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## NEXT OSA MEETING

Meetings are held at the  
Encanto Park Clubhouse  
2605 N. 15th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona  
North of Encanto Blvd., on 15th Ave.  
Phone (602) 261-8993

The next regular society meeting will be  
Monday, October 3rd, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

OSA meetings are open to all  
plant enthusiasts

Refreshments will be provided.

This month's beverages by

Tatiana Macias

Snacks by

Ramona Jungwirth and

Wilella Stimmell

Refreshment Coordinators:

Julie Langston (602) 955-5694

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## OSABOARD MEETING

The next OSA board meeting

will be held at 1 PM

Sunday, Oct 23rd

at the home of

Barbara and Harry Parnell

The Board meeting will

be preceded by a show planning  
meeting at noon.

Please contact Barbara for directions.

Board meetings are open to all OSA  
members

Grower on call

Julie Rathbun

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## *October Program*

### The Fuqua Orchid Center and the Orchid Collection at the Atlanta Botanical Garden

Michael Wenzel, Plant Recorder and Fuqua Orchid Center Assistant for the Conservatory Department at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, Atlanta, GA, will present a PowerPoint program which will introduce OSA members to the Fuqua Orchid Center. The Conservatory Department, opened in 1989, has one of the largest public displays of orchids in the world.

Before coming to the Fuqua Orchid Center, Michael worked with both private and public orchid collections and also as an orchid wholesaler. For the past four years, he has been the Plant Recorder at the Fuqua Orchid Center.

Michael has grown orchids for over 15 years. He has a general interest in plants, but recent areas of specific orchid interest include Phalaenopsis and Bulbophyllum species.

Michael also serves as the instructor for orchid programs at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. For example, on September 8, he presented a seminar: Growing Orchids Outdoors in Atlanta.

Few OSA members have visited the Fuqua Orchid Center and might not know of its existence. This is a rare opportunity for OSA members to learn about the important work being done at the Fuqua Orchid Center.

This is our speaker's first visit to Arizona, so please extend a warm OSA welcome to Michael.

W. Stimmell

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# From the President's Desk

Norma Kafer

The temperature is finally out of the triple digits and have you noticed that the days are getting shorter? It seemed like in just a week it went from getting dark at 7:30 to 7:00 pm. And it seems like we are getting up later without the sun to wake us up early. We now enter the busy season after the summer lull.

Everybody seems to have so many commitments. But then, interesting people have lots of interests.

Teddy Cohen is doing a great job of organizing the show. People are pitching in to work and I know she appreciates the help.

It was nice to get up to Prescott to see the work the volunteers have done on the greenhouse. It seemed to be such an improvement from last year. It was neat and tidy, walks swept, lots of new plants, just showed a lot of effort and caring went into the greenhouse.

Pete and Jane Heckel were able to come for a visit and it was nice to see them.

Hope your summer was good and we're looking forward to the show in November.

Please contact Teddy if you are able to help or bring your expertise.

**The election of OSA's Board of Directors for 2006 will be held during our November 7, 2005 regular monthly meeting.**

**The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following list of candidates:**

<b>President:</b>	<b><u>Julie Rathbun</u></b>
<b>First Vice President (In-house Program Chairman):</b>	<b><u>Aaron Hicks</u></b>
<b>Second vice President (Outside Speaker Program Chairman):</b>	<b><u>Joe Bacik</u></b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b><u>Teddy Cohen</u></b>
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<b>Trustee:</b>	<b><u>Dan Kruger</u> (Term Expires 12/2007)</b>

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

**All OSA members thank the two retiring Trustees for their outstanding, dedicated service: Sharon Davis and Julie Langston.**

**The terms of our other two Trustees, Teddy Cohen and Barbara Parnell, do not expire until 12/31/06. (Note: Jennifer Schmitt, OSA's current Secretary, has agreed to complete Teddy Cohen's term as Trustee so that Teddy is eligible to run for the office of Secretary.)**

**Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:**

**Lou Ann Remeikis, Chairperson  
Bob MacLeod  
Julie Langston**

## Summary of September Program

If you missed our Sept. meeting, you missed a rare treat! Only two members of the audience had visited the Smithsonian's orchid collection which is contained in FIVE greenhouses at the Old Soldier's and Airmen's home. New greenhouses have replaced the old Quonset hut greenhouses. The collection includes approximately 10,000 plants. Five years ago, Tom Mirenda became the Museum Specialist for the orchid collection at the Smithsonian. His dedication to organizing the collection was evident in his PowerPoint presentation. He showed us pictures of spectacular, specimen plants and also shared anecdotes about "accidents" with the orchid collection.

Tom has invited OSA members to visit the Smithsonian's orchid collection. All that anyone needs to do is send him an e-mail or phone Tom. (A. Hicks and W. Stimmell have Tom's e-mail address and phone number.)

Special Thanks to Julie Langston for providing accommodation for our speaker. Tom had FIRST CLASS accommodations in a condominium that is centrally located and is suitably decorated to be featured in the pages of a national magazine! He loved every minute of his stay! Aaron Hicks and Julie not only served as tour guides for Tom, but also fed him during his stay in Phoenix! (Rumor has it that Tom has a very healthy appetite! Be sure to thank Julie and Aaron for their part in making our speaker feel that he was among friends who valued his time and effort in order to provide OSA members with an outstanding program!)

Tom also had an opportunity to visit the greenhouse at NAVAHCS in Prescott. He is the first speaker who has visited the greenhouse. Bill Starkman, greenhouse manager, was his usual hospitable self, and he gave Tom a tour of the greenhouse, garden, and orchard. Bill asked Tom for a consult on an almond tree in the orchard. The tree had NO leaves, but Bill kept hoping that signs of life would appear. The official diagnosis made by Tom was that the almond tree is DEAD.

Wilella Stimmell

## September Raffle Table Donors

Marleny Castillo, Bob MacLeod,  
Cynthia Schnitzer, Wilella Stimmell,  
and Sam Weinschenk

Donations from non members were  
received from:

Carolyn Phillips  
Ken and Judy Vincent

**THANK YOU ALL**

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# OSA October 2005 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  Dee MacLeod
2  Kathleen Luther	3 <b>OSA Meeting</b>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14  Sharon Davis	15
16	17	18	19	20  Kaila Bacik	21  Keith Mead	22
23 <b>Show planning and Board Meeting</b> 30	24 / 31  Harry Parnell	25	26  Peter Heckel	27	28	29



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