

***SVOS News and Notes***  
***For***  
***July 2008***  
***Membership Meeting***  
***Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 2pm***  
***Board Meeting begins at 1:30pm***

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**Officers**

Alan Getzin \_\_\_\_\_ President (2007-8)  
Linda Sule \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President (2008)  
Rollie Wilson \_\_\_\_\_ Past President (2007-8)  
Roberta Bouleau \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer (2008-9)  
Jim Lile \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary (2008-9)

*Board of Directors (3-year term):*

Marilyn Whittaker (2008-10), Joanne Hetherington (2008-10), Eleanor Baker (2006-08), Oksana Savina (2008 – to complete Linda Sule’s term), Lori Lickly (2007-09), Sue Westmoreland (2007-09)

**Treasurer’s Report**

As of July 2008, our account balance is \$4,148.89.

**Secretary’s Report**

*SVOS May Board Minutes*

- The society web page was discussed. There is about \$100 initial cost, then \$50 per year maintenance. It was decided to proceed with publishing a web page (<http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org/index.html>)
- We need a new vendor for our show since Green Acres has gone out of business.
- We will try an auction at the July meeting. Linda will purchase the orchids from Green Acres.
- For new members, we need a plan to recognize and integrate the new members.
- The workshop had 32 people (with 50 plants) and we made \$108.
- Reviewed the cost of organizing the orchid shows in 2009. The current reimbursement is

\$100, which does not cover the cost with today’s prices. Alan will create a breakdown of the mileage for each location from Freeland and make a proposal to the board in July.

*SVOS May Meeting Minutes*

- March Minutes: approved
- Treasurer’s report: approved
- Introduced the web page and received suggestions for improvements.
- Reviewed the new member workshop.
- Talked about the NWMi Orchid Show. Rollie and Skip will collect plants.
- Our next meeting is the potluck and auction is on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Start time is 2pm.
- The study group meeting is on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Linda Sule’s and we will discuss semi-hydroponics.
- Rollie shared his pictures and his impressions of the World Orchid Conference in Miami, FL. There were 68 vendors with 40 displays. Two displays were over 1000 square feet.

*SVOS Show Reports*

- Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society (May 24 & 25). The TC show went very well. We got a 1st place on the exhibit with 43 plants from the following members Linda Sule, Carol Jurek, Alan Getzen, Kathie Grzesiak, Rollie Wilson and Lori Lickly. From these 43 plants we received 20 Blue Ribbons, 18 Red Ribbons 4 White Ribbons and one Trophy. It was a very enjoyable and, as you can see, productive weekend. Submitted by Rollie Wilson.

### **Upcoming SVOS Events**

- July 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), 2008: SVOS Picnic and orchid auction (see below)
- September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008: BOD and Membership
- November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008: BOD and Membership
- SVOS Show: Thanksgiving weekend (11/29 & 30)

### **Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events**

- Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 10a-5p - Porter's Orchids Summer Open House and Plant Sale, 10868 Royston Road, Grand Ledge, MI (just west of Lansing)
- Thanksgiving Weekend (11/29-30) – SVOS Annual Show, planning begins soon!

### **Refreshment Volunteers**

- July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008: Sunday Picnic in the Park (potluck – bring your favorite dish) with orchid auction with a wide variety of plants from Green Acres Orchids. All plants are blooming size and are in bud or bloom. Linda Sule will bring some of her hydroponic plants for display.
- September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008: Marilyn Whittaker, Dolores Munsel, Sue Westmoreland
- November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008: Lori Lickly, Paul & Rich Helling, Carol and Tom Jurek
- January, 2009: Roberta Bouleau

### **Other Bits**

- Thank you to those who brought treats to the May meeting.
- Many thanks to all who attended the June study group at my home. There were 16 of us in all, including one of our newest members, Sally Heinlein from Frankenmuth. Lori Lickly gave us a wonderful talk with lots of information concerning her endeavors with semi-hydroponic growing. Submitted by Linda Sule.
- Additional volunteers are welcome to help set up any or all of the show displays. Consider offering your artistic eye to this important task. Experience is not required. Participation is appreciated. You may be surprised by how creative you are.
- Tom Jurek has found a new supply place: [www.repotme.com](http://www.repotme.com). This site shows examples of potting media (components), potting mix, pots, baskets, and supplies (lights, chemicals, humidity trays, et cetera).
- 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](mailto:lile@ufl.edu) to add your name to the email list. Save a stamp.

### **WELCOME NEW 2008 MEMBERS!**

Marilyn and Dave Camp  
Sally Heinlein  
Mellie Abesamis