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## NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting  
will be **Monday, October 1st, 2007**  
at 7:00 P.M.

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

OSA meetings are open to all  
plant enthusiasts

Refreshments will be provided.

This month Cynthia Schnitzer will  
provide liquid refreshment

Snacks by

Diana Sibley and Seely Smith

Refreshment Coordinators:

Barbara Parnell (480) 948-0714

Mary Gannon (623) 878-4173

## OSA BOARD MEETING

Board Meetings

are open to all members

The next Board meeting will follow the  
noon show planning meeting  
October 21st at the home of  
Barbara and Harry Parnell

## GROWER ON CALL

Bob MacLeod  
(623) 935-4059

## October Program

### Low Tech Lighting to Yield High Quality Photos

Professional photographer and valued OSA member, **Doug Baldwin**, will present: **Low Tech Lighting to Yield High Quality Photos**

Members are encouraged to bring their cameras and lights, and/or plants to photograph.

Doug is one of Arizona's most experienced hi-tech and corporate photographers. With 27 years of experience, Doug has worked on photographic projects for some of the largest corporations in Arizona. In 2002, Doug's photographic expertise, professionalism, and artistry resulted in his selection as a recipient of the Arizona Commission on the Arts Fellowship. Check out: [www.azarts.gov/artists/2002/baldwin.htm](http://www.azarts.gov/artists/2002/baldwin.htm)

October 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Doug will be presenting a photography course for glass artists at the Pittsburgh Glass Center in Pittsburgh, PA.

W. Stimmell

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## From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

For those of you who attended our September 3rd (Labor Day) meeting which was held in Liberty Hall at the Arizona State Veteran Home, each of you received a Phrag seedling to repot from a compot which OSA purchased for the meeting, received culture tips from Aaron Hicks who conducted the repotting session, and you also received EVERYTHING that you needed to repot your seedling. Thanks to Aaron; thanks to Bob MacLeod for donating the sphagnum moss; and thanks to Wilella Stimmell for donating the pots, fir bark mix, name tags, and a take-home culture sheet for all those who wanted a culture sheet.

Also during the meeting, we had a large selection of Cattleya hybrids donated to us by **ORCHIDS ALIVE**, of Oceanside, CA. (I've been told that in the near future Orchids Alive plans to relocate to Nevada where the temperature is warmer than in Oceanside.) Thanks Teri (owner of Orchids Alive) for the donation of plants which were placed on our raffle table. (Those of you who attended our December, 2006 fund-raiser might recall that Orchids Alive donated a large assortment of plants for our auction!) We greatly appreciate your generosity and support for our community service agenda. But wait! There's more! Paul and Sally Hunt, owners of **COASTAL GARDENS**, Corpus Christi, Texas, sent us a HUGE box of plants. (We like donations whether they are few plants or many.) The unsolicited donation was "VERY SMALL" compensation for how kind OSA had treated Sally and Paul when they spoke to us in January, 2003. We placed some of the plants on the silent auction and some of them on the raffle table. Sally told us that the color of the Doritis pulcherrima flowers could range from purple to white. We hope that those members who won Doritis plants will let us know the color of the flowers of their plant. (For culture information of Doritis pulcherrima, check the Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia: <http://orchidspecies.com/index.htm> )

We had more plants from Coastal Gardens than space for them on the silent auction table, so it's not too late for you to purchase one of the plants. We will place more plants on the October 1st silent auction table. Among the plants are Vanilla planifolia starts. Sally told us that she dipped each piece in rooting compound, wrapped the dipped end in sphagnum moss, and then used clear, plastic wrap to hold the sphagnum in place. (The retail price for V. planifolia starts is \$15.00 PER start! Ours are bargain priced!) Sally also donated the FIRST items for our DECEMBER FUND-RAISING AUCTION: unframed lithograph sets. She sent those to us about a month before she sent the humongous box of plants.

During our September meeting, Stewart Matthews, one of the ASVH residents, arrived in time to enjoy some of our refreshments and also provided us with some additional fun. During our raffle ticket drawing, Stewart sat quietly in his wheelchair and held up a white ticket. I spotted the ticket and was confused, so Stewart was asked about his ticket. He said that he had won it during a bingo game, and he thought that it couldn't hurt to see if any of the numbers on his ticket matched numbers on our pink tickets! He couldn't have taken care of an orchid, but Barbara and Harry Parnell had placed a couple of succulents on the raffle table. Jennifer Schmitt won one of the succulents and donated it to Stewart. He was VERY happy to receive the plant because he said that he needed a birthday gift for a female resident friend. Thanks, Jennifer, for making one of our veterans so happy! (After the end of the meeting, Stewart couldn't let us depart before he told us a joke! He's the resident "jokester" at ASVH!)

We are preparing for our trip to the 11th annual Morongo Basin Orchid Festival. Keith is flying into Phoenix from Albuquerque and will join our small but dedicated group. Early Friday morning, October 6, we will depart Phoenix and drive to Landers, CA. For those of you with internet access, check out the September 7th feature story about Gubler Orchids that was published in "Inland News" (News for Inland Southern California). The upcoming Orchid Festival is mentioned in the article.

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For our October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, we are very pleased that Doug Baldwin will be presenting a photography program!

See you on October 1<sup>st</sup>!

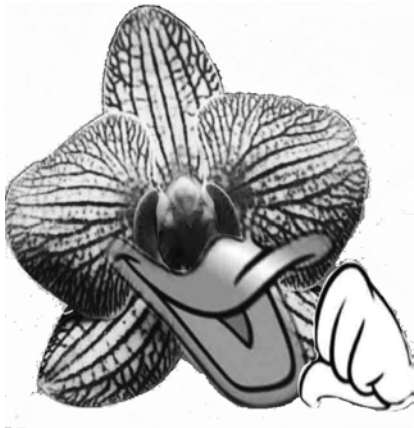
Julie

## SHOW NEWS

Don't forget about the upcoming OSA Show scheduled for November 3 & 4th! We need you to help with the set-up on Friday, November 2nd at the Encanto Clubhouse from 1 to 5pm! Also we need YOU for a little time during the show & last but not least please bring Disney related items to use in the show displays and be sure to have your name on the bottom of the items. There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers at the October meeting.

Hope to see you there!

Barbara Parnell  
Show Chair



ANNUAL ORCHID SOCIETY OF  
ARIZONA SHOW!

NOVEMBER 3 AND 4

**This year's theme**

**Orchids and Disneyana**

**Join in the fun at Encanto Park  
Clubhouse!**

**Get Involved !**

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wilella Stimmell, CSP Coordinator

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, **FRANK BOPP, JULIE RATHBUN**, and I presented an Orchids 101 program for the **SUN LAKES GARDEN CLUB**, Sun Lakes, AZ. In March, 2004, we had presented a program for this garden club, but their program director was not a member of the club at that time. In fact, when I asked the audience how many had heard our previous program, only 4 people of the approximately 40 members in attendance indicated that they had heard our program. Some of the members in attendance had some experience with growing orchids, but they were having trouble getting their blooms to rebloom. Frank, Julie, and I answered **many** questions, and by the response from the members of the large audience, our program was appreciated. We had several fragrant orchids on our display table, and they were greatly admired by the garden club members. We were pleasantly surprised when we were presented with a donation check! The funds will be earmarked for future community service programs.

On **October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**, 5 OSA members will present 5 hands-on repotting programs (3 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday) for visitors to the **Morongo Basin Orchid Festival**. This event is held annually at Gubler Orchids, in Landers, CA. The festival is an important event for us, and those of us who make the trip **always** enjoy ourselves. Keith, consider this your "advance" notice that you have been chosen to write a review of the festival for our November newsletter. Thanks!

We have already started scheduling programs for 2008!

**Our school programs "exported" to South Africa:** We received a request from a PhD student studying at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England. Lauren Gardiner participated in the International Orchid Conservation Congress II which was held in 2004 in Sarasota, Florida. Lauren was asked to speak during the Cape Town Society conference and show on September 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Her topic: "The future of orchid conservation: how young people can make a contribution". Lauren said that she immediately recalled my demonstration in Sarasota about the work that we do with school children. Of course we had no objection to her use of our mission statement and the photos of our school programs that were uploaded onto OSA's scrapbook on AFGC's website.

### SEPTEMBER RAFFLE TABLE DONORS

**Bob MacLeod,**

**Barbara and Harry Parnell,**

**Julie Rathbun, Wilella Stimmell,**

**ORCHIDS ALIVE and COASTAL GARDENS**

**THANKS TO YOU ALL!**

## INTERNET ORCHID SPECIES PHOTO ENCYCLOPEDIA NEEDS FINANCIAL HELP

<http://orchidspecies.com/index.htm>

As of 9/6/07, Jay has posted photos and cultural information for 7045 species in 683 genera!

The subscription system of \$10 per year has helped Jay purchase new books and reference material which he uses to keep the website updated. As new references become available, he needs funds to be able to purchase them. New unordered books will cost close to \$1000. All funds previously donated to Jay were used to defray website costs as well as enable him to purchase more than 12 new books. He uses any donation to purchase books or pay internet costs. Not a cent is used for personal gain. If you want to keep this site with the most up to date references, then please send in your subscription!!! He needs our help to keep this invaluable website as up to date as possible, and if you reference the IOSPE, it is only fair that you help defray Jay's costs! Please send your check to: Jay Pfahl, 301 Duval St, Key West FI 33040 OR send your donation via Paypal c/o [jfal@sprynet.com](mailto:jfal@sprynet.com)

As of 9/10/07, the IOSPE Subscribers List has only # 190 subscribers. (On 9/6, there were 171 subscribers, so Jay's appeal for funds appears to have had a small amount of success.) But you who use the IOSPE on a regular basis and do not offer to help Jay keep this tremendous resource as current as possible, might want to consider that if Jay can no longer afford to purchase new books and to pay for internet expenses, all of us might lose access to this invaluable website.

W. Stimmell

## West Valley Rose Society presents "All that Glitters Are Roses"

**Rose and arrangement show  
November 24, 2007**

Glendale Civic Center  
5750 West Glenn Drive  
Glendale, AZ 85301-2559  
Open to the public 1pm to 4:30pm  
Contact  
Heidi Leavitt -Show Chairmen  
[Htrose3@cox.net](mailto:Htrose3@cox.net)  
602-971-0179

There will be hundreds of rose entries, with one to multiple rose stems, and over 40 arrangements

We will be giving 15 minute rose show tours, at 1pm , 2pm , and 3pm.

explaining, how a rose receives a blue ribbon or trophy, and why some get to the trophy table.

We will have talented Art vendors selling there rosie wares, everything from carvings, stained glass, etched glass, jewelry, clothing, paintings, etc. This is the opening weekend of Glendale Glitters.

Come enjoy the fun, there will be shuttles available to the public to the park.

## The Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers and Trustees for 2008

The election of OSA's Board of Directors for 2008 will be held during our November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 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): **AARON HICKS**

2nd Vice President (Outside Speaker Program Chairman): **JOE BACIK**

Secretary: **BARBARA PARNELL**

Treasurer: **WILELLA STIMMELL**

Trustee: **FRANK BOPP** (Term expires 12/2009)

Trustee: **SEELYE SMITH** (Term expires 12/2009)

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 retiring Trustees for their dedicated service:

**Jim Lauck** (who resigned his position on July 12, 2007), **Doug Baldwin** (who completed Jim Lauck's term as Trustee), and **Bob MacLeod** .

Our other two Trustees, **Marleny Castillo** and **Mary Gannon**, will continue to serve until their terms expire in 12/2008 .

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Johnson (Chairman)

Ann Cherny

Keith Mead

## CREA Field School

“The CREA Field School is located within the Cocobolo Nature Reserve which is set in the heart of rural Panama within the Mamoni River watershed. It covers over 1000 acres of primary and secondary rainforest and harbors endangered wildlife such as ocelots, margays, crested curassows and harlequin frogs to name a few. Within the reserve are important headwaters of the Mamoni River.

The field school, built in 2006, is a rustic complex of wooden sleeping huts and a main meeting hut. Its design is inspired by indigenous architecture but is also intended to demonstrate low impact living. Our electricity is generated by solar energy and our toilets are designed for composting so that eventually organic wastes will be recycled back into the earth and be used to fertilize our crops. In 2007 the school began to plant vegetable and fruits and it is hoped that in a short amount of time the school will be using a large proportion of its own produce.

The CREA field school is intended to house student groups of up to 16 people. It's close proximity to rainforest habitat and streams allow students to appreciate at first hand the splendour and variety of animals and plants that live there. This outdoor classroom is second to none in having the potential to demonstrate complex biological systems.

The CREA field school is also surrounded by four rural communities that practice subsistence agriculture. Each village has its own primary school where children learn up to the age of 12. Since families have very little money it is often impossible for children beyond the age of 12 to continue secondary education at schools located in a distant town.

It is hoped that school groups that visit Cocobolo will also participate in joint exercises with the local school and teenagers from the villages. Up until now the local children have learnt how to use binoculars and identify birds as well as how to monitor stream macro invertebrates as indicators of river quality. It is hoped that future school groups will also involve themselves in this outreach program and promote environmental stewardship amongst the local people. “

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# OSA October 2007 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Dee MacLeod</i> <i>Meeting 7 P.M.</i>	2 <i>Kathleen</i> <i>Luther</i>	3	4	5	6 <i>Morong Basin</i> <i>Orchid Festival</i>
7 <i>Morong Basin</i> <i>Orchid Festival</i>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Margaret</i> <i>Jones</i>	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Kaila Bacik</i>
21 <i>Final Show</i> <i>Mtg/Board</i> <i>Mtg</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 <i>Harry Parnell</i>			



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