



# Saginaw Valley Orchid Society



Next meeting May12, 2018 6:30pm

Speaker: Lynn O'Shaughnessy

**There will be a plant raffle**

Thomas Township Public Safety Building

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(Lynn O' Shaughnessy)

Bio written by our May speaker Lynn

O' Shaughnessy. "I have been growing orchids since 1990 and a pleurothallid addict since 1997. I started out growing orchids in my sunroom, then added an area under lights in my basement for pleurothallids. Eventually I moved to my new greenhouse in January 2000. With more growing space available, I ventured into hybridizing and growing seedlings from flasks and compots. I had at one time over 3,000 plants in my personal collection in nearly every genera of Pleurothallids, including many divisions and kiekis.

I am an accredited AOS judge and have **received over 350 AOS awards- nearly** all pleurothallids. I also enjoy photography. I do awards photography for several orchid shows within the Great Lakes judging center. My photos have been published in

## **Treasurer's Report**

Edith report a balance in check book of \$4,881.

## **Membership May 2018 Meeting**

Orchids and Orchid Digest. I also had a photo selected for the 2006 AOS calendar.

I belong to two local garden clubs and enjoy outdoor gardening as well."

## Show Reports



(Edith's picture of our Ann Arbor Show Display)

**Ann Arbor Show-** was held March 17-18. They reported record breaking crowds on a beautiful weekend. Our display was organized by Edith Sommers and Janine Taylor, and earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon. Also Marilyn, Sally and Lori were there to help with set up, registering plants, etc. Plants were entered by Carol, Rollie, Helmut, Jean, Linda S. Edith, Sally and Marilyn. Our society entered 27 plants and received 21 ribbons. That is impressive! We had **2 Best Of Show Trophy winners:** Carol's Sarc. Heidi 'Early' X Sarc. Zoe 'SB' and Rollie's Phrag. besseae X sib. Carol's plants received two 1<sup>st</sup> and one 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbon. Rollie's plants earned, one 1<sup>st</sup>, one 2<sup>nd</sup> and one 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jean's plant earned one 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon. Linda S. earned one 2<sup>nd</sup> ribbon. Edith's plants earned three 1<sup>st</sup>, one 2<sup>nd</sup>, and three 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbons. Sally's earned one 1<sup>st</sup> ribbon. Marilyn's plants earned three 1<sup>st</sup> and one 2<sup>nd</sup>. Edith and Sue shopped on Sunday and took down the display.

**MOS show-**was held March 24- 25 , 2

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(Picture of our MOS display by Joyce Potoff)

The following was report written by Joyce.

Awards:

**Carol Jurek:** Sarc. Heidi, 1<sup>st</sup> in Best of Class; Phal, KV Beauty '63", 2<sup>nd</sup>; Lc, Ranae Eugene, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Blc. Hawaiian Discovery, 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Sally Heinlein:** Phal. Big Bang, 1<sup>st</sup>; Phal. Michael Crocker, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Rhyncatteeanthe Curtis Wayne, 1<sup>st</sup>; Bllra. Tropic Lily Hilo Space Ship, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jean Rose: Cattleya Unknown, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Hwra. Lava Burst, 1<sup>st</sup>; Phal. Cool Breeze, 1<sup>st</sup>. **Edith Sommers:** Psy. Mendenhall Hildos, 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Marilyn Whittaker:** Blc. Fritz Nicklaus 'Spring Dance' 2<sup>nd</sup>; Phrag. Perufloa's Cirila Alca, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class & 2<sup>nd</sup> first bloom. **Rollie Wilson:** Epi. Wedding Valley, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Oda. Tricolor xx, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Den. Hancockii, 3<sup>rd</sup>; C. Motte Spot x Ert., 2<sup>nd</sup>; Bulb. Longifolium, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Cym. Mini Mary Bea, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Renacentrum Yum Yum Yes, 1<sup>st</sup>.

There were 38 plants in our display with 8 member entries. We brought home 23 placements, including 3<sup>rd</sup> place for our display with stiff competition. Thank you to everyone that entered plants and to Marilyn, Jean, Sally, and Cathy for coming down with plants and helping with the set up on Friday. I could not have done this without all of you. However, I do think that you went home with as many plants as you brought for the display. My son and his family helped with the take down on Sunday and took home all the set up so that I could bring the plants back to Saginaw. I also clerked at the show on Saturday and really enjoyed the camaraderie and exchange of orchid knowledge. Orchid shows and clubs are more than just growing plants. They are about friendships, creativity, and sharing good times. Since the beginning of this year

we have had substantial displays in four Society shows. Putting together a display for an out of town show requires a considerable amount of time, effort and cooperation by many members. Thank you to everyone that has helped in any way with these projects. Looking forward to our own show in November... may you have a good growing season and have beautiful plants to display and enjoy.

### **Refreshment Volunteers** THANKS

May 12, 2018 – Eleanor, Sue

September 8, 2018 Eleanor

November 10, 2018 Eleanor, Carol

### **Other Bits:**

There will be a **meet and eat** with May guest speaker. If you would like to have dinner with our guest speaker and Jack before the meeting they are eating about 5:45 (Beef

O 'Brady at 4880 Gratiot Rd. Bldg. SUITE

5-7. RSVP JACK COBBLER  
([COBBLER58@AOL.COM](mailto:COBBLER58@AOL.COM)) Don't forget we will be having a plant raffle so bring your plants that need a new home.

Member profiled Susan Sanderson or your madam Secretary



I was born in 1946 and raised in Bridgeport, MI... I was in the first graduating class of the Bridgeport High school. I met my husband Jan roller skating at the Brockway Roller Rink and literally fell for him. I still love him after 51yrs. of marriage.

I went to nursing school in Bay City and work at Saginaw General Hospital for a few years until we married in 1966. Jan was in the Navy and I was able to be with him in Norfolk, Virginia and Boston, Mass. I retired in 2010 after 44 years working as a LPN. I really loved my job working in ICU at our local Hospital in Alma. I loved meeting lots of

people and aiding in their care.

We have two grown daughters and 4 Grand children, which we adore! In 2015 we gave up sailing after 40 years and now spend time with our trailer. Last summer we took two of our 12 year old granddaughters on a 3 week vacation to Kentucky , Tenn. , Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York City and then finished up at Niagara Falls. What a great camping trip. Since I was a Girl Scout for 9 years as a girl and approx. 32 years as a leader I love camping. One of the granddaughters is a Girl Scout and so we helped her earn a camping badge. She made a buddy burner for a tin can stove and she cooked us breakfast on it. That sure brought back memories of my scouting days. I actually met fellow SVOS members Skip Wilson and Linda Carrie in my scouting years. It is a small world.

I got started in orchids when my husband came out of Home Depot with a beautiful Phal. (which I have since killed). I asked my sailing friend Helmut Schick how to grow it. He invited me to a SVOS April workshop, and then I joined the Society and now serve as Secretary. I have met so many wonderful people in the group and I have learned so much. I still kill a few and have trouble getting my plants to bloom again. I'll keep at it and maybe someday I'll have a plant to enter in the show.

**Welcome new members:** Scott Jordan, Cathy Johnson, Van Montriand, Caroline Scott, Mary Beth Dzirniss, Charles Robinson, Chad Bush, Dorothy Kostrzewa, Doug Dietlien, and Shirley Moore.

Please open the following attachment and fill out the questioner for Jack. You can

e-mail him your response at ([cobbler58@aol.com](mailto:cobbler58@aol.com)) or bring form to the meeting.