

Saginaw Valley Orchid Society

Next meeting November 12, 2016

No speaker this month, show planning

There **will** be an orchid raffle

Family Baptist Church, Saginaw

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Treasurer's Report

Edith reports our society check book balance is \$4,643.

Secretary's Report

At our September meeting our speaker was

Hadley Cash, from Marriott Orchids in Kernersville, North Carolina. Hadley gave

a very informative talk on Complex Paphiopedilums. He listed four things you do to get paph's to bloom .(Nov. through March is when most blossom)

1. Cool down period

Chill to 55°-57° till mid Nov. or beginning of Dec. Then chill to 60°-62° till Jan. On days you water turn your heat 5° higher for those nights. You need at least a one month of cool nights, so you have a 15°+ swing in temps. Phals should not go below 62°.should leave plants out in the fall. If one has a few cold and rainy days, you should bring them in for a few days and then take them out again.

2. Back off on water

They need to dry out a little. Wait with watering 1-2 days extra days. Phrags

can stay sitting in water.

3. **Fertilizer**

Don't fertilize for 2 months during the chilling down period. Use bloom booster or African violet fertilizer. Use $\frac{1}{4}$ of the strength (so $\frac{1}{8}$ tsp /gallon) of what you use in the summer (he uses $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp / gal. and $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. every 4-6 weeks In the summer) . After January until April when you see active growing, he uses $\frac{1}{2}$ the strength of what he uses in the Summer ($\frac{1}{4}$ tsp / gallon).

4. **Light**

You need less intense light and for less hours (nature does that for us). If under lights spring and summer 14-15 hrs. per day. Sept. one less hour (13 hrs) , Nov. two less hours (12 hrs.), Dec. three less hours (11 hrs.), Jan. four less hours (10hrs.). Then in Feb. add one hour (11 hrs.), March add two hours (12 hrs.), then April add three hours (13 hrs.), and then May add four hours (14 hrs.).

To test if too bright of light, hold a piece of white paper 1" away from the plant at noon, and if you can see a

good hand shadow, then it is too much light.

Water quality is important

7.0 is neutral, 6.0 is acidic. Paphs like it 6.0-7.0. He likes it at 6.25. If over 8.0, the plants can't take up the fertilizer.

To lower the ph, add citric acid, which one can use seplex (cost is about \$15. per gallon).

October study group

Held and presented by Tim Hueston at his home in Midland. The topic was different types of lighting for orchids. Tim set up several different types of light fixtures and explained their use. Very informative information.

Membership November 2016 Meeting

We will have election of officers, think about volunteering. No speaker this meeting as this is our show organization meeting. You can sign up at our meeting for Orchid show clerking on Saturday morning or food for the potluck . Or contact Edith by email edithsommers@charter.com .Also think about being a Trophy sponsor for \$25.00 or a Patron Sponsor for \$15.00.

Show Reports

No show reports

Upcoming SVOS

SVOS show November 25-26 at Kochville Veterans Hall on Kochville Road. in Saginaw. We will be doing some set up on the Wednesday before the show starting at

3:30. Can you volunteer your time to help this process go faster.?

Upcoming Shows and Events

Saginaw Valley- November 25-26, 2016

Grand Valley- January 28-29 , 2017

Ann Arbor- March 17-19, 2017

Other Bits:

Dues (\$20.00) will be due by December 31, 2016

New location for SVOS meetings will start with January 2017 meeting. New venue will be at Thomas Township Public Safety Building. Address is 8215 Shield Drive. Directions to new location:

Take Gratiot (M46) West,

Turn Right (North) on Miller Road,

Left on Shield Drive

Building is on left, 8215

Porter's Orchid Greenhouse invites you to their annual Holiday open house. Saturday Dec. 3, 2016 from 10:00am to 4:00pm .They have some divisions and lots of seedlings. They now also have multi flora Phals. and showy plants available at special pricing. Also enjoy a light lunch. Address is 10968 Royston Rd. Grand Ledge or map is available at <http://portersorchids.com>

Check out AOS on line (AOS.org) for rules to enter the 2016 Dillon / Peterson essay contest and information on

webinars, and information on how to join AOS .

Messages from Jack

November 19 GLOS meeting with Sam Tusi

Leaving at 6:30pm

November 20 MOS meeting with Davie

Miller- leaving at 11:30am

December 17 Judges holiday party

Potluck-leaving at 9:30am

Contact Jack for details.

Welcome new members:

Invite a friend to join !

Member Profile



This profile is by Jacques Maurissen. I was born in Belgium, earned a Master's degree in psychology at the University of Lie 'ge. I got married, then moved to the USA in 1973 to pursue my studies at the University of Rochester, NY, in the field of neurotoxicology. After my degree Dow Chemical offered me a job in their Toxicology Research Laboratory in Midland. We moved from Rochester in 1982 and our daughter, Ste 'phanie was born here. She now lives in Baltimore, MD, and she has a Master's degree in global environmental health from Emory University. She is a humanitarian worker and has worked in more continents and countries (about 30 by

now) than I have ever visited. My wife Ghislaine, got her doctoral degree in experimental psychology, and spent most of her time raising our daughter while teaching psychology at SVSU. She has been and still is very active in a number of groups. Every year since I retired, Ghislaine and I have spent 4 months in Mallorca, an island off the coast of Spain in the Mediterranean Sea.

My main hobbies are music (mainly classical; music is my life!), reading (from mysteries to science and philosophy books), and learning. I still do some consulting in neurotoxicology.

My interest in plants started a long time ago with cacti and succulents; then I added hoyas (epiphytes), which fascinated (and keep fascinating) me by their peculiar and magnificent umbel inflorescence. Tillandsias, wonderful oddities and aerophytes, have also peaked my curiosity, although I only have a few of them. More recently, my interest in orchids was rekindled when Helmut invited me a few years ago to the SVOS orchid show. My orchid "collection" started with a miniature Meijer Phalaenopsis, then I bought a few others with different bloom colors. To this I added mostly small/compact orchids (I have a debilitating space problem!) with one Cattleya, one Paphiopedillum, and a few Bulbophyllums (and also a debilitating interest in them!) I joined SVOS at the end of 2014 and have been happily surprised by the very high level of expertise in the Society. My yearly travels inland (at Thanksgiving) and overseas (first 4 months of the year) prevent me, unfortunately, from attending most of the orchid shows and meetings I would like so much to attend. I still hope, however, to learn much about orchids from all of you.