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### NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting  
will be **Monday, October 5, 2009**  
at 7:00 P.M.

Meetings are held at the  
**Training Center**  
at the  
**Arizona State Veteran Home**  
4141 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Phoenix.

OSA meetings are open to all  
plant enthusiasts  
Refreshments will be provided.  
Beverages by  
**Barbara Parnell**  
Snacks by

**Seelye Smith and Lou Ann Remeikis**

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**Board Meeting 1:00 PM**  
**Sunday, October 25th**  
preceded by a  
show planning meeting  
at noon at the home  
of Julie Rathbun

## October Program

### **DVD of the Ghost Orchid pilot episode featuring Stig Dalstrom as the Wild Orchid Man**

This is a new nature series devoted to wild orchids and their habitats. Stig Dalstrom is an internationally known orchid curator, botanist, and artist, as well as a highly regarded friend.

From our comfortable seats in the veteran home, we will watch Stig search for the Ghost Orchid in the Florida swamp. Darryl Saffer of Studio Ray Productions, Sarasota, FL, filmed the pilot episode. (The fact that the DVD will be shown at our October meeting is mentioned on the home page of Wild Orchid Man)  
[www.wildorchidman.com/index.html](http://www.wildorchidman.com/index.html)

If you check the above home page, you will note the link to the DVD and a print of Stig's Ghost Orchid. **The print will be donated to our annual December fundraising auction!**

Wilella Stimmell

### **September Raffle Donors**

Bob MacLeod, Wilella Stimmell,

And non-members Mark Obermayer and Craig Pearson

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

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## From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

Did you ever have one of those days where your schedule seems to change from one minute to the next because you've committed to more tasks than you have time to do? I had one of those days happen on the day of our September meeting. For those of you who attended the meeting, you know that I was not there. In my absence, Aaron Hicks conducted the meeting. **Thanks, Aaron!** He didn't find out that he would be conducting the meeting until he arrived at the veteran home. I was sorry to miss meeting Dr. Lehr and hear his presentation about Japanese orchids, but I couldn't be in two places at once. I was confident that Aaron would conduct the meeting, but I had no other person to take care of my neighbor's horses.

Also, **thanks to Bob MacLeod** for picking up the slide projector that lives at my house. I have custody of the slide projector (few speakers use it), and Wilella has custody of the multimedia projector. We didn't know until the speaker arrived that he needed the slide projector, not the other projector.

By the time you receive our October newsletter, 5 members of our school program team will probably already be in **Landers, CA**. This year is our **11<sup>th</sup>** year of participating in the **Morongo Basin Orchid Festival**. Early in the morning on October 2, we start our journey. We will be taking my horse trailer and filling it with orchids for our November show! By default, I am in charge of selecting plants for sale at our show, so if any members have a gripe about my selections, please keep your comments to yourself. I will have worked hard to select a variety of plants for our show, and until another member puts in as many hours and as much labor as I do, it's poor form to be critical.

**The festival is open to the public on October 3 and 4.** During those two days, our team will present 5 programs for adults and 1 program for children. Those who intend to sign up to participate in one or more of the programs (last year a few people participated in more than one program) can sign up online. Check Gubler's website at [www.gublers.com](http://www.gublers.com) On the left side of the home page, there is a link to the Orchid Festival.

We will return to Phoenix on October 5, the day of our meeting. We'll be very tired, but fortunately the program for our evening meeting will be the showing of the DVD: The Wild Orchid Man in the Ghost Orchid Swamp. Stig Dalstrom IS the "wild orchid man".

Our **last** show planning meeting before our November show will be on **October 25 at noon** at my home. In addition to board members, I hope to see a few other members. OSA board members make sure that OSA remains in a healthy financial position, but it seems that our non-board members also leave ALL of the show planning to board members. I also know that some of our members have illnesses in their families, and that's a legitimate excuse for not helping with show planning, but I hope that healthy members show some team spirit!

See you on October 5!

Julie

IN MEMORIAM: CHARLES O.  
BAKER

It is with sadness that I report the August 30<sup>th</sup> death of Charlie Baker who died peacefully at his home in Portland, Oregon. His son, Bruce, notified us of Charlie's passing. It was Charlie's wish that there be no funeral nor even mention of his death in any obituary. However, Bruce is planning a memorial for an unspecified date in the future.

Charlie spoke to OSA in February, 2007. We shared the same love of life and people with warped senses of humor. I will miss Charlie's numerous, almost daily e-mail messages. Some were political in nature and some were downright knee-slappers, but whether serious or humorous, all of Charlie's messages revealed his attempt to interact with the world.

Margaret (Marg) Baker was Charlie's co-author of three volumes of ORCHID SPECIES CULTURE. Marg, Charlie's lifelong soulmate, died in 2003.

For additional biographical information about Charlie, see the February 2007 Arizona Orchidist, page 3. The sketch written by Charlie is humorous and is a gem to be treasured.

The orchid world has lost an extraordinary man. Although I know that Charlie didn't want his death to be "broadcast"...sorry Charlie!

Wilella Stimmell

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## **Press Release**

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Yucca Valley, California  
***The Yucca Valley Sunset Rotary Club and the Orchid Society of Arizona***  
***add more classes to the line-up at the Morongo Basin Orchid Festival.***  
***Orchid Class sign-ups begin today.***

The Orchid Society of Arizona (OSA) will be conducting Orchid classes at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Morongo Basin Orchid Festival on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>. This will be the Society's 11<sup>th</sup> year participating in the Festival. "The Orchid classes were so successful last year we were completely sold out. To respond the high demand for classes, the OSA will be adding an additional Class on Saturday," Festival founder Chris Gubler said. The OSA has introduced 4,500 Arizona and California school children (Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade) to orchids, as well as presenting programs for 29 Senior Centers, various garden clubs, and Veterans' homes.

The first class is for children ages 6 to 15, which will start at 10:15 am on Saturday (October 3<sup>rd</sup>). There is no charge for the children's class and class size is limited to 30 students. Participants will learn about orchids and their cultivation and construct a miniature greenhouse out of a one-gallon container. Each student should bring a clean one-gallon plastic jug. Participants will receive a 3" orchid free!

Also on that Saturday, the classes for teens and adults start at 11:15 am and continue at 1:15 and 3:00 pm. On Sunday (October 4<sup>th</sup>) classes begin at 11:15 am and 1:15 pm. This is a hands-on class, which lasts approximately one hour. Participants will select and transplant a blooming four-inch Dendrobium or Oncidium orchid into a six-inch container and will learn about cultivating orchids as well as caring for orchids at home. All the materials are included in the \$12.00 charge for the class that includes the results of your handy work -- a blooming orchid for you to bring home (a twenty-five dollar value).

Classroom proceeds go to the Orchid Society of Arizona's community education fund. "Without the funds that we receive from the Orchid Festival, OSA could not continue our community service agenda. To date, we have neither had to refuse any school the benefit of our hands-on repotting programs nor have we had to decline awarding scholarships for lack of funds. We owe sincere gratitude to the Orchid Festival for helping us replenish our education fund," OSA President Julie Rathbun said.

In order to provide individual attention to each person, space is limited to the first 30 participants per class and reservations are highly recommended. Sign-ups are taken on the Web at <http://www.sunsetrotary.org/orchidclasses.html> or call 866-Gublers for classroom reservations.

**The Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers and Trustees  
for  
2010**

The election of OSA's Board of Directors for 2010 will be held during our November 2 ,2009 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 J. Hicks

2nd Vice President (Outside Speaker Program Chairman): Joe Bacik

Secretary: Barbara Parnell

Treasurer: Wilella Stimmell

Trustee: Diane Norman (Term expires 12/2011)

Trustee: Debra Hartill (Term expires 12/2011)

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:

Seelye Smith and Frank Bopp

Our other two Trustees, Carol Erwin and Kimberly Levingston , will continue to serve until their terms expire in 12/2010 .

Respectfully submitted by:

Seelye Smith (Chairperson)

Bob MacLeod

Keith Mead

*DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?*

*Let me tell you!*







*Coming very soon (November 7th & 8th to be exact) to the Arizona State Veteran's Home nearest you (actually at 3131 N 3rd Street, Phoenix) will be OSA's annual orchid show and sale. This year's theme is "Hats Off To Orchids".*

*We need **YOU** to help make this year's show a success! Please start setting aside props to help set our stage for the show. Do you have hats, headgear, BLOOMING orchids or time you can lend for the cause?*

*There will be a show planning meeting and every member is encouraged to attend. The next meeting will be hosted by Barbara & Harry Parnell at their home Sunday, September 27th, at noon. The final show planning meeting will be October 25th at noon at Julie Rathbun's home. We would love to see as many of you attend as possible....and, of course, we're depending on **YOU** (OSA's Members) to make this year's show one of our best yet.*

*Call me anytime, Lou Ann (602-803-6889)*

# OSA October 2009 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GROWER ON CALL JULIE RATHBUN (602)843-0223				1  Dee MacLeod	2  Kathleen Luther	3
4	5 <b>OSA Meeting</b> 7:00 PM	6	7	8  Seelye Smith	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20  Kayla Bacik	21  Keith Mead	22	23	24
25 MEETINGS! SHOW AT NOON BOARD AT 1:00 PM	26	27	28	29	30	31  Harry Parnell



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