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NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be

Monday, October 1st 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

Snacks by Debra Hartill

Beverages by Karl Wyant

Refreshment Coordinators:

Barbara Parnell (480) 948-0714

Lou Ann Remeikis (602) 803-6889

Jo Anne Waddoups

480-654-9883

Show Planning Meeting

Sept 23rd at Julie Rathbun's Home

October Board Meeting:

Oct. 28 at 1 PM at Barbara Parnell's

new home

Grower on Call

Bob MacLeod (623) 810-3967

OCTOBER PROGRAM

We received a large donation of neglected orchids from a greenhouse grower who can no longer take care of his beloved plants. Although none of the plants have name tags in the pots, all are healthy and in need of repotting, and several of them are in sheath. Some of the cattleyas could be divided into several divisions. I picked up the very dry plants and transported them to Julie's greenhouse. For those of you who know that my vehicle is of sufficient size to transport a lot of plants, you might want to know that the donated plants filled the cargo area to overflowing! The following day, Julie and I tidied the plants for our October meeting. (We also received another donation of plants from a gentleman who donated plants and orchid-related items to us in 2005, before he moved to San Diego. He returned to AZ in 2009 and had been growing his orchids in his home. His new home does not have adequate lighting, so he sent me a message and told me that he would like to donate his well-cared for plants to us. His plants have name tags, and 3 or 4 of his plants might be added to the no-name plants in the October auction.)

Julie reported that since the neglected plants have been in her greenhouse, they have new growth and new roots. A humid environment can do wonders for orchids.

Because the plants have no name tags, we will start the bidding for the plants at \$5.00! This is an outstanding opportunity to get huge, healthy plants on the cheap. Plants that are not sold by the end of the evening, will be held for future raffles.

W. Stimmell

Welcome to the World

On August 14th, Ruby Joyce Stuff, daughter of OSA member,
Megan Stuff and her husband, Eric, was born

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Julie Rathbun

I hope that everyone had a safe Labor Day Holiday and that your orchids are still thriving regardless of our long, hot summer!

Considering that several of our worker bees were out of town, there was surprisingly good attendance at our August 6 meeting. And we were very pleased that Seelye Smith was able to attend our meeting! Considering her recent, serious health problems, she's very happy to be alive and well. The program for the evening was Part II of our library liquidation. Special thanks to Richard Holle for hauling the library books and refreshment supplies to our meeting. I asked for a volunteer to help with the auctioning of the library books, and a visitor, Dale Dobson, jumped to his feet and offered to help! For those of you who don't know, Dale is the husband of OSA member, Iva Dobson. It's a far drive from their home to our meeting place, and Iva didn't want to drive by herself. I'm guessing that in order to keep peace in the family, Dale agreed to drive with his wife. However it happened, we were very happy that he attended our meeting, and we hope that he returns! He was an excellent auctioneer, and when Wilella commented on various books in the auction, the banter between the two of them was good-natured and funny. Thank you, Dale!

During our meeting, I mentioned the fact that our LAST show planning meeting will be held on Sept. 23rd at 1 PM at my home. Unfortunately that information was not included in our combined August/September newsletter. (In a combined issue, an accidental omission can happen.) If possible, please plan to attend! If you need directions to my house, I'm only an e-mail or phone call away.

I also mentioned that our Editor, Keith Mead, has a new e-mail address. His new e-mail address WAS included in our combined issue. If anyone still has Keith's old (Comcast) address in your address book, delete it immediately and add orchidsinabq@gmail.com. As of Sept. 1, Keith is no longer a Comcast customer.

On Sunday, August 26, 5 OSA members made our annual trip to the Northern Arizona VA Health Care System greenhouse. Thanks to Barbara Parnell and Wilella Stimmell for serving as drivers. Members who made the trip were: Iva Dickstein, Terri Jackson, Barbara Parnell, Wilella Stimmell, and me. (There would have been several more members who had planned to join our caravan to Prescott, but life has a way of interfering with our plans.)

The weather on the ride to and from Prescott was sunny and beautiful. Also, it was about 20 degrees cooler than in Phoenix. All of us enjoyed the cooler temperature. Thanks to Cory Sanders, Community Living Center (CLC) Recreation Therapist, and his fellow staff members for bringing the patients from the (CLC) to the picnic area, and because they were early, we ate lunch earlier than usual. Everyone enjoyed the picnic lunch and thanked us. OSA provided the sandwich trays, and the OSA members who made the trip, provided drinks, chips, homemade cookies and brownies. Prior to the trip, Carol Erwin knew that she would be out of town, and she donated funds for a very large cake for our picnic. And last, but certainly not least, OSA donated a check for the VA greenhouse fund. A good time was had by all. Even my horses received a treat: from the VA orchard, I had picked up apples that had fallen on the ground. OSA members picked a few apples from the trees.

Before we departed the VA campus, we drove around several of the roads so that Iva and Terri could see the various buildings on the campus. The campus is the size of a small town! Some of the buildings are new, and some probably date back to the days when the campus used to be Fort Whipple, an Army base. The large greenhouse was added at least 25 years ago. In 2008, raised flower beds were placed in the garden so that patients in wheelchairs could enjoy tending plants. This year we noticed that the garden area was greatly reduced in size. New this year were the many, large solar panels that had been installed beyond the garden fence (on the far side of the panels is land belonging to the Yavapai-Prescott Indian tribe). The panels supply power for the VA buildings.

You won't want to miss our October 1 meeting! Thanks to a generous donor who found our website and contacted us, we will offer many huge overgrown plants (most are Cattleyas – some in sheath and all in need of repotting after they bloom - and Dendrobiums) at unbelievably low prices. These plants have no name tags in the pots, and that's one reason we will offer the plants at ridiculously low prices. The other reason for selling as many of the plants as possible is the fact that I need the space in my greenhouse for plants for our October 20 and 21 50th anniversary show. Our program team will be participating in the Morongo Basin Orchid Festival on October 6 and 7, at Gubler Orchids, Landers, CA. This will be our 14th consecutive year of participating in this outstanding charity event, and we will bring back a horse trailer filled with hand-selected plants for sale at our show.

Elsewhere in this issue, readers will find our show flyer and an article written by our Show Co-chair, Lou Ann Remeikis. Also in this issue, you will find the 2013 Nominating Slate of Officers and Trustees for our November 5th election.

See you on October 1!

Julie

OMG – THE ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW & SALE IS UPON US!!!

Where has the time gone? By the time you receive this month's newsletter, we will be on a count down to the show! This is the last opportunity I have to ask for your help in making this year's show and sale a huge success! Considering this year's show commemorates our Society's Golden Anniversary, it would be wonderful to have assistance from as many members as we can. FIFTY years is such a milestone for any society, particularly in these trying economic times.

Volunteers are needed in every facet of this event. If we have enough helpers, no one will be over worked. We have the need for set-up (Friday, Oct 19th), half-day or all day on Saturday and/or Sunday, and teardown Sunday after the conclusion of the show.

From experience, I know how exhausting it is to bring everything needed to the Arizona State Veteran's Home, set up all of the tables, getting them covered, hanging signs, setting up displays, prepare the refreshment area, plant hotel, and humping all the sale plants to Liberty Hall once Julie arrives with the trailer. This all has to be accomplished as quickly as possible on Friday's set-up date, and anything last minute has to be completed very early on Saturday and Sunday mornings before the door is open and the sales start. The more volunteer helpers we have, the faster it can all be done and the tasks won't fall on the shoulders of just a few.

There will be a "Show Sign-Up Sheet" at the October meeting. *Be thinking of your schedule and any time you can commit to that weekend.* Come to the October meeting with the ability to sign up to work some of the show schedule, if possible. It would be nice to see the Sign-Up Sheet full of names, with no time slots left blank!

Other than your time, we ask you bring any or all: blooming display plants, Golden Anniversary themed items (obviously not wedding related), packing materials (boxes, newspaper, plastic grocery bags for sale plants to be taken home in), cookies/snack items for the refreshment area and anything else you can think of that might be needed or would come in handy. It is better to have too many items available, whether they are used or not in the show. If possible, take show flyers at the October 1st meeting – passing them out or posting them on a community board in your neighborhood! As of our meeting date, we'll have less than three weeks to get the word out!

***PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON EVERY ITEM YOU BRING,
IF YOU INTEND ON HAVING IT RETURNED***

I sincerely appreciate any help you can provide in making this show and sale a success! It is only with your help this event will be successful!

Lou Ann Remeikis

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

We will present an Orchids 101 program on Monday, November 12, for the Nice Dirt Garden Club, in Wickenburg, at 1 PM. We will carpool to Wickenburg, and any program team members are welcome to participate. At the end of our program, we will hold a drawing for a blooming phal, for one lucky member in the audience. If anyone would like to donate a plant for the drawing, but can't otherwise participate in the trek to Wickenburg, bring the plant to our November 5 meeting. Since this notice is early, members have plenty of time to ponder whether he/she wants to donate a blooming phal.

**Introducing OSA's 6th Recipient
of our Deacon Bell Scholarship Fund
Matthew Blanford**

OSA is pleased to announce that Matthew is the first male to whom we have awarded a scholarship. Matthew is a graduate student at NAU and is a Forestry major.

As required by the Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs and OSA, students who receive scholarships must be residents of Arizona. (AFGC also requires a 3.2 grade point average for a student to qualify for a scholarship.) Matthew has a 3.35 grade point average. I have all of his transcripts, and the NAU Financial Aid Officer signed off on Matthew's need for funds for graduate school. He is majoring in a subject most closely aligned with OSA's objectives.

The NAU Financial Aid Officer projected Matthew's expenses for one year of grad school at \$21,000. Of that amount, he can provide \$8000, so he has a large deficit to cover. Deacon would be pleased with this candidate. It might seem like a "stretch" to make a connection between our major interest, orchids, and Forestry, but there are terrestrial orchids growing in our forests.

For those of you who don't know, Matthew is our 6th scholarship recipient; Dove Luidhardt was our 5th scholarship recipient. The 1st was Kristin Huisinga; the 2nd was Monica Hansen; the 3rd was Kathryn Mauz; and the 4th was Anne Estes. The first two recipients were students at NAU; the next two were students at U of A; and the two most recent - #5 and 6 - students at NAU.)

Special thanks to Mary Jo Wall, Arizona Federation of Gardens' Scholarship Chair, for her role in finding a suitable scholarship candidate for the Deacon Bell Scholarship. (For at least 18 years, Mary Jo has maintained communication with Financial Aid Officers at all three major universities in Arizona. Through her hard work, she has sent us the names of all six candidates whom we have selected to receive our Deacon Bell Scholarship.)

W. Stimmell

August Raffle Donors

**John Atwood, Richard Holle, Bob MacLeod,
Barbara Parnell, Julie Rathbun, Wilella Stimmell,
and non-member, Mark Obermayer**

Thank You !

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Nomination Committee's 2013 Slate of Officers and Trustees

The election of the Orchid Society of Arizona's Board of Directors for 2013 will be held during our regular November meeting (November 5, 2012). 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 Chair): Joe Bacik

Secretary: Barbara Parnell

Treasurer: Wilella Stimmell

Trustee: Terri Jackson (Term expires 12/2013)

Trustee: Rhonda Woodward (Term expires 12/2013)

Trustee: Randy Ricardi (Term expires 12/2014)

Trustee: Richard Holle (Term expires 12/2014)

The Nominating Committee is encouraged by the ever-increasing number of newer OSA members willing to become involved, and who understand that maintaining OSA's status as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization is predicated on our continuing focus on community service.

We believe the slate proposed for the upcoming election represents a strong, united, and dynamic team. We are very pleased that our current officers have consented to run for another term.

OSA members thank the two retiring Trustees for their dedicated service: Carol Erwin and Chris Gubler. A special thanks to Chris because he has held his Trustee position while living and operating his business in Landers, CA. He took this position seriously and was always involved in the decision-making process involving allocation of OSA funds.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lou Ann Remeikis, Chairperson

Barbara Parnell

Pamela Albright

OSA October 2012 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 OSA Meeting 7:00 PM Dee McLeod 	2 Kathleen Luther 	3	4	5	6 Morongo Basin Orchid Festival
7 Morongo Basin Orchid Festival	8 Seelye Smith 	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 50th Anniversary Orchid Show and Sale Kayla Bacik 
21 50th Anniversary Orchid Show And Sale Keith Mead 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Bob Blue 	29	30	31 Halloween 			



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ORCHID SOCIETY OF ARIZONA

Presents

OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY ORCHID SHOW AND SALE

October 20 and 21, 2012

Arizona State Veteran Home

Liberty Hall
4141 S. Herrera Way
(Formerly N. 3rd Street)
Phoenix, AZ

Free Admission

Sat. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sun. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Orchids, Supplies, Culture Information, Refreshments, Gifts, and Raffles

For more information, contact Lou Ann Remeikis, Show Co-chair at 602-803-6889

Or visit our website at www.orchidsocietyaz.org
for detailed map and driving instructions.

