Toms.

The Board thanks Barbara Parnell for her service to OSA as secretary.

Our other two Trustees, Randy Ricardi and Bob Blue, will continue to serve until their terms expire in 12/16.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dean Toms (Chairman)

Dana Floyd

Brad Dana

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OSA November 2015 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 OSA Meeting 7 PM	3	4	5	6	7 Fred Rathbun Memorial Horse Show
8	9	10	11  Jo Anne Waddoups	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20  Beverley Fender	21
22	23	24  Madeleine Heberling	25	26 	27  Rhonda Woodward	28
29  Terri Jackson	30  John Atwood					



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