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NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be

Monday, November 7th

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 by
Terri Jackson**

**Snacks by
Pat Miller/Tony Duran
and Wilella Stimmell**

Refreshment Coordinators:

Lou Ann Remeikis (602) 803-6889

Barbara Parnell (602) 451-5952

Board Meeting

November 20th at 1:00 PM
location to be announced

Grower on Call

Keith Mead
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November

ARID ADAPTED ORCHIDS

Chuck Hanson, a name you might recognize if you collected succulent plants, will present a program on arid adapted orchids. Chuck founded and ran Arid Lands Greenhouses in Tucson, AZ for thirty years and specialized in the sexual propagation of many species of succulent plants. During those thirty years many trips were made to East and South Africa and Madagascar. There were many spectacular orchids seen on these trips so when Arid Lands was sold it was only natural to start over with orchids. As this was a totally new direction the business was named Orchid Renaissance. After several years of growing orchids commercially it seemed time for a total immersion so he and his wife moved to Ecuador. His collection is primarily dendrobs, rupicolus laelias, bulbos, oeceoclades, and species from hot dry areas such as Australia.



Oeceoclades maculata

October Raffle Donors

Joe Bacik, Carol Erwin, Dolly Floyd
Bob MacLeod, Julie Rathbun and Wilella Stimmell

If anyone donated something and wasn't acknowledged here, please know that it was an error. We appreciate all donations!

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT !

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From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

For those of you who missed our October meeting, we discussed decoration ideas for our October show display and held a silent auction of a few of the plants that we purchased for our Oct. show.

At least for this meeting, we had time to visit with our members! We forgot to read the nominating slate for our November election, but you will find it in our Oct. newsletter, and of course, I will read it before we vote at our Nov. 7 meeting.

Chuck Hanson of Tucson will be our speaker for our November meeting. He knows a lot about growing orchids outside that tolerate our desert conditions.

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.** **Special thanks to Diane Puppato**, our member who lives in Solvang, CA. She had been wanting to help us with our programs and see Gubler Orchids, but this was the first time that she was able to join us. A friend loaned her his vehicle, and it took her 4 hours (driving alone) to Landers. She enjoyed the festival and hopes to see us next year. We also hope she can attend next year because she was a big help to us. Thanks to all team members for their hard work! Our first participation in the festival dates back to 1999, and we've never missed a festival between then and this year.

Thanks to Chris Gubler and Heidi Gubler Brodeur for their generosity and help! **(I'm keeping my President's remarks to a minimum so that we can devote this issue to photos from the festival – some from Diane and some from Joe!)**

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 7 meeting, we will also hold our election for 2017 officers and 2 trustees.

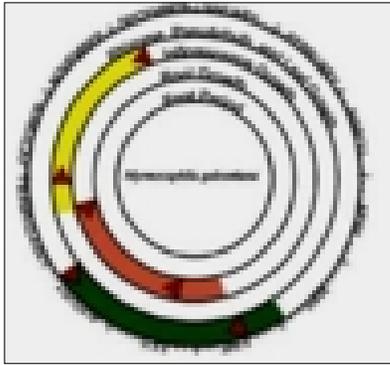
If you are available, don't forget the Fred Rathbun Memorial Horse Show on November 5. Phone or email me for additional information. (At the horse show, one of the features is a petting zoo. I have a new critter for the petting zoo: a hedgehog!) After our long trip back from Landers, Keith Mead and Joe Bacik assembled the hedgehog cage. Thanks, guys!

Our December meeting is our annual fundraising meeting with a greatly expanded refreshment table. This year the date is **December 5.** 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 7!

Julie

The Orchid Clock



Orchids have a cycle of life. The key to understanding the annual life cycle of a plant, and knowing how to respond to it, can be depicted visually as a clock.

Orchid growers know their plants will produce flowers at a certain time of year, and will grow new leaves and rhizomes at another. By charting these on a clock face, we can better respond to the needs of the plant in terms of fertilization, watering, etc.

Every species of orchid is different. Some orchids bloom in May and June, others flower in time for certain holidays. Some have blossoms that last for only a few days, while others last for months. Also, exact timing can depend on a number of factors, including the region of the world in which the plant lives.

This orchid clock should be duplicated for each species that you have. Here's how to chart a time cycle chart for every species in your collection. Begin by placing an arrow, pointing clockwise, at the time of year when a new inflorescence appears, and another arrow, pointing counterclockwise when the blooms fade. Place both arrows in the ring marked "Inflorescence Growth." Repeat this for the leaf growth ring and the root growth ring.

By seeing the times of the year when each of the significant growth patterns occur, we can now plan to fertilize our plants in a timely manner. To better visualize the fertilization patterns, use three different colors of highlighter marker pens: green for growth, yellow for blooms and pink for roots.

Start the highlighted area of the ring two–four weeks before the beginning and continue it to almost the end of the particular growth pattern. (There may be some overlap in ring colors.)

Fertilizers are identified with three numbers, which I refer to as "Shoots," "Fruits" an element needed for plant growth. The second number is phosphate (P₂O₅), a chemical shown to increase flowering (and fruiting). The third is potash (K₂O), a chemical needed for root growth, overall plant health and stamina.

During the "green" time of year, use a fertilizer that is 20-10-10. During the "yellow" time of year, consider a 10-20-10 fertilizer. The "pink" season calls for a 20-20-20 fertilizer. The last ring — entitled "Rest Period" — is when your plant needs to rest and muster its strength for the next year's growth. During Rest Period, fertilize and water sparingly.

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OSA November 2016 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 Fred Rathbun Memorial Horse Show
6	7 OSA Meeting 7 PM	8	9	10	11 Jo Anne Waddoups 	12
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