

Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
News and Notes for September 2012
Saturday, November 10th, 2012
Board Meeting starts at 6:30p
Membership Meeting starts at 7p
Family Baptist Church, Saginaw
Featured Speaker: none (voting and show preparation)
<http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org/>

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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 (2012-13)
Jim Lile _____ Secretary (2012-13)
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 October 2012, our account balance is \$2,282.38.

Secretary's Report

September 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

- awards: Amy showed the board a sample of images for the award plates. General consensus was a Paphiopedilum cluster.
- The Board discussed the three positions that are coming open the end of the year.
- Amy discussed a silent auction at the Show.
- Tim briefly discussed the OLLI meeting

September 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

- voted and approved the treasurer's report
- voted and approved the secretary's report
- Vice President nomination: Marilyn Whittaker, Sally Heinlein; other members are encouraged to please volunteer
- Helmut Schick and Sally Heinlein were nominated for upcoming director vacancies; other members are encouraged to volunteer
- Tim and Linda will co-chair the show
- Jim Lile volunteered to be the display coordinator
- We will have five vendors at our show at the Midland Resort and Convention Center.
- Paul passed out a volunteer list for judging clerks.
- The November meeting will include a clerking primer.
- The membership discussed advertising for the Show including newspapers, radio, magazines, et cetera.
- Linda Sule mentioned the Taylor Orchid sale.

- The Oscher Lifelong Learning Institute is holding classes on September 26th and October 6th. Tim and Rollie are teaching the course.
- The Grand Rapids Byron Center trip is tentatively planned for October 26th. Call ahead if you want to go on your own, the best day to go is Friday.
- Sally discussed a silent auction at the show.
- Tim talked about orchid pests: snails, slugs, grasshoppers, and caterpillars chew; aphids, scale, mealy bugs, and thrips suck plant juices. Other pests include rats, mice, other animals, and people.

Masterpiece Flower Company

Our trip to Masterpiece Flower Company was absolutely amazing. They have quite a huge operation. One of the two greenhouses is one-quarter of a mile long and is filled with poinsettia's. We also toured their warehouse, where it is divided into two separate rooms with exact and different temperatures. The room for packing and shipping cut flowers is 38 degrees (and we froze) and the plant room is 65 degrees. The greenhouse where they grow the phals was quite empty (but will be full for Mother's Day), so there were about 20 tables full of phals, with 3 tables in full blossom. Florida grows the phals to blossoming size, then they go to Masterpiece, for them to get them to bloom. They explained that when they got plants from Hawaii they would be different. So there was one table full of Hawaiian oncidium-family orchids. They turned us loose and let us buy anything we wanted for \$12 each. Some of us had control, and others didn't. The group of 13 that went, ended up buying 59 orchids. We had two new guys that got to see us at our worst--Wes and Mike, both from the Midland area. So the tour and shopping lasted for a total of 3 hours, and we all had a lot of fun.

- Sally Heinlein

OLLI Orchid Basics Seminar - SVSU

The second session went very well. We had a lot of good comments after the session and sale, and a quick review of the comment forms confirmed that the seminar was well received. Thanks to Linda C. for the suggestion and

the organization!! The sale was... robust. Actually more like a feeding frenzy. I think we could have used another pair of hands to help keep things organized a bit (and maybe another person to help people with the repotting would have been nice, too). But I think it went well. The plants and potting supplies all sold well. We started to try to write down what people were buying, but gave up on that bit and just started adding it up and taking the money. We started with 80 plants, used 20 for the class repotting, sold 48, and I brought 12 home with me. We sold quite a few of the big bags of potting mix and a lot of the small fertilizer bags (I'd guess maybe 15 of each).

- Tim Hueston

Newspaper Article from Linda Brown

<http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2012/10/01/hark-orchids-breaks-ground-oct-4-on-6-5m-flower-laboratory/>

Upcoming SVOS Events

- All meetings are at the church unless otherwise noted.
- November 10th meeting: ***VOTING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT AND 2 BOARD POSITIONS***
- January 12th: Board and Membership Meetings
- January, March, May, September, and November 2013 meetings are on the second Saturday of the month.

Show Reports

- SVOS: 1st show of the season, Nov. 24th & 25th

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- SVOS Show and Sale, November 24th & 25th, 2012 – please have your plants to the display by 2pm on Friday the 23rd. Please send your plant names ahead of time so the display coordinator (me) can get started on the plant labels and tags. Thank you.
- Porter's Orchids Holiday Open House, Saturday, December 1st, 2012; 10am to 4pm; 10968 Royston Road, Grand Ledge, MI; <http://portersorchids.com>

Refreshment Volunteers

- November:

Other Bits

- Please bring your silent auction item(s) to the November meeting.
- If you are receiving the newsletter by mail, the other documents included are: fliers to post anywhere you can gain permission (work, church, stores, businesses, apartment buildings, et cetera), and a form for a business or individual to sponsor a silent auction item.
- Thank you to those who brought food to the September 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.
- 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 jlile@cop.ufl.edu.

- If you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter and would prefer an electronic copy, please contact the SVOS secretary at jlile@cop.ufl.edu to add your name to the email list. Save a stamp.

WELCOME NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS

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| - Charlie Robinson | - Joyce Potoff |
| - David Meyers | - Helmut Schick |
| - Barb Leo | - Lynn Johnson |
| - Silvia Evans | - Susan Shinkel |
| - Suellyn Bielski Shinkel | - Stacey |
| - Janice Knop | - Michael Starch |
| - Linda Veresh | - Jeff Schrier |
| - Bud & Janet Stevens | - Jean Rose |
| - Judy Zwerk | - Marie Ann Brissette |
| - Linda Brown | - Linda Busch |
| - Wesley Cloyd | |