

Saginaw Valley Orchid Society

Next meeting September 10, 2016

Speaker: Hadley Cash on Complex Paphiopedilums

****NO RAFFLE**** Hadley's bringing plants for sale

Family Baptist Church, Saginaw

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At our last meeting in May Rollie set up a question & answer table where members could come and ask their questions. Several members took advantage of this opportunity. Our guest speaker in May was Alan Kock from Gold Country Orchids of Sacramento, California. Alan talked about Cattleyas and companion plants. On May 27, 2016 the board members went to check out the Thomas Township Public Safety Building a possible new location for the 2017 SVOS meetings. A *motion passed to start our meetings January 2017 at that* location. The study group met in June at Skip & Rollies home. We each looked over older American Orchid Society Bulletins and shared information with discussion after. June 28 we met at Roberta Bouleau's home for a sale of Paul's orchids. There are still some available, see Linda Sule for more information. Plants are selling for \$10-\$15 with all money going to Society. So far total of sales at \$826.00

Treasurer's Report

As of August 21, 2016 our account balance is \$4,901.00. We have 44 members and one life time member, Fred Boehringer.

Secretary's Report

Membership September 2016 Meeting

Our guest speaker at our September 10, 2016 meeting will be Hadley Cash from Marriott Orchids in Kernersville, North

Carolina. Hadley founded Marriot Orchids in 1985, specializing in Paphiopedilums. He now grows in 6,000 sq. feet of heated greenhouse. As of 2015 Hadley has received over 400 American Orchid Society awards; these include 15 FCC'S (First Class Certificate's) and 6 AQ'S (Award of Quality) from AOS. He has won both W.W. Wilson Award and Merritt W. Huntington Award (Best Paphiopedilum and Best FCC of the year). In May 2015, Hadley received the highest distinction of his career...he was awarded AOS Award for Excellence in Hybridizing. This award is given for a lifelong commitment to hybridizing excellence.

Show Reports

No shows to report.

Upcommng Shows and Events

Saturday October 8, 2016 at 2:00PM- All State Orchid Society Meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos, MI. Speaker will be Carlos Fighetti from Guaynabo, Puerto Rico.

August Picnic

SVOS annual picnic/plant auction was held Aug. 21, 2016 at the home of Sue Schiewe. Thanks again Sue for stepping up and offering to host the picnic. We had 25 attend. And sold 29 plants with a net profit of \$296.00 after expenses.

Refreshment Volunteers Needed

We need to provide snacks as we have been having guests from other Society's join us, along with guest speakers. And of coarse all of us members like the snacks also.

Other Bits

Dinner with the Speaker members are welcome to come and have dinner with the speaker Hadley Cash. It will be at Harvey's 3055 Tittabawassee Saginaw at 5:00 pm.

Just let Jack know if you are coming so he can get the right table. 810-265-8117.

New ...Member Profile

As many of you know I am trying to start

a new section to our new letter. I feel we might want to get to know something other than our shared interest in Orchids, about our members. I would like to share a picture of the person profiled so we can put a face with their name. Thank you to those who have already offered to share a profile. Let me know what you think of this idea. The first volunteer is Judy Enger.



I was born in Toledo and raised in Perrysburg, Ohio. I attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio and received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

I met and married Eldon in Midland, MI where I lived after graduation and worked for Dow Chemical Company. Eldon is a graduate of University of Michigan and taught biology classes at Delta College until he retired.

We have two sons, Kyle and Brook. Among them they have two girls and one boy. Kyle is an epidemiologist and Brook is a computer engineer.

Eldon had a colleague who moved from Michigan to California. She had a Phalaenopsis orchid that she could not take with her so she gave it to us. It bloomed repeatedly and I was hooked! At some point it passed on to the great orchid graveyard in the sky, but it has been replaced by other plants. Phals. and Paphs. Grow the best for me in our sunroom or on window sills, I guess those are my favorite. I enjoy attending orchid shows and seeing orchids grow 'in the wild'.

I have had several jobs over the years, the most interesting one was as an actress in a play called "Babylonian Encounter" that was performed in area elementary schools. The play taught the children about good and bad touching and was performed under the auspices of the Midland Center for the Arts and Councils for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Hobbies include knitting, cooking (especially bread baking), photography (I am a member of the Midland Camera Club), kayaking, snowshoeing, and singing with Trinity Lutheran Church's chancel choir.

We have traveled quite a bit. With our sons we did the obligatory road trip to the Pacific Coast one summer and to the Atlantic coast the following summer, and had a marvelous time. Eldon had two Fulbright Teacher Exchange positions, in Australia and Scotland. We lived in each country for a year. Our son Kyle joined the Peace Corps and was sent to Morocco, where we visited him three times during his service. Additionally, we have participated in some Earth Watch expeditions in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Costa Rica and Australia. Earth Watch sponsors scientific research projects around the world and individuals can sign up to help with research.

We just returned from a Road Scholar Trip to Peru (think Galapagos Islands) that was spectacular. Road Scholar trips have a strong educational component and this trip was no exception. In Quito, Ecuador we were having geology lecture and the lecturer was talking about earthquakes

when the floor started to shake and kept on shaking! Of course, we evacuated the building. There was no damage in Quito. However, the epicenter was about 120 miles away and at that point it was a magnitude 7.8 earthquake and unfortunately there was a lot of damage and loss of life.