

SVOS News and Notes

For

May 2008

Membership Meeting

May 10th, 2008 at 7pm

Guest speaker: Rollie Wilson

Board Meeting begins at 6:30pm

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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 May 2008, our account balance is \$4667.14.

Secretary's Report

SVOS March Board Minutes

- Marilyn Whitaker and Lori Lickly are in charge of the MOS show. Linda Sule and Lori Lickly are in charge of the Ann Arbor show.
- Discussed repeating an auction in July at the picnic. Green Acres Orchids is quitting business and we will work with them again to purchase plants.
- We will need a vendor to replace Green Acres at our annual show. Zephyrus Orchids from Ontario, Canada is the leading contender.
- We still need a board member to fill Linda Sule's spot.

- Discussed moving the time of the Board meeting to 6:30p since most business is finished in 15-20 minutes.

SVOS March Meeting Minutes

- January Minutes: approved
- Treasurer's report: approved
- Marilyn and Lori are in charge of the MOS show.
- Linda and Lori are in charge of the Ann Arbor show.
- Jim Lile reported on the Lansing show. We had a second place for our display. There were 14 ribbons on 28 plants.
- There was some discussion on hiring a web site designer for the society.
- Oksana Savina was nominated and unanimously elected by the membership present (over half of current SVOS members were present) to replace Linda Sule on the Board of Directors. Tom Matula and Heather Matula declined nominations.
- The group discussed repeating the auction at the picnic in July. We will try to get plants from Green Acres Orchids again.
- Rob Halgren from Littlefrog Farms gave an hour-long presentation on slipper orchids. He discussed species, hybrids and hybridization, and growing conditions. There were many plants for sale and very few that returned to his greenhouse.

SVOS Show Reports

- Michigan Orchid Society, March 15-16: Our society display took a second place. Carol Jurek received a trophy for her Phal. Jy Diamond. The group received a total of 9 ribbons. Blue ribbons were awarded to Lori Lickly for Brassia Rex and P. besseae and to Jim Lile for Phal. Taipe Gold x Cassandra. Two red ribbons were awarded to Linda Sule for Phal Beauty Shanu and Paph Maudiae. Yellow ribbons were awarded to Lori Lickly for a Zygopetalum, Marilyn Whitaker for a Paph hybrid, and Linda Sule for Paph Fair Maude and Vulystakeara. Submitted by Marilyn Whitaker.

- Ann Arbor Orchid Society, April 12-13: The Ann Arbor show went very well. Weather was beautiful for set up. Thanks to Ruth Ann Miller, Tom Matula, Carol Jurek, Rollie Wilson, Lori Lickly, Alan Getzin, Jim Lile, and Linda Sule for sending 25 plants total. Out of those 25 plants, we got 21 ribbons: 7 first place, 7 second place, and 7 third place. The display took a blue ribbon, and we got 1st and 2nd for two classes, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in another class. Thanks to Marilyn Whitaker, Lori Lickly, Carol Jurek, and Linda Sule for setting up the display. Submitted by Linda Sule.

Upcoming SVOS Events

- May 10th, 2008: BOD and Membership
- July 13th (Sunday), 2008: SVOS Picnic
- September 13th, 2008: BOD and Membership
- November 8th, 2008: BOD and Membership
- SVOS Show: Thanksgiving weekend (11/29-30)

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society: May 24 & 25 at the GTC Civic Center (1213 W. Civic Center Dr.), Traverse City. Rollie and Skip Wilson are in charge.

- Green Acres Orchids is going out of business. They are planning a closeout sale on June 28th from 10a-6p. Their address is 1776 Glass Drive, Charlotte. Phone 517.543.5670. They are planning 50% off most of their plants and a \$5 discount table.

Refreshment Volunteers

- May 10th, 2008: Sue Konkle, Betty Watters, Edith Sommers, Skip Wilson
- July 13th, 2008: Sunday Picnic in the Park (potluck)
- September 13th, 2008: Marilyn Whittaker, Dolores Munsel, Sue Westmoreland

- November 8th, 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 March meeting.

- 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. 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 to add your name to the email list. Save a stamp.

WELCOME NEW 2008 MEMBERS!

Marilyn and Dave Camp