



Saginaw Valley Orchid Society



Next meeting March 11, 2017 6:30pm

Speaker: Edgar Stehli speaking on Encyclia and Epidendrums

He will be selling plants, so no auction

Thomas Township Public Safety Building at 7:00pm

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We held our first meeting for 2017 in our new location at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building. It worked out great. Joyce led her first meeting as our new President. Great job Joyce! She reminded us that we need someone to take charge of the upcoming orchid shows in Grand Rapid and Lansing. Sally introduced our guest speaker which was Rob Halgran from Littlefrog Farm in Lansing. Rob had slides to show different types of disease/bug problems and he challenged us to guess what the problem was caused from and then told us what to do to help treat those conditions. And when to just “ throw them out.” To quote Rob “Life is too short to grow ugly plants.” When treating for insects he stated that he sprays his plants by combining the following 3 things into one spray (with 3 different mechanisms of action). Azadiraction (Azamax), Spinosad, and Distance (Enstar would work). You can find information about insecticides mode of actions on a table on line to find a combination to minimize resistance. He stressed you need to know what you are treating first and not to use the strongest thing first. Also remember one treatment is not enough. Don't spray if you don't have a problem. It is a very bad to prophylactic

Treasurer's Report

Edith reports a balance of \$5,877 and a paid membership of 41.

Secretary's Report

spray, as insects develop resistance. Try spraying with soapy water first or with alcohol with 1-2 drops of detergent. You can also try putting entire plant in bucket of water- slugs and snails will drown. For spider mites wash plant with soapy water trying to get all spots. Repeat at 4-5 day intervals. Long term, raise the humidity. Scales cause the leaves to yellow. Try rubbing alcohol or detergent in water. Also try alcohol on Q-tip for mealy bugs. When treating a fungal problem he suggested instead of using a fungicide first try using cinnamon. He stressed changing your conditions like fertilize less, increase air movement, and by changing watering habits. Fungus is very hard to clear up. Can try to cut leaves affected, sprinkle with cinnamon and may try fungicide to lessen spreading. Bacterial Rot moves fast. You can't ignore this. Cut leaf off using separate blades to cut each leaf and sprinkle with cinnamon. This will spread quickly to others. "Pray or just throw it out." Rob provided information in a very relaxed style with lots of time for questions.

Membership March 11, 2017 Meeting

Our guest speaker will be Edgar Stehli from Windswept In Time Orchids in Broadview Heights, Ohio. He and his wife Kim enjoy their 1,300 sq. ft. detached greenhouse in their back yard. He has approx. 1,500 varieties of orchids. When you enter the green house it is like a slice of tropical jungle. And except for a narrow path, every inch is alive with shinning green leaves and exotic flowers. His orchid manic began as a kid. He remembers his father showing him one of Ohio's native orchids while they were hiking. Edgar was struck by the flower's unique structure.

Board Meeting

Your board members met and worked on the budget for 2017. A date for the April workshop was set for April 22nd. Show chairman are working on job descriptions. Also discussion on setting up a year around education committee (to include an every other year SVSU Ollie offering) and an advertizing group.

Show Reports

Grand Valley show report prepared by Sally. .

With the help of Lori, Marilyn and me we set up a pre-display on Thursday at Marilyn's, so we knew what we needed to take on Friday to Grand Rapids. In an hour we had it figured out and done. Then we still had to do the entry tags and labels, which took longer than the set up. For a change the weather was nice to drive to Grand Rapids. Marilyn and I set it up and all went well. Then we shopped away and found a few goodies. As for our display it took 3rd place. Thanks to Jack, Bob, Lori, Marilyn, Robbie (Sally's neighbor) and Sally we ended up with 22 plants in our display. Unfortunately Jack's

and Bob's plants didn't get a ribbon. All 6 plants Lori sent got ribbons (Two 1st, One 2nd, and Three 3^{rds}.) Two of Marilyn's got a ribbon (one 1st & one 3rd). Robbie got a 1st on her Dendrobium. The first plant she ever entered. I entered 8 plants and four got ribbons (one 1st, one 2nd, two 3^{rds}). So we ended up getting 13 plant ribbons out of the 22 plants that were sent, so that was pretty good. A special thanks to Jean and her daughter who took our display down for us. Below is a picture of the display.



Upcoming SVOS

March 11, 2017 speaker Edgar Stehli on

Encyclia and Epidendrum
April 22, 2017 will be our orchid workshop,

from to .

May 13, 2017 speaker Dennis Olivas on Laelia's

September 9, 2017 speaker Glen Decker on Phragmipedium's

October 14, 2017 All State Meeting Francisco

Miranda on Brazilian Cattleyas and George

Hatfield on AOS Today.

Upcoming Shows and Events

Ann Arbor- March 18-19, 2017 **Plants to Carol** by Wednesday the 15th.

MOS (Madison Heights) March 25-26

Refreshment Volunteers THANKS

March 2017 – Carol J., Eleanor, Pat Y.
Helmut, Linda

May 2017 – Jan K., Skip, Eleanor, Jean,
Edith

Sept. 2017- Skip, Eleanor

Other Bits:

1. A thank you was sent to Bob Falkenberg from Kochville Methodist Church for help in providing light to our sign for our orchid show.

2. A thank you also was sent to Dave Sommers for the construction of storage shed shelves. Much needed!

3. Jack's message to any one that is going to set up a display for SVOS. When the board approved the new backdrops for our show it was decided that they are for "Our" show **only**. If you set up at another society show, please use the back drops in the flat totes in the storage shed. The poles that go

with that cloth are in the shed as well. You can use the pot covers

4. At the Board meeting Feb. 13, 2017 we discussed a possible **FIELD TRIP** to Little Frog Farms and Porters green houses. Date and time to be decided. Contact Joyce if you might be interested.

5. Study was held February 13 by Carol Jurek. 19 people attended Carol's offering on dendrobiums.

Editor's oops

This is a new column in the news letter to correct over sights or mistakes. So please inform me of errors so I can correct them. First I missed Bob Schust orchid earning a 2nd place ribbon on his arrangement in our show. Also I missed a line in Tim's show report thanking Jean on arrangement coordinator. So sorry!

Welcome new members

Kathy Eickhoff, Mary Bohn, Annette Gellise, Ruth Swarthout, Donna Harig and Mike Starch (returning member).

Member Profiled- Marilyn Whittaker

I have loved flowers forever. I remember skipping school as a teenager and staying home so I could weed my flower garden. My future mother-in-law said I was dumb as a box of rocks at that time I first met Ken and his family about then.

I've since married Ken and had two wonderful daughters, Lisa and Michelle. Lisa and David have two sons, Chad and Craig (my 24 & 26 year old grand babies). Chad and Brookelyn were married last August. I am an only child and Ken's immediate family is in Arizona, so we can make reservations for 8 at a restaurant and have a family get-together.

I was first hooked on roses, growing my first ones from cuttings in 1964. Over the

last 53 years my rose garden has grown to about 500 and I have become an ARS Consulting Rosarian, a specimen judge, and an arrangement judge while supporting my local rose club, the Northeastern Michigan Rosarians. Most of those years I was into roses, I was teaching subjects in the Bay City high schools. I started in Adult Ed and after 30 years, finished at Western High School.

In the early 70's I saw my first orchid show at Northwood University and fell instantly in love again. I spent all the money I had with me on Saturday and went back on Sunday and spent some more. Now I go to most all the shows and search e-bay every day for the best and most beautiful orchids I can find. I don't have a greenhouse so my house is pretty green with plants. The sunroom is so full there's just a path through it and you better walk carefully. I go to almost all the workshops, study group meetings and general meetings, and thanks to SVOS, I think I finally got beyond a box of rocks.. I love the orchids and all the people in the club who share my hobby. Life doesn't get much better than this.

