

SVOS News and Notes

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Treasurer's Report

As of March 2007, our account balance is \$4,808.31.

Secretary's Report

January Board Meeting

- The new member (i.e., Orchid Society) workshop will be 4/14 at Paul and Roberta's home.
- The Board discussed the strengths and opportunities (weaknesses) of the annual show, especially in relation to the Holiday Inn.
- The Society needs to buy more ribbons.
- The cost of liability insurance is going up.
- The Society bylaws will be evaluated and discussed at the March Board meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:55p.

January Membership Meeting

- The meeting was opened at 7:00p by President Alan Getzin by introducing Lynn O'Shaughnessy. Lynn is a judge and an award-winning grower. Lynn spoke on Pleurothallids and brought plants to sell. Her primary message was how the parent plants influence the

offspring, especially in flower color, fragrance, and shape.

- Minutes: approved
- Treasurer's report: approved
- The Orchid Society workshop will be April 14th at Paul and Roberta Bouleau's home from 9:30a to 3p. There will be a \$15 (updated from November) fee to cover the cost of lunch, plants, and materials. Paul has agreed to host any new member that comes to the workshop. A flier is enclosed in the mailing.
- Volunteers for the upcoming shows are: GVOS (Tom & Carol Jurek), GLOS (Linda Sule), AAOS (Alan Getzin & Jim Lile), MOS (Marilyn Whittaker), and NWOS (Skip & Rollie Wilson and Lori Lickly).
- Membership dues are still needed for 2007 from a few folks. Please pay Roberta Bouleau by sending your check by mail (\$15 for singles, \$25 for families).

Upcoming SVOS Events

- *SVOS Board of Directors Meeting: March 10th, 2007 at 6pm, Freeland Veterans Memorial Building.
- *SVOS Membership Meeting: March 10th, 2007 at 7pm, Freeland Vets Memorial Building. Fred Case will discuss Michigan terrestrial orchids.
- *SVOS BOD: May 12th, 2007 at 6pm, Freeland Vets Memorial Building.
- *SVOS Membership Meeting: May 12th, 2007 at 7pm, Freeland Vets Memorial Building. The topic is "Orchids of Japan" by Alex Challis. Alex will have plants to sell.
- *SVOS Picnic: July 9th, 2007. TBA.
- *SVOS BOD/Membership Meeting: September 8th, 2007.
- *SVOS BOD/Membership Meeting: November 10th, 2007.

GVOS Show Report

We had a great show. We received first place on our display. Edith Geisler received a trophy for best misc genera with her *Coelogyne flaccida* she also received the blue ribbon for that class. In total we received 10 ribbons on 26 plants, 2 blue, 3 red & 5 yellow. Thanks to Edith Geisler, Rollie Wilson, Linda Sule for sending plants along with my plants. We even had good weather going & coming unlike the people from Chicago who had to drive through 2-3 feet of snow on the way home. Also a special thanks to Linda Sule for helping us to set up the show, take it down, & bring it back. We could not have done it without her. Our son Kevin & his friend, Jim, also helped tear down & get us loaded so we could get home at a decent hour. Submitted by Tom and Carol Jurek.

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- *Ann Arbor Orchid Society: March 17-18, 2007
- *Michigan Orchid Society: March 31-April 1, 2007
- *Northwest Michigan Orchid Society: Memorial Day weekend, May 26-27, 2007

Refreshment Volunteers

- March 10th, 2007: Marilyn Whittaker (697-5377), Betty Watters (793-5533), & Jim Lile (832-5479).
- May 12th, 2007: Linda Sule (643-5593), Dolores Munsel (684-1366)
- July – Potluck for SVOS Picnic
- September 8th, 2007: Sarah Ratcliff & Mike Zalar (), Skip Wilson (865-8485)
- November 10th, 2007: Paul Helling & family (), Lori Lickly ()

Other Bits

Thank you to those who brought treats to the January meeting.

If you have plants for either the Ann Arbor Show or the MOS Show, please drop them off at Alan Getzin's house by Thursday, March 15th.

The IOS/MAOC show is scheduled for April 28-29th at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, IL from 10am-5pm. There will be at least 30 vendors and perhaps two from Peru and Ecuador that have tentatively agreed to attend as well! Demonstrations and lectures will be held in their auditorium during the show, and we will also

have book sales and other items, a raffle, corsage making demonstration and sale, and our own special bark sale. There will be a repotting service for a \$5 fee for any size orchid using our very own special bark mixture recipe.

The most exciting part of the show is the featured speaker. **Alfredo Manrique, of Centro de Jardineria Manrique, one of two nurseries in Peru authorized to grow and sell *Phrag kovachii*, has agreed to come!** As most of you know, this is the most exciting new species that was discovered in the past 50 years and seedlings of *Phrag kovachii* are now becoming available for sale in the United States. He will tell us the saga of this new, wonderful flower from one who is deeply involved in its distribution and conservation. Other well-known speakers include Patricia Harding, co-author with Carl Withner of one of his *Cattleya* series, *The Debatable Epidendrums*. Patricia will speak about *Huntleya*, and related genera. Hadley Cash, from Marriott Orchids, who recently published an overview of his Paph breeding program in *Orchid Digest*, will discuss complex hybrids. Dr. Eric Christenson, noted author and taxonomist, will have two lectures, one on *Maxillaria*, and the other on his work in Peru with David Bennett, on a modern inventory of orchids in Peru. The IOS has blocked hotel rooms at the Renaissance Hotel in Northbrook where various lectures and events will be taking place. There will be an auction, banquet, breakfast, judges' forum, and many meetings in conjunction with the show at that hotel. Registration is required to attend those events as well as the hotel lectures. Refer to our website at www.iosoc.com for the schedule and registration forms.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Joan Wendland
Joyce Shaw Lamb
Sarah Ratcliff & Michael Zalar