

**Saginaw Valley Orchid Society**  
**News and Notes for March 2013**  
**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**Board Meeting starts at 6:30p**  
**Membership Meeting starts at 7p**  
**Featured speaker: Sam Tsui (Orchid Inn)**  
**No raffle – the speaker is bringing plants for sale**  
**Family Baptist Church, Saginaw**  
**<http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org/>**  
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### Officers and Board of Directors

Linda Sule \_\_\_\_\_ Past President (2013-14)  
Tim Hueston \_\_\_\_\_ President (2013-14)  
OPEN \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President  
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),  
Helmut Schick (2013-15), Sally Heinlein (2013-15)

### Treasurer's Report

As of May , 2013, our account balance is \$3,989.07.

### Secretary's Report

#### *March 2013 Board Meeting Minutes*

- The Orchid Workshop is in April (the 13<sup>th</sup>).
- We discussed vendors selling show awards and options for the vendors. We will consider offering a gift card to a local restaurant in lieu of a plate or other trophy.

#### *March 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes*

- voted and approved the treasurer's report
- voted and approved the secretary's report
- Tim welcomed new members and visitors.
- Vice President position is still open.
- MOS is the next show (Palm Sunday weekend). Sally talked about set up for the show – staking flower spikes, choosing colors, preparing the plant leaves, no bugs, et cetera.
- Orchid Workshop is April 13<sup>th</sup> at the church. The workshop will start \_ hour earlier to allow for a plant sale. The cost will be \$20 per person. We are in need of a few volunteers – please consider donating your time.
- Jim Heilig discussed Angraecoids. African equivalent of vanda and phaleanopsis. Moths are the primary pollinators and because of that, all are white. Exist in Africa, Madagascar, Sri Lanka, South America. Watch the root tips – when they are green, water as usual, but when they are silver, water less. Angraecums are susceptible to most pests except mealy bugs. Jim mentioned some useful websites:

<http://www.orchidspecies.com/>

<http://www.aos.org/>

<http://www.botanicaltd.com/>

<http://www.marniturkel.com/>

### Upcoming SVOS Events

- All meetings are at the church on the second Saturday of January, March, May, September, and November unless otherwise noted.
- May 11<sup>th</sup>: Board and Membership Meetings
- September 7<sup>th</sup> (NOTE DATE CHANGE, NOT THE 14<sup>th</sup>): Board and Membership Meetings; Dennis Banning will discuss orchids in use. If anyone wants to bring plants, et cetera, to make an arrangement, please bring it to the meeting and make an arrangement while he is speaking. Dennis is a full-time flower designer and has AOS awards for his work with orchids. He has raised orchids for about 40 years.
- November 9<sup>th</sup>: Board and Membership Meetings; no speaker.
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>: 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Orchid Show and Sale

### Show Reports

Our display was clean and neat and took a second place (which is great for MOS). The Detroit display was again in the middle of a gymnasium floor, and took countless people and orchids to set up. I tried to take a picture of it, but it took at least 3 or 4 angles to get it all.

Thanks to Jack S., Sally H., Lori L., Linda S., Carol J., and me, Marilyn W. for sending such nice plants. I thought we were going to have to cut a hole in the roof of the vehicle to get Lori's Fangtastic Bob Henley in the car, but we made it. We got seven ribbons, but I've lost my list of who won what. I remember that Sally's Phrag got a red and a blue and her Rhynchostylus got a blue. Carol's Dendrobium got a third, and Lori got a blue on her Paph. The Queen. Those blooms were HUGE. I'm thinking she also got a ribbon on that Fangtastic Bob. Jack and I got experience although we both had nice plants in there.

The MOS show was spectacular as per usual. Sally Heinlein found not one, but two Phrags she fell in love with--neither of which she was able to buy. She's still drooling and has gone home and cross bred two of her own Phrags in hopes of getting a real keeper. She crossed one with a rich, red color with another that had really long tails. One day she'll have a super Phrag that will be "not for sale!"

Marilyn Whittaker

- AAOS Orchid Festival: We had 18 plants in a 25 square foot display. The display took a third place ribbon. Six plants took ribbons: Helmut Schick, Jack Shumaker, and Jim Lile. Many thanks to Rollie Wilson, Lori Lickly, Marilyn Whittaker, and Jack Shumaker for their help setting up and organizing the display.

Jim Lile

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

- NMOS: CORRECTION – There will be a show on Memorial Day Weekend (May 25-26).  
- The Greater Cincinnati and Miami Valley Orchid Societies have invited us to attend the fall Mid-America Orchid Congress in Dayton, OH on October 19 & 20, 2013. The event will be held at the Dayton Art Institute.

### **Refreshment Volunteers**

- May: Jan Knop, Jack Shumaker, Carol Jurek  
- September: Sue Konkle, Judy Thomas  
- November: Lori Lickly, Joyce Potoff, Linda Sule

### **Other Bits**

- Please pay your dues if you haven't yet. The newsletter and other announcements will stop coming otherwise.  
- The society has some orchid-related supplies for sale: fertilizer, bark, et cetera. Please contact one of the officers for details.  
- Tim Hueston did a great job as the April speaker for the Saginaw Master Gardener's monthly meeting. He talked about orchids in general. He brought in some orchids left over from the April workshop to sell, bringing in \$201. There about 5 orchids left.  
- We had a successful April Workshop and subsequent plant sale with 20 participants. Feedback seemed to be that a good time was had by all. Many thanks to the speakers (Rollie, Paul, Carol, Jack), treasurer (Edith), and food volunteers (Karen, Roberta, and Linda C.). Also many thanks to all those who brought dishes for lunch and snacks. We heard at least a couple of comments that the food alone was worth the price of admission.  
- Thank you to those who brought food to the March meeting.  
- Additional volunteers are welcome to help set up any or all of the upcoming show displays. Consider offering your artistic eye to this important task. Experience or expertise 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.  
- If you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter and would prefer an electronic copy, please contact the SVOS secretary at boilerjimlile@gmail.com to add your name to the email list. Save a stamp.

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

- Joyce Potoff	- West Cloyd
- 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
- Judy Zwerk	- Marie Ann Brissette
- Linda Brown	- Linda Busch
- Sam and Connie Maisano	