

Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
News and Notes for September 2013
Saturday, November 9th, 2013
Board Meeting starts at 6:30p
Membership Meeting starts at 7p
No speaker: Discussion of the SVOS Show
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 November, 2013, our account balance is \$4,779.27.
Membership = 55

Secretary's Report

September 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

- Marilyn will handle orchid arrangements for the show.
- Tim discussed the three classes that the society teaches: OLLI, Orchid Workshop, and Saginaw Township Community Schools. The question came up: Do we need an education chair to coordinate external classes and sessions?
- The Board discussed adding a question and answer segment to the membership meetings.

September 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

- voted and approved the treasurer's report
- voted and approved the secretary's report
- The Society, represented by Tim, Rollie, and Carol, is presenting two educational programs: OLLI (two sessions) and Saginaw Township Community Schools. The sessions include plant sales and repotting.
- Amy Motter has Wellington's doing the trophies. Tim has the special awards.
- Amy Motter is soliciting items for the Show.
- Jack suggested printing tee shirts for the workers at the Show. The members present voted on a design.
- Tim talked about advertising: newspapers, blogs, radio stations, etc.
- MAOC fall meeting is being held in October at the combined Miami Valley and Greater Cincinnati Orchid Societies in Dayton, OH.

- Tim suggested adding a question/answer session built into meeting structure.
- A second structural change was suggested to have the speaker begin right at 7pm with the Society business meeting following. The members present VOTED to rearrange the order of the meeting.
- Jack presented the Orchiata mix.
- Jack passed out a flier on Michigan Orchid Speakers. He and others developed a website on regional orchid societies and who is speaking and when.
- Dennis Banning talked about orchid arrangements. He demonstrated using Oasis (floral foam, soaked and wrapped in a plastic bag), chicken wire for structure, bind wire to tie the Oasis to the branch or media. Whatever you put into your arrangement has a face – put the face toward your audience. Arrange leaves and flowers like they would in nature. Collect decorative grasses starting in May through winter, hanging bundles in a cool, dark place, upside down with a rubber band to secure. Dennis uses boxwood, ivy, wandering Jew, bamboo, pussy willow, Spanish moss, dogwood, and other greens for texture prior to adding orchids to the design for color. Dennis made a wreath out of grape vine, weaving it onto itself. He added some boxwood with 24-gauge floral wire. Then he built a swag using ivy, curly willow, and more boxwood.

Upcoming SVOS Events

- All meetings are at the church on the second Saturday of January, March, May, September, and November unless otherwise noted.
- November 9th: Board and Membership Meetings; no speaker.
- November 30th – December 1st: 48th Annual Orchid Show and Sale at the Midland Resort and Convention Center.
- January
- March
- May
- September
- November

President's Report

This is our annual show planning meeting, so if you don't want to get assigned to something not of your choosing you better come to the meeting!! Also, since we won't be having a speaker, the raffle is on, so bring all those plants, etc. that you've been saving up for the last few months, along with some extra cash for tickets!

Silent Auction Update

Just a reminder for everyone to keep thinking about possible ideas for donations to our silent auction. We already have a number of nice donations, but could use a few more! Donations from members are welcome, but also consider asking your favorite shop or restaurant to consider the free advertising and future foot traffic they would get for a small gift certificate or item donation.

Be creative in your thinking...items do not have to be orchid related...just something that others might want to buy!! I would like to have all silent auction items to me at our society meeting, Nov. 9. If you have any questions, please send an email to: amymotter@charter.net

THANKS to everyone for your efforts and donations !!

Show Reports

- No local shows since NMOS in May.

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- SVOS Orchid Show and Sale, November 30-December 1 at the Midland Resort and Convention Center

- Porter's Orchids invites you to our annual Holiday Open House:

Saturday, December 7, 2013

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Porter's Orchids Greenhouse

10968 Royston Road, Grand Ledge, MI

Refreshment Volunteers

- November: Lori Lickly, Joyce Potoff, Linda Sule

- January:

- March:

- May:

- September:

- November:

Other Bits

- Dues will be due by December 31st, 2013. Please pay Edith Sommers.

- Seeking two candidates for Board of Directors positions that will come open at the end of 2013. The treasurer and secretary positions are due this year as well. The Vice President position is open.

- The society has some orchid-related supplies for sale: fertilizer, bark, et cetera. Please contact one of the officers for details.

- Thank you to those who brought food to the September 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.

- 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

- David Meyers

- Barb Leo

- Silvia Evans

- Suellyn Bielski

Shinkel

- Janice Knop

- Linda Veresh

- Bud & Janet Stevens

- Judy Zwerk

- Linda Brown

- Sam and Connie Maisano

- West Cloyd

- Helmut Schick

- Lynn Johnson

- Susan Shinkel

- Stacey

- Michael Starch

- Jeff Schrier

- Jean Rose

- Marie Ann Brissette

- Linda Busch

- Bob Schust