

*Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
News and Notes for March 2014
Saturday, May 10th, 2014
Board Meeting starts at 6:30p
Membership Meeting starts at 7p
Family Baptist Church, Saginaw
Guest Speaker: Graham Wood*

Graham will NOT be bringing plants unless you pre-order (Lehua Orchids website or 808.968.8898)

There WILL be a raffle at the meeting.

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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 May, 2014, our account balance is \$4,117.24.
Membership = 38

Secretary's Report

March 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

- Orchid Workshop will be postponed until October.
- Advertising, sponsors coordinator for the show.

March 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes

- voted and approved the treasurer's report
- voted and approved the secretary's report
- Jim Lile will coordinate the Ann Arbor Show.
- MAOS/AOS will hold a meeting in Minneapolis in May 2nd-4th near the Mall of America.
- October 18th – Michigan Orchid Societies
- Thor Rasmussen from www.saginawhappening.org came to visit and photograph our meeting.
- Voted and approved the addition of a link to ProFlowers article on the history and meaning of orchids. See our website for the link.
- Orchid Workshop will be rescheduled for October.
- Jerry Fischer spoke to the group on Phragmipedium kovachii, history, hybridizing, and culture. These plants grow on limestone cliffs, with high moisture, and a higher pH than most orchids (6.8-8.4). Some of Jerry's original plants came from Peru. There are 32 total hybrids of kovachii, many were developed and named by our speaker. Bleaching out in the center of the plant is an indication of magnesium and calcium. Diatomite helps keep pH high and aerate the orchid mix. For best results, use low light, pure water, diatomite, neutral pH to slightly basic pH, air stones for water reservoir, and 10-5-10 (or 10-5-5) fertilizer.

Upcoming SVOS Events

- All meetings are at the church on the second Saturday of January, March, May, September, and November unless otherwise noted.
- May 10th: Board of Directors and Membership
- August 17th: picnic and orchid auction at Marilyn and Ken Whittaker's house on Sunday, August 17th, 2014 at 1pm. The address is 373 West Anderson, Linwood, MI (989.697.5377).
- September 13th: Board of Directors and Membership
- October 18th: Okemos
- November 8th: Board of Directors and Membership
- November 29-30th: SVOS Show and Sale

Show Reports

- Correction to GLOS report: Sally Heinlein for Phrag Perufflora's Spirit (two red and AOS) and Jim Lile (red) for B. Little Stars.
- Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lile

AAOS: Our display of 24 plants got a third place ribbon. All together, we had 12 ribbons. Individuals receiving ribbons: Jack (reds on a Paph. rothschildianum, Paph. Lynleigh, Paph. Mount Toro, and a white on Paph. Yang-Ji Hawk), Helmut (white on B. Little Stars, blue on Lc. Green Veil), Linda (red on Col. sphacetante, white on Epi. ibaquense, and red/President's ribbon on Bulbo. saurocephalum), Rollie (blue and Best of Class Cym. Ming 'Emperor'). Many thanks to Jack for his help with set up and tear down. Jim Lile

MOS: The MOS show was as beautiful as always. The vendors put their best in all their displays and all the societies and individuals put up great entries also. We made a bike path through our display with a little decorator bike in it with orchids in the baskets. We all thought it was beautiful, but we got a third on it this year. We seem to go back and forth with Lansing. Last year we got the second and they got the third. Plants were contributed by Carol and Tom Jurek, Helmut Schick, Sally Heinlein, Jack Shumaker, Tim Hueston, Jean Rose and me. Altogether we won 10 ribbons and one trophy. Carol and Tom Jurek got a blue on their Phal. amadeus; Helmut Schick sent two plants and got two ribbons - a blue on a beautiful unnamed oncidium that he bought at Trader Joe's in Ann Arbor, and a red on his Lctna. Peggy San. Sally sent several and won a blue on her Glauca. x LC Spring Fires and on her Iwan. Appleblossom 'Golden Beauty',

and a third on her Epi. Pretty Lady and her Paph. Deperle. Jack really did a number as he got the Marge Laski Trophy for a beautiful Phrag. Tall Tales as well as a blue on a wonderful Paph. rothschildianum with three perfect blooms. I sent a first-time blooming Jerry Spence (one of the \$5 ones from Carter & Holmes) and got a second place on that. Thanks to everyone for all the help. Sally Heinlein and Jack Shumaker did a lot of the set-up along with me and Linda Sule and Jean Rose. Jack and Joyce Shultz and Janine Taylor were really efficient tearing it back down on Sunday.

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- GLJC (www.gljc.org and seminar@gljc.org) 2014 Educational Seminar (May 17-18) on the Cypripedium Alliance at the Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, Ann Arbor. Cost is \$20 per person. Dinner and a light breakfast are included. A fundraiser auction will be conducted. Two speakers will have plants for sale.
- Northwest Michigan Orchid Society (May 24-25)

Refreshment Volunteers

- May:
- September:
- November:

Other Bits

- Here is a brief summary, from Amy, of items brought up March 8, during the Board Meeting. With our president absent, we did a good job of making lists, but very little action was taken!
 - 1) The need for more pre-planning for our society show in November. Specifically the need to find someone to act as the Coordinator for: publicizing the event, new signs or banners, and possibly obtaining sponsorship to help with funding the advertising. It was stressed that this is a Coordinator, not one person to do all the work! No one has volunteered, yet.
 - 2) The April educational workshop was postponed till late Sept. or early October. Jack mentioned wanting to get more members involved in pre planning of our societies display for the Nov. show and a suggestion was made that maybe combining Jacks idea with the Workshop and focus the workshop on "How to put a display together". More discussion needed.
 - 3) Responsibility for setting up Society shows held by Ann Arbor and MOS were determined.
 - 4) The orchid class our society was going to hold for Saginaw Township Schools Community Ed. only had three participants as of the registration deadline, so it was decided to cancel the class. We have to let them know by June if we want to try another class in the fall.
 - 5) A suggestion to hold a separate board meeting possibly in late May or early June, where members could have more time to discuss the above items, do some brainstorming, and other planning for our November show, was discussed. Board members need to bring their calendars and think about meeting for lunch, dinner, or just desserts, at a restaurant, or a members home, (Amy offered), so a date can be determined.
 - 6) The need to discuss ways to increase membership and to find other fundraising opportunities was also mentioned.

- 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 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.
- 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 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 | |

Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers. Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers.