

*Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
News and Notes for January 2011
Saturday, March 12th, 2011
Featured Speaker:
Board Meeting starts at 6:30p
Membership Meeting starts at 7p
<http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org/>*

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Linda Sule _____ President
(2011-12)
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(2011-12)
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(2010-11)
Marilyn Whittaker (2011-12), Eleanor Baker (2011-12),
Amy Motter (2011), Rollie Wilson (2009-11), Lori Lickly
(2010-12), Edith Sommers (2010-12)

Treasurer's Report

As of March 2011, our account balance is \$3526.64.

Secretary's Report

SVOS January Board Minutes
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- The Annual Treasurer's report was discussed. Linda made a suggestion to trim the luncheon expense and offer a free lunch to only the judges. Clerks and others would pay for their own meal.
- There was a brief review of the show: the draw potential of WSGW, adding the web site to the flier, et cetera.
- Glenda Lask will come up to talk about vandas.

SVOS January Meeting Minutes

- Members present VOTED and APPROVED the Secretary's report.
- Members present VOTED and APPROVED the Treasurer's report.
- Joe Peterson spoke to the group on the Great Lakes Judging Center and how to become a judge. There are three background requirements: AOS member, good color vision, and subscribe to AQ Plus. Other considerations include experience, adequate library, interest, participation in local societies, and ability/resources to travel. The training program is 6 years minimum. There is a requirement of 24 short papers in the first 3 years and one longer paper in the last three years. The candidate must attend 8 training sessions at Matthaei Gardens in Ann Arbor per year and judge 4 show per year. There are two broad categories of judging: ribbon (only at AOS-sponsored shows), and AOS (at AOS-sponsored shows or

AOS judging centers, the plant is competing against 60 years of history). There are many different types of awards; the most common awards are for flower quality or plant quality. The standards for flowers are round shape, flat, good color, and good presentation. In general, more flowers are better. The plants must be pest-free. Joe helped us practice on some of his plants and the show-and-tell plants.

SVOS Show Reports

- SVOS Show (addendum): Thanks to the many members who brought orchids for the SVOS Display at our show, and the many helpers we had for set-up. The set-up on Friday went very smoothly, and we very much appreciated the prompt delivery of plants. It really helped us get organized, and we were able to have the labels and registration tags done in a timely manner. The display was beautiful, and many members went home with ribbons. Our display consisted of 29 blooming orchid plants. It took second place in its class, and yielded 2 trophies in addition to 9 first place, 5 second-place and 6 third-place ribbons. Congratulations go to Amy Motter for earning the Boots Case Memorial Trophy for her Phal Pure Morning, and to Sue Konkle for earning the Best Specimen Trophy for her Paph glaucophyllum. Also, thanks to Amy and Gregg Motter for lending their plant shelves, stands and baskets for the display.

In addition to the Society display, 4 SVOS members created their own displays. Happily, all 4 displays were in separate classes within the Amateur group, and all 4 took first place in their class! Congratulations to Linda Sule (5 plants or less), Sally Heinlein (6 to 15 plants), Carol and Tom Jurek (16 to 25 plants) and Rollie Wilson (26 plants or more) for their lovely displays and many ribbons. Special congratulations to first-time-exhibitor, Sally, who took home the trophy for Best Amateur Display and the AOS Trophy for Best Display in the show! The judges were extremely pleased and surprised at the quality of all of the amateur displays. In fact, I had a bit of a job convincing them that the amateur displays were actually done by amateurs/individuals! Good job folks!!! Lori Lickly

- Grand Valley Show

We did very well. We entered 37 plants & received 20 ribbons. Five blue, 8 red & 7 yellow, Rollie received the

best ca. alliance award for *Sophranitis coccinea* which was also pulled for AOS judging but did not receive an award. We received the blue ribbon for society of 50 square feet and also the award for the best society overall. Plants were donated by Linda Sule, Lori Lickly, Tom Matula, Rollie Wilson Tim Hueston & Carol Jerk. Many thanks to Linda Slue, Sally Heinlein, Lori Likely & Marilyn Whittaker for helping with set-up. Linda, our son, Kevin, his wife, Kelli, & his friend, Jim, for helping with tear down. Many, Many thanks to my husband, Tom, for all his help with all my displays he does a lot of behind the scenes work.
Thanks,
Carol

Reflections on Fred Case

- Fred Case, an SVOS founding member, died on Wednesday, January 12th, 2011.
- From Bill Porter: A short reminiscence. We knew it was coming, but it's still sad to realize we won't see him again. For the last several years he'd buy a plant he didn't need, just to support the growers and your show. And, with the procedures and surgeries he went through, it's with these thoughts that, at least he's at peace, and with his best buddy and partner in crime, Boots. Fred was one of a kind. He was the loudest pussy cat I've known. We really got along well. I'll never forget his orchid talk, with orchid pollinators always looking for and being drawn to yellow. He repeated this theme relentlessly for quite a few slides, and then with the audience fully accepting that premise, he showed a slide of the top part of the golden arches showing above a tree line. He hooked us and then reeled us in. Obviously he so enjoyed his sense of humor giving that talk. Bless the people who helped Fred around the last several years. He was not to be denied coming to his final orchid show. Giving in was not an option. And, I think he enjoyed himself that day. That was the Fred I knew, and loved.
- From Russ Vernon: I'm saddened to hear of Fred's passing. I've known him a long time and always enjoyed his sense of humor and knowledge of native orchids and orchids in general. He has made comments at the last several shows about the time he had left but still bought plants to enjoy. I remember, back in the early 80's, visiting him and his wife (Boots) at their home and being amazed at what a wonderful property they had and all the native and introduced orchids they had established there. They will be happy together again. And I'll bet they'll have one heck of an orchid garden! Please pass on my sympathy to family and friends.
- From Doris Asher: Thank you for informing me of this very sad news. I have known Fred Case for so very long!! Always enjoyed seeing him -- lately, only at the

Saginaw Valley shows. His passing marks the end of an era in orchids, especially native species.

Upcoming SVOS Events

- Membership meeting, March 12th, Family Baptist Church, 7p
- SVOS Orchid Workshop, April 9th, Family Baptist Church, 9:30a – 3p. Call Paul at 989.792.8191 with questions.
- Membership meeting, May 14th, Family Baptist Church, 7p
- Picnic, July, Family Baptist Church, details to follow
- Membership meeting, September 10th, Family Baptist Church, 7p
- Membership meeting, November 12th, Family Baptist Church, 7p

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- Ann Arbor Orchid Festival, March 19-20
- Michigan Orchid Society Annual Palm Sunday Orchid Show, April 16-17
- NMOS Orchids by the Bay, Memorial Day Weekend

Refreshment Volunteers

- March: Marilyn Whittaker, Janine Taylor
- May: Karen Hueston, Rollie and Skip Wilson
- July: picnic
- September: Judy Thomas
- November: 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 not receiving notices of the study group meetings, please contact Carol Jurek at 642-5351 or tfjurek@frontier.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

- Charlie Robinson
- Joyce Potoff
- David Meyers