

Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
News and Notes for March 2009
Membership Meeting
Saturday, March 14th, 2009 at 7pm
Featured Speaker: Fred Case
Native American Orchids
Board Meeting begins at 6:30pm
<http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org/>

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Officers

Linda Sule _____ President (2009-10)
Open _____ Vice President (2009-10)
Alan Getzin _____ Past President (2009-10)
Roberta Bouleau _____ Treasurer (2008-9)
Jim Lile _____ Secretary (2008-9)

Board of Directors (3-year term):

Marilyn Whittaker (2008-10), Joanne Hetherington (2008-10), Rollie Wilson (2009-11), Oksana Savina (2009-11), Lori Lickly (2007-09), Sue Westmoreland (2007-09)

Treasurer's Report

As of March 2009, our account balance is \$4,088.82.

Secretary's Report

SVOS January Board Minutes

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- Discussed the success of newspaper advertisement and recommended repeating this strategy next year.
- Discussed budget for the 2009 calendar year.
- Discussed 2008 Annual Treasurer's Report
- VOTED to approve \$125 to offset cost of show set-up. Motion carried.
- VOTED to inquire moving the Membership Meeting to Family Baptist Church. Motion carried.

SVOS January Meeting Minutes

Dr. Don Garling (now the Head of Judging for the Great Lakes Region) gave a presentation entitled "Home Remedies, Magic Potions, and Other Methods for Controlling Pests". Don discussed four basic types of pests and diseases: viruses, bacteria, fungi, and parasites. The management of pests and diseases is two pronged: prevention and treatment. Prevention

is sequestering new plants for two months and quarantining diseased or infected plants for as long as it takes. Treatment includes physical barriers, chemical means, and biologic methods. Keys to treating a diseased plant include knowing your orchid, the disease or pest, your water (especially pH), the treatment, and the prognosis.

- Home remedies for bacteria or fungus:
 - fresh hydrogen peroxide (H2O2)
 - cinnamon
 - cloves
 - apply these directly to diseased area(s)

bleach 10% (to soak tools and pots for 24 hours)

recipe: 1 tsp (for thin-leafed plants) to 1 tbs (for thick-leafed plants), 1 tsp rubbing alcohol, and 1 tsp liquid baby soap (fragrance-free) in 1 quart of water; spray every 3 days for two weeks

- Old Business: The group discussed the show, advertising, and future plans.
- New Business: none
- November Minutes: VOTED to approve, motion carried
- Treasurer's report: VOTED to approve, motion carried

SVOS Show Reports

- Grand Valley Orchid Society (January 24-25): The Grand Valley Orchid Show was a big success. We even had great weather, unlike last year when we had a blizzard and didn't even get there. We had 43 plants. We received 6 blue ribbons, 6 red ribbons and 5 yellow ribbons. Our display took second place. I also received the trophy for the best phrag. Tom & I would like to thank Linda Sule, Lori Lickly and

Marilyn Whittaker who helped in setting up the display. We couldn't have done it without them.

My son, daughter-in-law and their friend, along with Linda Sule helped with tear down. I greatly appreciate all the people who sent plants--Linda Sule, Lori Lickly, Rollie Wilson and Jim Lile. Please remember that unless people send plants, there can be no society display.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom & Carol Jurek

- Greater Lansing Orchid Society (February 28-March 1) The Lansing show went very well. Weather was great, but traffic was interesting due to detours. I had hoped we would do better, but the competition was extremely tough. The society received a third place on our display, along with five other third place ribbons, two second place ribbons, and three first place ribbons. Many, many thanks to Tom and Carol Jurek for their assistance and expertise. Thanks also to Gregg and Amy Motter and Sally Heinlein. These three people have not helped with an away display before and contributed their artistic eyes and able bodies to assist greatly in setting up! Rollie Wilson, Jim Lile, Sally Heinlein, Carol and I contributed plants: Thank you, thank you--sure wish there had been more plants from more people!

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sule

Upcoming SVOS Events

- March 14th, 2009: Board and Membership Meetings
- April 18th, 2009: Orchid Workshop, 9:30am-3pm at Family Baptist Church in Saginaw; please RSVP to Paul Bouleau at 792-8191. Fliers will be available at the March meeting.
- May 9th, 2009: Board and Membership Meetings
- July 12th, 2009: Picnic and Membership Meeting
- August 11th, 2009: Workshop on Floral Arrangements at Marilyn Whittaker's home
- September 12th, 2009: Board and Membership Meetings
- November 14th, 2009: Board and Membership Meeting
- November 28-29th, 2009: SVOS Annual Orchid Show and Sale

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- GVOS Show, Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, January 24-25, 2009 (Carol Jurek, Linda Sule)

- GLOS Show: February 28-March 1, 2009

(Linda Sule and Carol Jurek)

- MOS Show: April 4-5, 2009 (Lori Lickly and Marilyn Whittaker)

- AAOS Show: April 18-19 (Alan Getzin and Jim Lile)

- NMOS Show: May 23-24, 2009 (Rollie and Skip Wilson, Lori Lickly)

Refreshment Volunteers

- March, 2009: Linda Sule, Marilyn Whittaker, Marilyn Camp

- May, 2009: Sue Konkle

- July, 2009: Picnic

- September, 2009: Dolores Munsel, Skip Wilson

- November, 2009: Lori Lickly

Other Bits

- Thank you to those who brought food to the January 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.

- 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 and RETURNING 2009 MEMBERS!

Chuck Snyder
Marilyn McGinty
Norman and Alison Moore
Bethany Goodman
James Rabideau
Carol Chisholm
Larry Healey
Tonya and Ken Stockman
Michael Keenan
Ed Hutchison
Michael Starch
Jack Shumaker
Judy Enger
Robert and Margaret Sidney
Kathy Waterman
Joan Yeomans
Cortney Kramer
Silvia Evans