



Saginaw Valley Orchid Society



Next meeting May13, 2017 6:30pm

Speaker: Dennis Olivas of Laelia's Plants

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2015-2017 Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose;

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Treasurer's Report We have 44 members.

Edith reports the check book balance is \$4,810.00.

Secretary's Report

Our speaker on May 13 is Dennis Olivas owner of D & D in Daly City, California. He will be sharing information on Laelia's plants. Dennis was born in Kauai, Hawaii. As a lad he helped his mom grow her orchids. He joined the FFA and his project was raising and selling orchids. In 1980 he moved to the mainland and swore off the orchid family, but not for long. He filled his home with over 6,000 plants, Later he leased greenhouse space for his collection. A glutton for punishment, he continued to add to his collection overflowing his leased 3,000 sq. ft. space. He is an accredited judge of AOS.

If you would like to have dinner with our speaker and Jack before meeting, they are eating about 5:45 at Beef O'Brady's at 4880 Gratiot Rd. Bldg. A, suite 5-7. RSVP Jack (jcobbler58@aol.com).

Membership March 2017 Meeting

Our speaker was Edgar Stehli (Ohio) of Windswept in Time Orchids spoke on Encyclia and Epidendrums and had beautiful plants for sale. Joyce present the Outstanding Membership Awards to

Eleanor Baker and Joanne Hetherington. Here is what Joyce had to say about the sisters'. "At our membership meetings there is always plenty of refreshments, goodies, coffee and tea. Whenever there is a raffle, many tickets are purchased. At our annual orchid club show we enjoy a bountiful Friday evening feast and many of the entries in our show illustrate how orchids can be enjoyed in beautiful floral arrangements. It seems that we have two members that are primarily responsible for all of these things and we would like to acknowledge their dedication and participation in our society over the years. The Saginaw Valley Orchid Society has an award that is given to a member, not in office or on the board, who has made substantial personal contributions to our club over many years. The award has only been given to two previous members. It is the recommendation of the board and my pleasure to present the Outstanding Member Awards this year to Joanne Hetherington and Eleanor Baker. Please accept this award as a token of appreciation and thanks of participation, dedication, and support of The Saginaw Valley Orchid Society.



(Joanne Hetherington, Joyce Potoff, and Eleanor Baker)

Joyce also noted that Paul Bouleaus, orchid Cataselum Extravaganza "Roberta's

Delight" was pictured in February 2017 Orchid Magazine if you would like to see it.

Show Reports

AAOS March 18-19, 2017 Jack states they had a great time at the 2017 Ann Arbor Orchid Show. He would like to thank the following for bringing plants for our exhibit: Sally Heinlein, Helmut Schick, Bob Schust, Rollie Wilson, and Carol Jurek. The exhibit took a first place for 25' society exhibit. We had 21 plants and received 18 class ribbons and 1 trophy. Sally received 7 ribbons, Carol received two, and Helmut and Rollie each received a first place ribbon. Jack received 7 ribbons, plus the trophy for best Vanda Alliance. Jack had two pulled for AOS Judging. Sally had one almost pulled for judging. Jack would also like to thank, Sally, Marilyn, Jean and Helmut for helping set up. They had

Fun and lots of shopping.



(Our AOS orchid show display 2017)

MOS March 25-26, 2017

Jean reports that our display received a first place thanks to her niece Jill, Sally, Marilyn, Helmut, and herself. We had a total of 36 plants and received 18 ribbons. SVOS plants came home with three 1st, six 2^{nds}, and nine 3^{rds}.



(Our display at MOS orchid show 2017)

Sally's R1, digbyana got awarded at the MOS show. It received a score of 88 points, so an AM award. It was 21cm wide and 19.2cm long, the largest that ever got awarded.



(Sally's awarded plant)

Upcoming SVOS

October 14, 2017 **All state meeting** with speakers Francisco Miranda (US/Brazil) on Brazilian Cattleyas and George Hatfield (CA) speaking on AOS today.

Upcoming Shows and Events

June 19, 2017 SVOS field trip to Little Frog farms and Porters greenhouse. RSVP Joyce. Car pooling available.

Refreshment Volunteers THANKS!

May 2017 – Jan K., Skip W.,
Eleanor B., Jean R.,
Edith S.

Sept. 2017- Skip W. Eleanor B.

November 2017- Need volunteers

Other Bits:

The field trip to an Ohio Orchid show was planned by Jack, and was attend by 4 members. Our Workshop was held April 22 with 7 attending and one new member joined.

Welcome new members:

Scott Hyslop.

Member bio for May is Linda Sule.

Linda was brought into this world as Linda Zahn, second daughter to Ruth, a stay-at-home mom and Harvey, an independent insurance agent. They lived right next to the old Handley School in West side Saginaw. She graduated from Arthur Hill in 1973 (713 in her class!) and started working at Michigan Bell Telephone Company the following fall answering phones in

the repair center. Her husband Rick met Linda on a blind date arranged by his neighbor who worked in her dad's office...they were married 18 months later in 1976. Their daughter Katie was born in 1980 (by choice ending her career at Michigan Bell) and son Kevin was born in 1982. When Kevin started kindergarten, she began working for Hemlock Public Schools as an aide in

the elementary schools libraries. Over 25 years she worked in both the elementary and middle schools libraries, as a teacher's aide in reading, math and computers, and as the token female supervising PE classes in the middle school. Her children were both active in band throughout middle school and High school and she felt privileged to chaperone on band field trips to Cedar Pointe, Chicago, Toronto, Washington DC, and New York City. In 2004 her girlfriend and Linda took a three week train/plane trip from Chicago to Seattle to Anchorage to Denali National Park to Vancouver to Victoria Columbia (Buechart Gardens...absolutely awesome) to Portland to San Francisco to Home ! Since then she has made trips to Louisiana, Montana, the Chicago and Missouri Botanical Gardens, Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, and Slipper symposium in Florida. Her addiction to orchids began simply enough. It started with just one. Tom and Carol Jurek convinced her to go with them to see the Lansing show in February 2000. Walking into that long hallway filled with tables and tables loaded with blooming plants of any color and shape that she could take home and grow??? Mind boggling! One plant turned into so many that she needed a four shelf light unit, then another, then three. Her husband built their greenhouse/ sunroom in 2007. This is the best room for chalk paintings according to their three awesome grandchildren...Isla-8, Ellis-3, and Oliver-5! She states "I am still trying to figure out how best to grow the plants I have amassed over the years. (500+) "