

SVOS News and Notes

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Officers

Alan Getzin _____ President
Open _____ Vice President
Rollie Wilson _____ Past President
Roberta Bouleau _____ Treasurer
Jim Lile _____ Secretary

Board of Directors:

Marilyn Whittaker, Joanne Hetherington,
Eleanor Baker, Linda Sule, Richard Gettings,
Sue Westmoreland

Treasurer's Report

As of January 2007, our account balance is
\$5822.80.

Secretary's Report

November Board Meeting

- The new member workshop will be 4/14 at Paul and Roberta's home.
- There was discussion of renting a large van for transporting plants to and from shows. If we pursue renting a van, reimbursement for volunteers would stay as is.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:55p.

November Membership Meeting

- The meeting was opened at 7:15p by President Rollie Wilson.
- Minutes: approved
- Treasurer's report: approved
- It was announced to the group that Darlene Hart had passed away after a brief battle with leukemia.
- Nine members of the Society took a road trip to Little Frog Farms and Summerfield's Orchids.
- Marilyn Whittaker discussed orchid arrangements. Sand is the medium of choice for

many "arrangers" since it is forgiving and will fill in if you decide pull out a piece and move it from one spot to another.

- The new member workshop will be April 14th at Paul and Roberta's home from 9:30a to 3p. Preliminary topics include growing under lights vs. in a greenhouse, orchid culture, orchid pests and diseases, and repotting. There will be a \$10 fee to cover the cost of lunch, plants, and materials.

- Show preparation is progressing nicely. We need a coordinator for the hostess table.

- Sponsors for trophies are needed. A paper for sign up was sent around.

- Volunteers were found for the upcoming shows: GVOS (Tom & Carol Jurek), GLOS (Linda Sule), AAOS (Marilyn Whittaker), MOS (Alan Getzin & Jim Lile), and NWOS (Skip & Rollie Wilson and Lori Lickly).

- Membership dues are coming up for 2007.

Please pay Roberta at the November meeting or show, or send your check by mail (\$15 for singles, \$25 for families). The January mailing will be the last "free" announcement.

- Fred Case received the Philip Keenan Award on October 14th, 2005. CONGRATULATIONS! This award is presented by the Board of Trustees of the American Orchid Society in grateful recognition of outstanding contribution to the study and preservation of native orchids of North America.

- The slate of officers was approved: Alan Getzin as President, Roberta Bouleau as Treasurer, Jim Lile as Secretary. The Board of Directors will remain the same.

- The meeting adjourned at 8:15p.

Report of the SVOS Show Exhibit

- From Lori Lickly: Thanks to all who helped with the SVOS exhibit at our show on Thanksgiving weekend! There were too many helpers to mention – both setting up and breaking down – and every single person was appreciated. The exhibit was beautiful and we took a third place ribbon. The following people contributed plants to the display: Alan Getzin, Jim Lile, Paul Bouleau, Lori Lickly, Tom Matula, Ruth Ann Miller, Carol Jurek, Joanne Hetherington, Marilyn Whittaker, Marianne Riley, Sue Westmoreland, Charlie Robinson, Eleanor Baker and Edith Sommers. A total of 44 orchids were displayed in our exhibit, and earned a total of 26 ribbons – 8 First Place, 7 Seconds, and 11 Thirds! Good Job everyone!
- Many members received ribbons for arrangements and art: Heather Matula (two for arrangements) and Diane Lytle (orchid quilt – Best of Show). More details to come on this category.

Report of the Vendor Chair

All six vendors voiced their approval and appreciation of the new space. Sales were higher than usual and patron traffic appeared higher than in the previous venue.

Report from Judging Chair

From Paul Bouleau: I would like to thank all of the members who gave of their time and expertise to act as clerks. I hope that you all enjoyed it and gleaned some good knowledge that you can put to good use in raising your orchids. Thank you in supporting our Society.

Upcoming Events

SVOS Board of Directors Meeting: January 13, 2007 at 6pm, Freeland Veterans Memorial Building.

SVOS Membership Meeting: January 13, 2007 at 7pm, Freeland Veterans Memorial Building. Lynn O'Shaughnessy will speak on Pleurothallis and will bring plants to sell. Lynn is a judge and an award-winning grower. Her presentation is sure to interest all types of orchid enthusiasts.

Grand Valley Orchid Society: January 27-28 (12p-5p both days), 2007 at Frederik Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids. See www.macatawa.org for more details and a map

Greater Lansing Orchid Society: February 24-25, 2007

Ann Arbor Orchid Society: March 17-18, 2007

Michigan Orchid Society: March 31-April 1

Northwest Michigan Orchid Society: Memorial Day weekend

Refreshment Volunteers

- January 2007: Marilyn Schabel (659-2536), Roberta Bouleau (792-8191), & Marianne Riley (832-5961)

- March 2007: Marilyn Whittaker (697-5377), Betty Watters (793-5533), & Jim Lile (832-5479).

Other Bits

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Joan Wendland
Joyce Shaw Lamb
Sarah Ratcliff & Michael Zalar