



Next meeting November 10, 2018 6:30pm

Speaker: No speaker, show meeting  
and election of board members/officers

There will be Raffle

Thomas Township Public Safety Building  
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### **Officers and Board of Directors**

President Joyce Potoff (2016-2018)  
Past President Tim Hueston  
Vice President Vacant  
Treasurer Edith Sommers (2017-2019)  
Secretary Sue Sanderson (2016-2018)  
Program Chair Jack Shumaker  
2016-2019 .... Marilyn Whittaker, Bob Schust  
2017-2020 .... Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose;  
2015-2018 .... Helmut Schick, Sally Heinlein

### **Treasurer's Report**

Edith reports a balance in check book of  
\$5,537.00

### **Secretary's Report-September Meeting**

Meeting came to order 7:25 p.m.  
21 members present

President Joyce Potoff showed labels that were made by Sue Sanderson. They have SVOS information on them and are to be put on orchid magazines that will be put in doctor's offices or other public places. Thanks Sue!

Joyce mentioned that Dave Sommers has updated the show directory on the website - including arrangements. Marilyn says she also has hard copies of the arrangement schedule. Joyce showed a flyer for the show and said it is ready to print and post.

Joyce asked that the board position of VP be considered and filled at the November meeting. Joyce & Sue will continue as president and secretary and two board members are up for renewal.

Jack announced the upcoming All-State meeting **Saturday, October 13th** in Okemos. Bring snacks. Seven societies are paying for the speaker, etc.

Edith reported on the August auction. \$673 was collected - expenses of \$303 (orchids, rental of pavilion & chicken) for a profit of \$370.

Members brought in their flask plants - six people reported that they are doing fine and a couple of them had them outside.

Jack introduced the speaker born in Hong Kong, Sam Tsui is owner of Orchid Inn in Bloomington, Illinois. He spoke on phaphs and had a slide show presentation with plants for sale.

After the break there was show & tell. Meeting was adjourned at **9:37 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Sommers  
Treasurer  
(filling in for Sue Sanderson, Secretary)

### Other Information:

1. A sympathy card was sent to Bob Lask, husband of Glenda Lask. Glenda was a judge for our orchid show for many years. She passed away October 14 and will be missed.
2. The All State meeting was held October 13<sup>th</sup> with 53 people attending. Jack presented the Orchid Digest Diamond Award to Dot and Harry Winter. The following is what Jack had to say about them. "Michigan is extremely fortunate to have a "couple" of outstanding orchid enthusiasts living within our great state. Harry and Dot may belong to one society, but they do work at every show and event that they attend. They both help out where ever any job is needed. For example filling in for vendors if they need a break. Harry and Dot do this very willingly and with a smile. Very few people see the work they do, but the ones who do are very grateful. It is an extreme honor to have Harry and Dot Winter as friends and cohorts in our community. For this we honor them and

their work by presenting them with the Orchid Digest Award of Excellence, **The Diamond Award.**



(Dot and Harry received award from Societies)

3. December 15, 2018 11am, is GLJC annual holiday party at Matthaei Botanical Garden in Ann Arbor. For more information contact Doris Asher [asherdoris44@gmail.com](mailto:asherdoris44@gmail.com).

Party followed by regular month Orchid

Judging.

4. The Greater Cleveland Orchid Show and Sale will be Feb. 16-17. The great Lakes Judging center regular monthly judging from Matthaei Botanical gardens in Ann Arbor to the show site in Cleveland Botanical Garden at 11030 East Blvd. Judging will be on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.

### SVOS 2018 AOS Award Winners

(Nov. 2017- Nov. 20118)

#### Rollie Wilson –

Phragmipedium Kelly Nash "Skip Wilson"

Award of Merit 86 pts.-at SVOS Show.

Phragmipedium Haroldeen Quintal "Roloyn

Hardesty" HCC/AOS 75 pts. Oct. judging

Center

#### Jack Shumaker-

Paph. Sunlight Anita"Mid-Michigan" Award of

Merit 82 pts. April Judging Center.

Paph. Rollie Wilson "Mid-Michigan" Award of

Merit 80 pts. July Judging Center.

CONGRATULATIONS!

### **Member profiled Tim Hueston**



**(Tim Hueston)**

I was born in Philadelphia and moved to Greenville, S.C. when I was 9. Got my B.S. in Chemical Engineering from MIT and took a job with Dow Corning in Carrollton, KY. Worked for Dow Corning (bouncing between KY and Midland) until I retired in 2009. Married to Karen for 27 years now. Karen is also a ChemE working for Dow Corning / Dow.

While at Dow Corning, I worked in various functions including process research, process design, manufacturing, and ended up spending the last half of my career in application engineering and technical service (AETS). While in AETS, my main role was working with the global oil & gas industry on applications for Dow Corning's products.

Now to the slightly more interesting stuff... I really came to orchids via houseplants. I remember doing terrariums when I was maybe 12 or so and that morphed into houseplants once I got out of college, and then landscape gardening once I got a house. Fortunately, Karen likes plants as well, so we've tackled some pretty nice projects over the years. Our division of responsibility these days is Karen plans and does much of the labor for the edibles, and I do likewise with the landscape garden (named "The Edge of Chaos") and orchids.

I remember going to the orchid show at Northwood, but I really didn't get fully

interested in orchids until several years later. I eventually joined SVOS and after a couple years made the mistake of missing the nominations meeting... which is how I was elected VP, and then eventually President and Show Chair for a couple of terms. So the lesson here is don't miss the nominations meeting!

As with many people, I started with phals. and I still appreciate the long bloom time - lots of bang for the buck. These days I try to grow a variety of genera in our sunroom with supplemental lighting. (For those wondering... I didn't find Carter and Holmes until long after I had moved away from S.C., but once I found that it was just over an hour from my parents, I'd visit whenever I was down there!) My biggest orchid challenge is getting out of the mindset of the Darwinian gardener that I am (survival of the fittest!) and give each plant the conditions and care that it wants to thrive. My current collection is somewhere in the 75 - 100 plant range, depending on what I've purchased or killed lately!

In addition to my horticultural interests, I play a little golf, enjoy wine and food (particularly Karen's cooking), like games and puzzles, and keep threatening to get into woodworking.

### **Possible Orchid shirt order**

I would like to place a SVOS shirt order and would need a minimum of 12 orders to get this price. They are so nice to have to wear for our show and to promote orchids to others. The shirts come in men sizes only (small to 4 x).

Short sleeve T shirts are \$10.28 + \$2. for plus sizes.

Long sleeve T shirts would be \$13.37 + \$2. for plus sizes.

The polo shirts are \$15.76 + \$2.00 for plus size.

The color is forest green with a white SVOS logo. If you are interested in ordering a shirt please RSVP Sue Sanderson with size . [grmasue2u@gmail.com](mailto:grmasue2u@gmail.com). Or 989-681-5860. It takes approx. 2 wks. for delivery. Hopefully could be handed out at show set up or at show.

### **Upcoming Shows**

November 23-25 SVOS Show and Sale

**Welcome new members:**

Shirley Moore and Gyorgy Nagy