

*Saginaw Valley Orchid Society  
News and Notes for March 2012  
Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012*

*Board Meeting starts at 6:30p*

*Membership Meeting starts at 7p*

*Topic: Rob Halgren, "Growing Orchids Under Lights"*

*Rob will be bringing plants to sell – NO raffle table.*

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**Officers and Board of Directors**

Linda Sule \_\_\_\_\_ President (2011-12)  
Tim Hueston \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President (2011-12)  
Alan Getzin \_\_\_\_\_ Past President (2011-12)  
Edith Sommers \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer (2011-12)  
Jim Lile \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary (2011-12)  
Marilyn Whittaker (2011-13), Eleanor Baker (2011-13), Rollie  
Wilson (2012-14), Amy Motter (2012-14), Lori Lickly (2010-  
12), open (Edith Sommers, 2010-12)

**Treasurer's Report**

As of May 2012, our account balance is \$3,064.25.

**Secretary's Report**

*May 2012 Board Meeting Minutes*

- awards: Sally, Amy, and Marilyn looked at many options for trophies; the team came to the conclusion that an etched plate would be the most appropriate option; a salad-sized plate would be for best of class, a dinner plate for best of show; Wellington's would be able to do the etching  
- Tim discussed the post cards for the Reese Garden Walk in July  
- the Orchid Workshop will be on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 3pm at Family Baptist Church; the fee is \$15 per person

*May 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes*

- voted and approved the treasurer's report  
- voted and approved the secretary's report  
- the Orchid Workshop will be on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 3pm at Family Baptist Church; the fee is \$15 per person; all are welcome; Tim went through the agenda for the program  
- the award plates were discussed briefly  
- Linda requested assistance for setting up the Ann Arbor Show  
- Linda introduced the new members  
- Tim presented: "Species that you can enjoy in your Greenhouse"

**Upcoming SVOS Events**

- All meetings are at the church unless otherwise noted.  
- May 12<sup>th</sup>: Board and Membership Meetings  
- September 8<sup>th</sup>: Board and Membership Meetings  
- November 10<sup>th</sup>: Board and Membership Meetings  
- November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at Midland Resort and Conference Center

- January, March, May, September, and November 2012 meetings are on the second Saturday of the month.

**Show Reports**

- Michigan Orchid Society: The Michigan Orchid Society show is always gorgeous, but this year it was outstanding! The MOS display had a 10- or 12-foot gondola in the middle of it in the center of the room with fake water and beautiful orchids all the way around. The show is in a union hall but looks like a huge gym with half of it for displays and the other half for vendors—really roomy. We had her wonderful log, her humongous Schomburgkia, and 29 other orchids and all the other necessary stuff.

We started out at 11 a.m. on Friday only to experience snow, sleet, rain and somewhere between 15 and 20 accidents on I75. Two cars were absolutely flipped over. I didn't know there were that many police, ambulances, fire, and tow trucks in Michigan. Needless to say, we arrived much later than expected, but all in one piece. Linda Sule came a little later on and helped us get the entry tags finished and turned in on time. We were all happy with the display when we finished but later learned that we only got a third place. We usually get a second at MOS, but there was some outstanding competition—Lansing really did a good one this time.

We won three blue ribbons, 6 reds, and 3 yellows thanks to Sally, Carol Jurek, Linda Sule, Rollie, Sue Konkle, Helmut Schick, Tim Hueston, and me (Marilyn Whittaker). The big news is that Sue won an AOS CCM (Certificate of Cultural Merit) on a Paph Druid Spring primulinum x P. druryi) with 8 blooms and almost as many buds and that same plant won third best specimen of the show! Also Helmut Schick is to be congratulated for entering a show for the first time, bringing just one plant, his Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters, and winning a second place.

Sally had a gorgeous white phal named Sogo Yukidan 'V3', which has been bred to produce long spikes and lots of blooms. It was the first time it had bloomed it had developed FOUR spikes. The fourth one was gnarly and, by the time we got there, the flowers were falling, so we removed that spike. She did

get a first for the class, but didn't get anything for the first-time blooming—I'm sure the judges didn't believe it!

If I've learned anything about entering plants in an orchid show, it is that all plants must be cleaned, groomed, staked and ready for show before they are dropped off and the exhibitor must be responsible for picking up and dropping off their plants. If you've had a problem with a bug on a particular plant, leave it home. It's a big project to set a display up and we have to make it as easy on the setter-uppers as possible. Amy Motter was a real sweetie who helped me load up the stuff from the storage shed before the show, came to my house afterward and picked up the supplies and took them back to the storage shed for me. I really appreciated it.

Congratulations to all of you who won ribbons last weekend—you can be pretty proud of yourselves, as it was a very competitive show at MOS this year.

Marilyn Whittaker

- Ann Arbor Orchid Show and Sale: The Ann Arbor Show was smaller than usual. Only four of the Michigan Societies had displays and one Society from Indiana. Our display had a total of 21 plants, which earned a third place. At the end of the day, there were 14 ribbons on the plants. Rollie won 10 ribbons (4 blue, 4 red, and 2 white) on thirteen plants with two blues and a best of class on his Phrag. Beaumont. Carol received 4 ribbons (2 red, 2 white) on seven plants. Linda Sule sent a terrific red Phrag. that the judges overlooked for some reason. Many thanks to Rollie and Skip Wilson for their help in setting up the display.

Jim Lile

#### **Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events**

- NMOS: Memorial Day weekend (May 26-27<sup>th</sup>) in Traverse City

#### **Refreshment Volunteers**

- May:
- September:
- November:

#### **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 in even months, please contact Carol Jurek at 642-5351 or [tfjurek@frontier.com](mailto:tfjurek@frontier.com).
- Paper copies of the membership list will be available at the meeting on Saturday. If you would like me to mail a copy to (electronically or USPS), please email me at [lile@ufl.edu](mailto:lile@ufl.edu).
- 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](mailto:lile@ufl.edu) to add your name to the email list. Save a stamp.

#### **WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS**

- Charlie Robinson
- Joyce Potoff
- David Meyers
- Helmut Schick

- Barb Leo
- Lynn Johnson
- Silvia Evans
- Susan Shinkel
- Suellyn Bielski
- Stacey Shinkel
- Janice Knop
- Michael Starch
- Linda Veresh
- Jeff Schrier
- Bud & Janet Stevens
- Jean Rose
- Linda Brown
- Linda Busch