

Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
News and Notes for January 2010
Saturday, March 13th, 2010
Board meeting begins at 6:30pm
Membership meeting begins at 7pm
Featured Speaker: Lynn O'Shaughnessy
Family Baptist Church
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Officers and Board of Directors

Linda Sule _____ President (2009-10)
Open _____ Vice President (2009-10)
Alan Getzin _____ Past President (2009-10)
Roberta Bouleau _____ Treasurer (2010-11)
Jim Lile _____ Secretary (2010-11)
Marilyn Whittaker (2008-10), Joanne Hetherington
(2008-10), Rollie Wilson (2009-11), Tim Hueston
(2009-11), Lori Lickly (2010-12), Edith Sommers
(2010-12)

Treasurer's Report

As of March 2010, our account balance is \$4,368.33.

Secretary's Report

SVOS January Board Minutes

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- The show was reviewed.
- Orchid workshop date was discussed.
- Roberta presented the annual treasurer's report. Each activity had a (small) net profit.
- Discussed the need for Board members and a vice president.
- Carol Jurek and Linda Sule are going to the Grand Rapids and Lansing shows.
- Lori Lickly and Marilyn Whittaker are going to MOS show.
- Jim Lile, Alan Getzin, and Rollie Wilson are going to Ann Arbor show.
- Rollie, Lori, and Amy Motter are going to Traverse City show.

SVOS January Meeting Minutes

- Members present VOTED and APPROVED the Secretary's report.
- Members present VOTED and APPROVED the Treasurer's Annual Report.
- Tim Hueston, Lori Lickly, and Edith Sommers agreed to run for the Board of Directors and were VOTED into the following positions: Tim will fill the 2009-11 position, Lori and Edith will fill the 2010-12 positions.
- Linda introduced the new members present at the meeting.
- Paul Bouleau gave a brief overview of the April Orchid Workshop. The fee will be \$15 per person.

Each participant will receive a seedling plant to repot. Food will be served and will be plentiful.

- Rob Halgren from Littlefrog Farm offered a presentation on orchid pests and solutions. Aphids and ants live in a symbiotic relationship. Ants eat the honeydew that aphids secrete. Mealy bugs generally appear on the growing points of orchids. Scale comes in many varieties. Segregation of plants after purchase is important to avoid contaminating your whole collection. Some pesticides can be excessively toxic and expensive. Orthene is a good systemic pesticide for many orchid pests. Pyrethrin is a useful natural pesticide that comes from chrysanthemum flowers. Rubbing alcohol can be used to clean off plant leaves, however, it can damage thin-leaved plants. Spray with rubbing alcohol weekly for three weeks. Horticultural soaps can be used. These products dissolve the coatings of the bugs. Horticultural oils suffocate insects. Rob mentioned 'Flower Pharm', which is a mix of soybean and cinnamon oil. Blue and yellow sticky cards attract different kinds of flying insects. Carnivorous plants may be helpful to trap selected insects. Predatory insects like lady bird beetle eat anything they find. Green lace wing larvae eat almost anything as well. Rob buys his predator insects from www.rinconvitova.com.

SVOS Show Reports

- Late entry from SVOS show: Melissa Lile won blue, white, and red ribbons for her three photographs of Jim's plants. Rollie Wilson won an AOS award on his Blc. Suncoast Sunspot 'Raymond Beecher' AM/AOS.
- GVOS Show: The Grand Rapids Show was a success. We had 49 plants from eight members: Lori Lickly, Edith Sommers, Jack Shumaker, Rollie Wilson, Sally Heinlein, Linda Sule, Carol Jurek, and Jim Lile. There were eleven vendors, so the competition was pretty steep. We received a third place ribbon on the display. Plants received two first-place, 3 second place, and 4 third place ribbons. Carol Jurek received the award for the best Paph with Paph Julius. Carol also received a blue ribbon for her quilted wall hanging. Thank you very much to everyone who came to help set the who up: Lori Lickly, Jack Shumaker, Marilyn Whittaker and her

friend, Sally Heinlein and her cousin Cheryl. Special thanks to Linda Sule for all her help gathering

- GLOS Show: Sally Heinlein got 2 blue ribbons for two Phals, Brother Pirate and a no name, Oncidium twinkle Fragrance Fantasy got a second, and Dendrobium kingianum alba got a third.

Carol Jurek got 2 third place ribbons, one for C. Bob Betts & one for Phrag Sorceror's Apprentice.

Lori Lickly got 2 thirds, one for Odbrs Fangtastic, and one for Paph Julius

Sue Konkle's Paph got a second place ribbon.

Rollie's Wilsonara got a third, the one he got a AM-CCM for at Traverse City last year.

Linda Sule's Vuyl. got a first, Paph Iona, Paph St. Pinot and Dtps. Beauty Shara all got thirds.

Jack Schomaker entered a really nice paph, but they didn't acknowledge that one.

Our display got a third out of four. Society display total of 3 firsts, 2 second and 10 third place ribbons.

Thanks to Gregg and Amy Motter, Sally Heinlein and her cousin Cheryl, Tom and Carol Jurek for all your assistance in putting up the display. Thanks also to Tom, Carol, Sue and Phil Konkle, and what's his name that I live with for all the help in dismantling the display. Packed and loaded within 30 minutes!

A new SVOS record, I am sure!

Presidential Thoughts

- Jim and I are meeting with Lynnette from Midland Resort Ceter on Wednesday, so hopefully we will be a go for the same place next year with paperwork settled before the meeting.

- Marilyn Whittacker's husband Ken had surgery on the 26th of February, and is doing well from what I have heard. Keep them in your thoughts.

- Lynn O'Shaunhesey will be talking about Pluerothallids and will be bringing plants for sale. In the past, we have not had a plant raffle for the meeting when we have had a speaker bring plants for sale. In order not to step on any toes or hurt feelings, I would like to not have raffle plants to this meeting and just Show and Tell plants instead.

Upcoming SVOS Events

- March 13th, Membership Meeting, Family Baptist Church

- April 10th, Orchid Workshop. Family Baptist Church

- May 8th, Membership Meeting, Family Baptist Church

- June 8th, Study Group at Rollie and Skip Wilson's

- July 11th Sunday Picnic, Family Baptist Church

- August 10th, Study Group at Tim and Karen Hueston's

- September 11th, Membership Meeting, Family Baptist Church

- October 12th, Study Group at Carol and Tom Jurek's

- November 13th, Membership Meeting, Family Baptist Church

- November 27-28 Orchid Show and Sale, MRCC

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- Michigan Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show, Palm Sunday Weekend, March 27 & 28.

- Orchid Workshop is April 10th at the Church.

- Ann Arbor Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show April 17 & 18

- Northwestern Michigan Orchid Society Annual Orchid Show, Memorial Day Weekend.

Refreshment Volunteers

- March 13th, 2010: Judy Thomas, Janine Taylor

- May 8th, 2010: Tim and Karen Hueston, Edith Sommers

- July 11th, 2010: picnic at the church

- September 11th, 2010: Alan Getzin, Carol Jurek

- November 13th, 2010: Lori Lickly, Sue Konkle

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 & RETURNING MEMBERS!

- Jim Harrow

- Julie Harrow

- Marion Grenell

- Dan Sealey

- Carol Fleischmann

- Linda Carey

- Judy Enger

- Thomas Graham

- Leonard Black

- Christine Pfeffer

- Lawrence Eckinger

- Ted Yoder

- Janine Taylor

- Eileen Cieszla