

Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
News and Notes for May 2009
Membership Meeting
Saturday, May 9th, 2009 at 7pm
Featured Speaker: Panel discussion (see Page 2)
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), Open (2009-11), Lori Lickly (2007-09), Sue Westmoreland (2007-09)

Treasurer's Report

As of May 2009, our account balance is \$3,895.65.

Secretary's Report

SVOS March Board Minutes

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- All meetings for 2009 will be at Family Baptist Church.
- Discussed developing a scrapbook or photo album for previous orchid shows.
- Fred Case is ill and will not be able to present.
- Wildcatt Database can now be obtained for free from the Internet (www.wildcattdata.com).

SVOS March Meeting Minutes

- Sam Maisano (past president of SVOS) presented on "Growing Orchids Under Lights". The basic needs of an orchid plant are: light (sunlight referred), water, food (fertilizer), medium, air circulation, and shelter. Sam discussed light is an energy source and its importance in photosynthesis. Red light promotes flowering. Green light is reflected and is why most leaves of live plants are green. Blue light promotes lush foliage growth. Length of light exposure is critical – minimum of 12 hours under lights. Increase and decrease duration of

light exposure seasonally. Cool white bulbs provide little blue and red. Add wide spectrum bulbs for blue and red. Bulbs should be changed every 1-2 years. See

www.stealthhydroponics.com/ for information on multi-spectrum light systems. Full spectrum LED lights (low cost, long life, no heat, 24x24 panel) – visit www.ultraledlights.com.

Carol Jurek presented her slide show on how she has developed a system of lights, tables, bins, and drains in the basement of her home.

- New business: Linda Sule requested a volunteer for a photo album or scrapbook.

Wildcatt Database is available free from the Internet.

- March Minutes: VOTED to approve, motion carried.

- March Treasurer's report: VOTED to approve, motion carried.

SVOS Show Reports

- MOS: The Saginaw Valley Orchid Society was represented at the MOS show April 4 and 5 in Troy, MI, with a 50-square foot display of 30 orchids. Of those 30 orchids we took 15 ribbons:

1 blue, 7 red, and 7 yellow. The display itself took a red ribbon, second place. The people who provided the orchids were Carol and Tom Jurek, Linda Sule, Lorie Lickly, Dale Pieper, Sue Konkle, Sally Heinlein, Ruth Ann Miller, Jim Lile, and Marilyn Whittaker. We received many compliments from visitors and from the show chairs stating that we had a pretty display, which made it all worthwhile.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Whittaker

- AAOS: The SVOS sent 15 plants to the AAOS Show on April 18 & 19. We developed a 25-square foot display. Of our 15 plants, five plants were given ribbons (Carol Jurek = 4, Jim Lile = 1). Thanks to Carol Jurek, Marilyn

Whittaker, and Jim Lile for sending plants to the show. The display was awarded a third place.
Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lile

- I would like to thank the people of the SVOS that made the workshop such a success. Roberta and Skip gave us a wonderful meal. It was very tasty and really hit the spot for a Saturday meal. Rollie, Carol, Jim, Sue, and I gave a wonderful presentation about orchids. The class on repotting was a hit of the day, no more fear of touching the orchid. There were many thanks and ovations for a great workshop and "we" learned an awful lot. Hope you have it again next year.
Respectfully submitted,
Paul Bouleau

Upcoming SVOS Events

- May 9th, 2009: Board and Membership Meetings; As of today, tentative plans for the May meeting are to have Annette and Stas bring orchids down to Saginaw to sell at Bargain Basement prices! They are currently overwhelmed and need to cut stock. Bugs may be present as the plants have been somewhat neglected due to pressing family issues. Thought we could incorporate pest management, preparing for summer outdoor living, containment for quarantine, and rescue/revival techniques. Hopefully we can all benefit from this opportunity.
- July 12th, 2009: Picnic and Membership Meeting at 2pm at the church
- 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

- Great Lakes Judging Center Training Seminar: The Oncidium Alliance on May 16-17, 2009 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens Auditorium, Ann Arbor. Saturday 1pm-7pm, Sunday 8am-12pm. There are many presentations by state, national, and international speakers. Registration is required. Forms will be available at the meeting. Contact Rollie Wilson (865-8485) or Jim Lile (832-5479) for more information.

- NMOS Show: May 23-24, 2009 (Rollie and Skip Wilson, Lori Lickly). Please have plants to Rollie or Lori by Wednesday, May 20th for identification, tagging, and labeling.

Refreshment Volunteers

- May, 2009: Sue Konkle, Karen Hueston
- July, 2009: Picnic
- September, 2009: Dolores Munsel, Skip Wilson
- November, 2009: Lori Lickly, Sally Heinlein

Other Bits

- Thank you to those who brought food 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.
- 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

SAGINAW VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY
2009 SVOS membership questionnaire

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email address _____

How long have you been a member of the SVOS? _____

Are you a member of the American Orchid Society? Yes ____ No ____

Number of orchids _____

Best luck with _____

Worst luck with _____

Do you grow under lights? Yes ____ No ____

Do you grow on windowsills? Yes ____ No ____

What type of light setup do you have?

Describe _____

Do you have a greenhouse? Yes ____ No ____

Size? _____ Material? _____

Custom built? ____ From a kit? ____

Where do you usually purchase orchids?

Meijers? ____ Lowe's? ____ Mail Order? _____

Commercial growers? _____

Internet? _____

Favorite vendor? _____

Places you've had bad luck with? _____

What would you like to learn about at future meetings? _____

Suggestions for speakers or information at future meetings: _____

Suggestions for books for the SVOS lending library _____