

SVOS News and Notes

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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

President's Note

September's meeting is chock full of lots of orchid stuff. Here is a run down of what we plan to do on Sept 8. We will:

- Complete the summer auction. We only had about 15 people at the July meeting, so we are bringing the plants leftover (about 12 plants) to be auctioned off at this meeting. We will also be supplementing these plants with some Paphs and Phrags from Galaxy Orchids. So, bring your check book.
- View a video tape on viruses and how to avoid passing them on. Based on a comment from Fred Case, we asked Orchids by Hausserman if they could find this video. They dug it out for our viewing pleasure.
- Review and vote on updates to the By-laws. The Board noticed that our current practices did not match the By-laws. So, we decided to update them. You will find the document attached to this newsletter so that you can review it prior to the meeting.
- Discuss our upcoming Orchid Show. Yes, it is time to start planning for the Show in November.
- Decide on a fitting memorial for Edith Gieseler. Edith was a long time member of the SVOS and the Board feels it would be appropriate to recognize her efforts. We were thinking of a monetary gift to the new scholarship in her name. If you have other

ideas, please bring them.
Hope to see you there.

Treasurer's Report

As of August 2007, our account balance is

Secretary's Report

We are sad to announce the passing of Edith Gieseler, our long-time friend and fellow orchid enthusiast, on August 6, 2007.

SVOS Board minutes 5-12-07 (late entry)

- Lori Lickly made a motion to accept, Marilyn Whittaker seconded, all present approved to give Family Baptist Church \$75.00 for use of the building for the April meeting. Roberta Bouleau reported there was \$30.00 left over after covering the cost of workshop expenses (including the cost of the church). This was at a cost of \$15.00 per person attending workshop.
- Linda Sule made a motion to adopt www.svorchidsociety.org as web site address. Lori Lickly seconded. All board members approved. Discussion and decision made to try it for a year at the rate previously stated. Lori will be checking about cheaper rates.
- By-law revisions were discussed. Question on by-laws regarding life memberships. Neither approved nor disapproved. Consensus made that all present would read by-law revisions further and will meet to make decision at July meeting.

SVOS Meeting Minutes 5-12-07

- Discussion began at 7:21. June study group meeting to be held at Tom's store—Swan Valley Florist—on 6-21-07 at 7:00 p.m.
- Alex Challis discussed orchids of Japan and brought various examples with him. He showed some nice slides of the Tokyo Grand Prix orchid event held in March/April. He also answered many questions about Neofinitia. Very interesting information.

- Regular meeting began at 8:44. Motion to accept May 2007 minutes made by John Bradley, seconded by Lori Lickly, all approved.
- Motion to accept May 2007 secretary's report made by Marilyn Whittaker, seconded by John Bradley, all approved.
- Plants going to the Traverse City show are to be to Rollie Wilson by Wednesday, May 24. Sue Konkle will collect plants in Midland area.
- Fred Case's open house was discussed.
- Great Lakes Judging Center in Ann Arbor is to have a seminar on Vandas on Saturday, May 19, 2007.
- Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:53 p.m. made by Jim, Marilyn Whittaker seconded, all agreed.
- Please don't ever make me take the minutes again!!!! Many thanks to Linda Sule from the secretary.

July Board Meeting
No meeting.

July Membership Meeting

- Minutes: approved
- Treasurer's report: approved
- About 15 people attended the gathering. Food was plentiful. The auction was successful, but many plants were unsold and will be held over for auction in September.

Upcoming SVOS Events

- *SVOS BOD/Membership Meeting: September 8th, 2007.
- *SVOS BOD/Membership Meeting: November 10th, 2007.
- *SVOS Annual Show: November 24-25th, 2007 at the Midland Holiday Inn.

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- Chicagoland Orchid Fest, September 21-23. COGA vendors are Oak Hill Gardens, Windsong Orchids, Orchids by Hauserman, Fox Valley Orchids Ltd., and Natt's Orchids. Visit www.chicagolandorchidfestival.com for more details. Paper copies of the brochure are attached to the standard mailings. The PDF is too big to send via email.
- SVOS Annual Show, November 24-25 at the Midland Holiday Inn. Please consider volunteering 1-2 hours of your time. Committee chairs and members are greatly appreciated.

Refreshment Volunteers

- Saturday, September 8th, 2007: Sarah Ratcliff & Mike Zalar (), Skip Wilson (865-8485)

- November 10th, 2007: Paul Helling & family (835-1555), Lori Lickly (386-2967)

Other Bits

- Thank you to those who brought treats to the July picnic.
- Call for nominations: If you or someone you know is interested in serving as an officer of the Society, please contact Alan Getzin.
- We need leaders to set up each of our 5 shows during the show year: Grand Valley (Grand Rapids), Lansing, Michigan Orchid Society (Detroit area), Ann Arbor, and Traverse City. Consider offering your artistic eye to this important task. Experience is not required. Participation is appreciated.
- If you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter and would prefer an electronic copy, please contact the SVOS secretary at lile@ufl.edu to add your name to the email list.

WELCOME NEW 2007 MEMBERS!

Joan Wendland
Joyce Shaw Lamb
Sarah Ratcliff & Michael Zalar
Jim Getka