

*Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
News and Notes for March 2010
Saturday, May 8th, 2010
Board meeting begins at 6:30pm
Membership meeting begins at 7pm
Featured Speaker: Jack Shumaker will speak on his trip to Borneo
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 May 2010, our account balance is \$3,833.71.

Secretary's Report

SVOS March Board Minutes

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- Edith Sommers presented a report of the website hits and activity.
- The show will be at the Midland Resort and Convention Center again this year. Ownership of the hotel is an issue, so we may need to move next year.
- 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 March Meeting Minutes

- Members present VOTED and APPROVED the Secretary's report.
- Members present VOTED and APPROVED the Treasurer's Annual Report.
- Lynn O'Shaughnessy talked about Pleurothallids and brought plants for sale. Pleurothallids typically grow in high humidity and lower light, however, some genus will grow in full sun. Masdevallias that do well typically have triangularis in the background.
- Linda Sule announced that Terry Henne from WSGW radio will be at the SVOS Show and Sale from 2-4p on Saturday, November 27th.
- Linda read an email from Sam regarding Fred Case's health. Fred is happy to have visitors at selected times during the day if members are interested in seeing him.

- 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 report. Food will be served and will be plentiful.

SVOS Show Reports

- MOS (Troy): There were five girls that went to MOS to set up the show--Sally Heinlein, Linda Sule, Lori Lickly, Amy Motter, and me, Marilyn Whittaker. We all had fun! We set up and 50-square-foot display with 37 orchids, and it was beautiful. Orchids were provided by Linda Sule, Dale Pieper, Sally Heinlein, Marilyn Whittaker, Lori Lickly, Tim Hueston, Sue Konkle, Carol and Tom Jurek. Dale Pieper rode along on Sunday and helped to break down. Our display took a second place, and together we won five blue ribbons, five red ribbons, and eight yellow ribbons. Almost half our plants got ribbons. Yay, SVOS! The really crazy news is that we found a drop-dead gorgeous phrag for sale from Taylor's Orchids. Sally saw it first and grabbed the double-blooming one. Linda spun on her heels and ran to the car. She came back with cash and bought No. 2. Then Amy Motter, who wasn't going to buy anything, caved and bought No. 3. Before we left I put my name on No. 4 as Mr. Taylor had gone home. And guess what else... when Dale Pieper went to the Ann Arbor show with me... being very tight with his money... came home with No. 5. The name of the hot new Phrag is alba purpureum 'Sir Arthur' AM/AOS. Lori supposedly already had one in the show, but it didn't look the same as these. Who knows... we all have beautiful phrags now. Lori had the most beautiful Phrag, Grande. Someone from the show was constantly walking by and teasing that she was going to take it home. The last day she came rushing up and exclaimed, "What are you doing with my orchid?" It took me a while, and then we all laughed one more time.

- AAOS (Ann Arbor): Our display received a third place ribbon. Carol Jurek received a 2nd place for her Den Copter, Linda Sule received two seconds and a third, Jim Lile received a second and a third.

Presidential Thoughts

- Please bring plants for the raffle table and show and tell.
- Please come prepared with your thoughts on the July Picnic.

- Anyone interested in trying some orchids in the clay marbles should contact Linda and she will bring the media and containers for folks to purchase.

Thank you

Paul Bouleau would like to thank all the people that spoke and worked at the Orchid Workshop. It was a big success and all enjoyed themselves.

From the American Orchid Society

From Ron McHatton – Dir. of Education and COO

Orchids are Protected Plants.....

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind us all that orchids are protected plants. That doesn't just mean that they are subject to CITES regulations which we realize when we try to order plants from outside the US but it also means that they are subject to stringent State and Federal laws. This came to light recently when the Key West Orchid Society distributed an innocent little booklet prepared for their March 5-7, 2010 orchid show.

The booklet included a page entitled *Collecting Orchids in the Wild* which described where and how to collect wild orchids on public land that is part of the National Key Deer Refuge. The collecting of orchids from federally protected lands is illegal. As with any wild species of plants and wildlife, it is only acceptable to view and photograph them in the wild.

The American Orchid Society urges its members to respect the protected nature of our wild flora and fauna. By all means take the time to enjoy our native species but please first contact your local refuge or park to find out where viewing is permissible and what areas are closed to the public.

Upcoming SVOS Events

- May 8th, Membership Meeting, Family Baptist Church
- June 8th, Study Group at Rollie and Skip Wilson's, 7pm
- July 11th Sunday Picnic is CANCELLED for 2010.
- August 10th, Study Group at Tim and Karen Hueston's
- September 11th, Membership Meeting, Family Baptist Church will a potluck starting at 6p with the general meeting to follow.
- Mark your calendars now for the Fall 2010 Mid-America Orchid Congress, September 24-26, 2010. The conference is hosted by the Mid-America Orchid Congress and will be held in conjunction with the Kentucky Orchid Society's 2010 Fall Orchid Show at the Fern Valley Hotel and

Conference Center, Louisville, KY. Watch for details in The Mid-American.

- 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

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

Refreshment Volunteers

- 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 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 not receiving notices of the study group meetings, please contact Carol Jurek at 642-5351 or tfjurek@verizon.net.
- 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
- Henny Sienknecht