

**Saginaw Valley Orchid Society  
News and Notes for January 2014  
Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Board Meeting starts at 6:30p  
Membership Meeting starts at 7p  
Family Baptist Church, Saginaw  
Guest Speaker: Jerry Fischer, Orchids Limited  
Phrag. kovachii and its crosses  
<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 (2014-15)  
Jim Lile \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary (2014-15)  
Marilyn Whittaker (2014-16), Joyce Potoff (2014-16),  
Rollie Wilson (2012-14), Amy Motter (2012-14),  
Helmut Schick (2013-15), Sally Heinlein (2013-15)

### Treasurer's Report

As of March, 2014, our account balance is \$4,448.17.  
November Show 2013 + \$216  
April Workshop 2013 + \$372  
SVSU Ollie Workshop + \$95  
Membership = 55

### Secretary's Report

*January 2014 Board Meeting Minutes*  
- no report

### *January 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes*

- voted and approved the treasurer's report  
- voted and approved the secretary's report  
- Jim and Jack will coordinate the GVOS Show. The GLOS Show is pending volunteers.  
- MAOS/AOS will hold a meeting in Minneapolis in May 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> near the Mall of America.  
- Leo Schordje spoke to the society about Lycaste species and hybrids ([www.schordje.com](http://www.schordje.com)). The handout is on his website. Leo grows his plants under lights or on a windowsill. Lycaste comes from the Greek: The Beautiful Sister of Helen of Troy. There are thirty-five species of Lycaste, and these are generally evergreen or deciduous. Environmental requirements: higher light, good air movement, moderate temperatures (not necessarily cool), potting mix doesn't matter as much as the watering schedule (water when dry – sphagnum is helpful), repot Lycastes when the new growth is just above the previous pseudobulb, MSU fertilizer with lower potassium is preferred, however the standard MSU formula and other products are fine. Leo described the more important Lycaste species and hybrids.

### Upcoming SVOS Events

- All meetings are at the church on the second Saturday of January, March, May, September, and November unless otherwise noted.  
- March 8<sup>th</sup>: Board of Directors and Membership  
- April TBA: Orchid Workshop  
- May 10<sup>th</sup>: Board of Directors and Membership  
- August 17<sup>th</sup>: picnic and orchid auction at Marilyn and Ken Whittaker's house on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 1pm. The address is 373 West Anderson, Linwood, MI (989.697.5377).  
- September 13<sup>th</sup>: Board of Directors and Membership  
- November 8<sup>th</sup>: Board of Directors and Membership  
- November 29-30<sup>th</sup>: SVOS Show and Sale

### Show Reports

- GVOS (Meijer Gardens): Travel cancelled due to inclement weather.  
- GLOS (MSU): The society presented 25 plants for display. The display earned a red (second place) ribbon. Of the 25 plants, 9 were awarded ribbons: Helmut Schick for Pot. Curtis Wayne (red); Sally Heinlein for Phrag Peruflorea's Spirit (two red and one trophy ribbon), Dgmra. Mem Jay Yamada 'Kauai', Paph. villosum (yellow), Paph. chamberlainianum (yellow); Linda Sule for Paph. Hsinying Moonlight (yellow with commendation); Carol Jurek for Dtps. Joy Sarah (blue); Jack Shumaker (red) for Paph Saium, and Jim Lile for B. Little Stars. Many thanks to Jack Shumaker and Sally Heinlein for their help with set up and design of the display, and Marilyn Whittaker for her moral support. Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Lile

### Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- Grand Valley Orchid Society (January 25-26) at Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids  
- Greater Lansing Orchid Society (February 22-23) at the Plant & Soil Science Building on the campus of Michigan State University  
- Ann Arbor Orchid Society (March 22-23) at Matthei Botanical Gardens

- Michigan Orchid Society (April 12-13)
- Northwest Michigan Orchid Society (May 24-25)

### **Refreshment Volunteers**

- January:
- March:
- May:
- September:
- November:

### **Other Bits**

- Dues were due on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Please pay Edith Sommers.
- New members: contact an officer if you are interested in having an orchid “mentor” as you get started with your new addiction.
- 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 January 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.
- Visit Jack Shumaker’s website: [www.michiganorchidspeakers.com](http://www.michiganorchidspeakers.com) for SVOS and other society orchid speaker events.
- 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**

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| - Joyce Potoff           | - West Cloyd          |
| - David Meyers           | - Mary Liss           |
| - 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            | - Bev & Doug Winger   |
| - Sam and Connie Maisano | - Bob Schust          |
| - Karen Newberg          |                       |