

**Saginaw Valley Orchid Society  
News and Notes for March 2013  
Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Board Meeting starts at 6:30p  
Membership Meeting starts at 7p  
Featured speaker: Dennis Banning  
Bring flower spikes for arranging  
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 September, 2013, our account balance is \$3,924.21.

Membership = 55

### Secretary's Report

*May 2013 Board Meeting Minutes*

- no activity

### *May 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes*

- voted and approved the treasurer's report  
- voted and approved the secretary's report  
- Jack is in charge of the NMOS Show.  
- Sam Tsui spoke about The Wonderful World of Cochlopetalums (sequential bloomers). Most paphs come from eastern Asia (Indonesia): Sumatra, Java. Cochlopetalums can have up to 30 flowers, up to 4 flowers opening at a time, last up to 6 weeks, can bloom themselves to death. Some species date back to 1892. The culture of these plants is relatively constant temperature, although depending on the elevation, they may be warmer or cooler growers. For longer petals, move the plant in spike to lower light, lower temperature, and higher humidity.  
[www.slipperorchids.info](http://www.slipperorchids.info)  
Award Quarterly / AQ Plus  
- Study Group is June 11<sup>th</sup> at Linda Sule's house.

### Upcoming SVOS Events

- All meetings are at the church on the second Saturday of January, March, May, September, and November unless otherwise noted.

- 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.  
- OLLI Workshops at SVSU are Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30am. The fee is \$35 for members and \$65 for non-members. Contact the university at [olli@svsu.edu](mailto:olli@svsu.edu) or 989.964.4475.  
- 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 at the Midland Resort and Convention Center.

### Show Reports

NMOS: The show was very well managed and the Society did a great job of making sure everyone had a great time. They made unloading and loading back up very easy. Our Society did very well at this show. The exhibit took first place and trophy for the 50 square foot class. We had 28 plants in the exhibit and received 26 class ribbons: 15 firsts, 9 seconds, and 2 thirds with one trophy for best papy. There were three of our plants pulled for AOS judging, but none of them were awarded (Lori Lickly's Paph Yakushiji, Paph Max Sandbichler, and my Paph Wekiva Springs, which was best paph for the show). I would like to say a very big thanks to Carol Jurek, Lori Lickly, Sally Heinlein, and Linda Sule for sharing their plants for use in the exhibit. A very big thanks to Amy and Gregg Motter for their help to set up. It went fast and we had a good time doing it. They also did a silent auction and book sale. Thanks to the Society for allowing me to set this show up.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Shumaker

### 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**

- September: Sue Konkle, Judy Thomas  
- November: Lori Lickly, Joyce Potoff, Linda Sule

### **From the Silent Auction Coordinator**

IT'S SILENT AUCTION DONATION TIME! Thanks so much to all of our members - we had a very successful silent auction during our orchid show last November! Again this year I am asking for your help to obtain donations. I am hoping for about 25-30 items (we have 4 so far!). Donations need not be orchid related. Gift certificates, services, art, and hand crafted items sold well. PLEASE NO LIVE ITEMS, PLANTS, OR ITEMS OUR VENDORS SELL (we don't want to compete with them!). And no homemade food items. If you obtain a donation from a business, keep track of the name of the person you talked to so we can send a thank you note!

BOOK SALE: If anyone has past issues of Orchid magazines they are willing to part with, both individual issues and full year collections sold well last year. Also "like new" Orchid related books, gardening or cook books were popular...These items will be sold separately in the lobby of the show.

Call or email Amy Motter with any questions or ideas...By mid-October I would like to have an idea of what donations you might be offering...and I would appreciate all items to me on or before our November meeting.

Thank you for any of the ways you can help...I will look forward to hearing from you soon! Amy Motter. phone: 989-832-8927

email: [amymotter@charter.net](mailto:amymotter@charter.net)

### **Other Bits**

- Dues will be due by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

- Jack has some samples of Orchid media that he will bring to our September meeting. Acadian Wholesale Supply in Georgia sells this orchid potting mix.

- Jack has room for one more person to attend the Slipper Orchid Conference on October 5<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburgh. There is also half a room for a woman to share with Chris Garland. See OSWP.org or contact Jack for details.

- 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 May 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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
- West Cloyd  
- Helmut Schick  
- Lynn Johnson  
- Susan Shinkel  
- Stacey Shinkel

- Janice Knop  
- Linda Veresh  
- Bud & Janet Stevens  
- Judy Zwerk  
- Linda Brown  
- Sam and Connie Maisano  
- Michael Starch  
- Jeff Schrier  
- Jean Rose  
- Marie Ann Brissette  
- Linda Busch  
- Bob Schust