



Saginaw Valley Orchid Society



Next meeting November 11, 2017 6:30pm

No speaker, show planning, Raffle

Thomas Township Public Safety Building

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- 2017-2018 Marilyn Whittaker, Bob Schust
- 2015-2017 Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose;
- 2016-2018 Helmut Schick, Sally Heinlein

Treasurer's Report

Edith reports a November, 3rd balance of \$4,789.00 in account. **Reminder please pay your 2018 dues of \$20.00.**

Secretary's Report for September

Joyce Potoff started the September meeting talking about our field trip in June to Little Frog Farms in Lansing and Porter's Orchids in Grand Ledge. Porter's Orchids are having

their final sale September 13-16th. She discussed the picnic and successful plant auction. She also thanked Rollie for his part in the auction. There was a study group held at Jack's October 16th. November show planning is underway. Signup sheets were passed for trophy & patron sponsors and for the potluck food items. The election of Treasure and two board members will take place at November meeting. Volunteers for open positions were asked for and the members now filling those positions stated they would remain in place if elected. Discussion of Ollie class to be held October 12th provided there are 8-10 signed up for the class. Our guest speaker was Glen Decker from Piping Rock Orchids in New York. He gave a talk and answered questions about Phragmipediums and their hybrids. This included how to grow them.

Membership meeting November 11

There will be no guest speaker as this is a show planning meeting. There will be a raffle, so please bring for orchids that need a new home. There will be **signup** sheets for show **Patron Sponsors at \$15.00** and **Trophy sponsors** at \$25.00. Also sheets to volunteer for clerking Saturday morning, food for Friday night supper, greeting desk

during the show, and of course clean up.
Help when and where you can.

Board Meeting

The Board met October 2nd and discussed the Ollie class plans and the budget was approved. We also reviewed plans for our upcoming Orchid Show & Sale. There also was discussion about a new SVOS (members only) Memorial Trophy with judging to take place at our 2017 show. This will be discussed at the November membership meeting.

SVOS AOS Award 2017

1. Sally Heinlein- Rhycolaelia digbyana "Berry's Stormy" award of merit 88 points, MOS show.
2. Jack Shumaker- Paph "Fred's Aura Mid-Michigan " HCC 79 pts , April Judging Center.
3. Sally Heinlein- Phrag. Red Sky "Remembering Alex Challis' AM 85 points, July Judging Center.

Upcoming Shows 2018 and events

SVOS Show and Sale - Nov. 25-26, 2017

Grand Valley- January? 2018

GLOS- Feb. 24-25, 2018

Ann Arbor- March 17-18, 2018

MOS (Madison Heights) – March ? 2018

Refreshment Volunteers

November 2017- Tim, Lori, & Janine

Signup sheet for 2018 will be passed at November meeting for volunteers.

Other Bits

1. Our sympathy was extended to the friends and family of member Joyce Schultz who died October 3, 2017. She will be missed!

2. We had 16 people attend our Ollie class on orchids. Also gained one new member. Thanks volunteers!
3. Great study group was held at Jacks on Ribbon Judging v/s AOS Judging. 7 people attended. Thank you Jack!
4. See attachment for motel rooms available for our show weekend
5. See attachments also for GLJC Holiday party and for an Art Workshop.

Welcome New Members

Caroline Scott, Kathy Mykolajenko , Scott Hyslop, Dale & Pamela Garden, Kathy Smith, Teresa Jolin, Sam and Carol Miller.

Member Profiled - Carol Jurek



(Tom and Carol Jurek at Tahquamenon Falls)

It all started when I was about 12 years old. I was babysitting for a couple and the husband brought his wife an orchid (cat.) corsage. It was the most beautiful flower I had ever seen.

During high school Tom had an aunt who worked at a flower shop, so knowing my love of orchids, I always got an orchid corsage for prom.

My mom always grew African violets. When I got married I also grew African violets. One day I was reading a women's magazine and there was an article that said if you can grow African violets you can grow orchids.

One year for Mother's Day Tom asked what I would like. Being funny I said I would

like an orchid plant. Now remember there were no big box stores selling orchids or computers to look up orchid growers back in 1970. Somehow he found Fred & Boots Case and bought me two plants. One was a den. And I don't remember what the other one was, and like they say the rest is history. I didn't know how to grow them so Fred and Boots became my mentors and very dear friends.

I grew my plants under lights in the basement for 25 years. Then when I started to think about retirement I had the greenhouse built in 1998. I actually didn't retire until 2012 after 51 years in nursing.

After much urging from Fred Boots I joined the orchid society in about 1974. We have had several meeting places since then. When my youngest son, Paul, was in high school he also joined. He liked to help me with my plants and still enjoys the greenhouse when he comes home.

Tom and I have been married 56 years, and have lived in Hemlock 55 years. We have two sons. Kevin and Kelli live in Rockford, Mi. She is a school teacher and my son owns his own business, Organizational Solutions. He has two daughters. Erin is a school teacher in Grand Rapids and Katie has a dietician degree. She just had our first great-granddaughter. Katie lives at Fort Stewart in Georgia.

Our youngest son, Paul, and his wife live just outside Seattle, Washington. He is a senior project manager for Honeywell Corp. in heating and air conditioning.

I also enjoy quilting, cooking and baking, helping with the church garden and inside plants. I also donate 2-3 hours a day 3-4 days a week with the kindergarteners here in Hemlock. I help them with reading and math.

Life is good and orchids have brought me much joy. Carol Jurek