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NEXT OSA MEETING

The next regular society meeting will be

Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 P.M.

Meetings are held at the

Training Center

at the

Arizona State Veteran Home

4141 N. S. Herrera Way, Phoenix.

OSA meetings are open to all
plant enthusiasts

Refreshments will be provided

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October Board Meeting:

Oct. 30 at 1 PM

at the home of

Barbara Parnell

Grower on Call

Bob MacLeod (623) 810-3967

OCTOBER PROGRAM

This issue of The Arizona Orchidist is dedicated in loving memory of Harry Parnell

It is with great sadness that I inform OSA members of the September 3rd sudden death of Harry Parnell. For 9 years, he and his wife, Barbara, have been hard, dedicated workers of our society. At our orchid shows, Harry played music on his keyboard to the delight of visitors who attended our shows. He was also willing to help with setting up and taking down our show displays.

In recent years, Harry's vision deteriorated, and Barbara drove him to deliver medical supplies to customers.

Harry is survived by his wife, Barbara, and children from a previous marriage. I hope that those of us who know Barbara will help her through this difficult period of her life.

At the time I submitted the In Memoriam for Harry, I had not yet seen his obituary in the Arizona Republic. When an obituary is published, I will bring a copy of it to our October 3rd meeting.

Julie Rathbun

October Program: Demonstration of OSA's School Repotting Program

Since we have so many new members or members who have not seen the demonstration that we did at our May, 2000 meeting, your Board of Directors thought it would be a good idea to schedule another demonstration. OSA will provide 99% of the items needed: seedlings, pots, potting medium, plastic grids, plastic bags, and lava rocks. **The only item that we ask each member to bring is a recycled empty, clear, plastic, gallon water jug.** There will be a sample water jug "greenhouse" on hand for you to duplicate. (We will be bringing the seedlings back with us when we return earlier in the day from Landers, CA.) To date, we have introduced **3525** AZ school children to orchids with this program. The originator of the water jug greenhouse was the late Deacon Bell. I'm sure that when he first mentioned the idea for the mini-greenhouse, he had no idea that we would take his idea and expand it throughout the state. Also, this will be the 13th year that our program team has introduced students to orchids at the 16th Morongo Basin Orchid Festival, in Landers, CA. And in 2004, our school program was demonstrated at the International Orchid Conservation Conference II in Sarasota, FL. At the IOCC II, graduate students from 21 countries were amazed at how simple it is to attract school children to orchids. Our school program team works with students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. This will be a fun program!

Julie Rathbun

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From the President's Desk

Julie Rathbun

Since we didn't hold a September meeting on Labor Day, and our August/September newsletter was a combined issue which was circulated in late July, many members will be reading about our August activities, for the first time, in this newsletter.

The program for our August 1 meeting was the showing of Francisco Miranda's CD: Orchids from the Brazilian Amazon. Thanks to **Joe Bacik** for his willingness to read the text that accompanied the photos. He requested that Wilella Stimmell sit next to him and pronounce the Latin plant names when the names appeared on the screen. Joe was not intimidated by the names; he simply stopped reading and waited for our resident Latin pronouncer to state the names.

Attendance at our August meeting was understandably light. It was hot outside, and I'm sure the heat kept some members who didn't want to venture out in the heat, at home. How hot was it? Well, to the best of my recollection, this was the first time that neither Bob MacLeod nor I brought any blooming plants for the display table.

During our August meeting, I mentioned that **Bob MacLeod** would handle any emergencies that might arise while 6 members of our traveling school program team were in Landers for the 16th Annual Morongo Basin Orchid Festival. We will return to Phoenix on Oct. 3rd, the date of our October meeting. (Our team departs Phoenix on Sept. 30, but the Orchid Festival is open to the public on Oct. 1st and 2nd.) We will be bringing back plants for sale at our annual October orchid show.

Fast forward to our August 21 field trip to the Northern Arizona VA Health Care System greenhouse in Prescott. (At 8 AM, when our caravan of vehicles departed from Phoenix, it was already hot!) As soon as we stepped out of our cars in Prescott, we welcomed the cool temperature. In the greenhouse, coffee was ready, and the tables in the picnic area had been covered with tablecloths. Those chores had been done by Troy, the greenhouse veteran in residence (for two months) at NAVAHCS. Shortly after our arrival, Ann Marie and Cory arrived from the Community Living Center unit. Ann Marie took custody of our donation check for the greenhouse account, and she and Cory transported the items donated by members to the CLC. At least 25 residents from the CLC joined us for lunch. I can't be sure, but I think that we had the largest group ever for our annual picnic. OSA provided 4 large trays of sandwiches, **Barbara Parnell** provided an assortment of potato chips and cookies, and **Wilella Stimmell** and I provided cakes for dessert. Drinks were provided by several OSA members. We were also very pleased to see our longtime friend, Betty Stephens, arrive to help with the patients. (After Betty retired...again...Cory assumed Betty's position in the CLC.)

This was the first year that little bees were numerous and especially pesky. They smelled the food THROUGH the containers. Troy thought that it would help reduce the number of bees if he took down the hummingbird feeders for a few days. He also said that he thought there was a swarm of little bees nearby. He should know. He used to be in the bee-keeping business with his dad. (But the bees that tried to enjoy our picnic were not honey bees.)

A good time was had by all in attendance, and the residents and staff members thanked us for our generosity. (Paula Moran, Supervisor of Recreation Therapy, was unable to attend our picnic because her husband had knee surgery two days before our visit. She said that he would be "very needy" for a couple of weeks.)

I hope that everyone had a safe, relaxing holiday on Labor Day and that our excessive heat warnings are finished for this year.

And last but certainly not least: A sign-up sheet for workers for our show will be passed around at our October meeting. If you cannot attend our October meeting but would be willing to work one or more shifts, PLEASE contact Lou Ann Remeikis, Barbara Parnell, or me. The success of our show depends on our members being willing to work!

See you on October 3rd!

Julie

ORCHID WORLD LOSES A PIONEER

Bob Gordon, author of numerous orchid culture books, passed away on September 2nd following a brief illness. Bob was an honorary OSA member for 29 years. He was a great supporter of our school programs and donated countless copies of his book *Beginners Guide to Growing Phalaenopsis Orchids*. The books are given to teachers participating in our programs and are used in the classrooms.

He enlisted in the Air Force in 1948, serving as an aircraft mechanic. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1954, and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1980. He also acquired a BA from Chapman University in 1972.

After retirement, his passion became phalaenopsis orchids. He became an authority on growing them, and traveled the U.S., Canada, England, and Australia on speaking tours.

Bob is survived by his wife of 11 years, Alice, his son, daughter, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at the Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Calif., on Monday, Sept. 12,

Donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or the American Orchid Society.

Electronic Newsletters

Many magazines, newsletters, and newspapers are now 100% digital. We might not like that, but companies and orchid societies, too, are trying everything to cut overhead. One way to do that is to issue only digital issues. The reason is necessitated by the reality of the current economy. So if you indicated an e-mail address on your application or renewal form, starting with the October issue, you will be receiving your issues of *The Arizona Orchidist* by e-mail.

August Raffle Donors

Frank Bopp, Bob MacLeod, Wilella Stimmell, the family of August Lorenzini, NAVAHCS greenhouse, and non-member, Mark Obermayer

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Meet OSA's Newest Deacon Bell Scholarship Recipient

Dove Luidhardt is a Forestry major in her Senior year at Northern Arizona University. Her family lives in Apache Junction, and Dove plans to continue to live in AZ – probably going for a Master's degree. Her GPA is 3.92.

Her projected expenses for her Senior year are \$10,933.00, and of that amount, her resources are \$2600.00. Our \$1500.00 scholarship per semester will help, but she still has a long way to go to meet her expenses. This summer, one of her required courses was Wilderness first Responder training. She writes: "While I have worked hard to pay off a great deal of my college costs, I am incredibly thankful for this generous scholarship money." 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. This year forest fires burned nearly 1 million acres in our state!

(Dove is 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, and the next two were students at U of A.)

At our August meeting, I read a Thank You card sent to us by Dove. In addition to stating again her sincere gratitude for our financial assistance, she said: "I am an avid nature enthusiast and am anxious to apply the skills I have learned in my college studies to the improvement and health of our natural environment. I appreciate the dedication the Orchid Society of Arizona has to the community and to helping college students like me."

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 15 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 five** candidates whom we have selected to receive our Deacon Bell Scholarship.)

W. Stimmell

OSA Wish List

- 1) **Workers for our October 15 and 16, 2011 annual Orchid Show**
- 2) **Donations of orchid-related items for our December 5, 2011 Annual Fundraiser Auction**
(Don't forget to contact commercial growers from whom you bought plants this year, and ask them if they would be interested in donating plants for our December 5 auction. We have already received a few donations, but we need more. Our December fundraiser is one of our major sources of income. OSA has not raised our membership dues since 1995. During that time, the prices for items that we purchase, have increased, but your Board of Directors decided that our Treasury would absorb all increases.)
- 3) **Donations of plants for our monthly raffle tables in 2012**

Our monthly raffle ticket sales are another source of our income. This year, we received enough donations of plants to place on our raffle tables without having to "sell" any plants from inventory to our raffle tables. Most of the donated plants are housed in the greenhouse of our President. Julie has informed me that the number of plants for the raffle table, is low.

The financial health of OSA is in the generosity and commitment of our membership. Many of our members do not attend board meetings, so those members probably do not know that **every** plant purchased by OSA is tracked by a paper trail. If plants from inventory are "sold" to the raffle table, then the cost of any plant on the raffle table that was in inventory, is **subtracted** from the total money from the raffle ticket sales. (In 2010, there were several months where the cost of the sale of plants in inventory, to the raffle table, was very close to being a "wash" [our purchase price of several plants was almost equal to the total of raffle tickets sold].)

Our members are not wealthy people, but even in this down economy, your society is asking for your help. If you find inexpensive plants for sale, purchase them to donate to our raffle table. Donated plants need NOT be in bloom. By maintaining bare bones overhead in the operating of your society, we have been able to donate generously to orchid expeditions, scholarships, and school programs.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, THANK YOU!

Wilella Stimmell. OSA Treasurer

The Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers and Trustees
for
2012

The election of OSA's Board of Directors for 2012 will be held during our November 7, 2011 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): Bob MacLeod

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

Secretary: Barbara Parnell

Treasurer: Wilella Stimmell

Trustee: Terri Jackson (Term expires 12/13)

Trustee: Rhonda Woodward (Term expires 12/13)

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. And we are especially pleased that our current officers have consented to run for another term of office.

All members of OSA thank the two retiring Trustees for their dedicated service:
Debra Hartill and Diane Norman.

Our other two Trustees: Carol Erwin and Chris Gubler will continue to serve until their terms expire in 12/12.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ann Cherny (Chairperson)
Debra Hartill
Jo Anne Waddoups

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OSA October 2011 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  <i>Dee MacLeod</i>	2  <i>Kathleen Luther</i>	3	4	5	1
2	3 OSA Meeting 7:00 PM	4	5	6	7	8  <i>Seelye Smith</i>
9	10 <i>Columbus Day</i>	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20  <i>Kaila Bacik</i>	21  <i>Keith Mead</i>	22
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