



Saginaw Valley Orchid Society



Next meeting September 8, 2018 6:30pm

Speaker: Sam Tsui of Orchid Inn Bloomington, IL

Plants for sale, 1 wk.pre orders receive 10% discount.

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 (2017-2018)
- 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



(Picture of the plants handed out)

Treasurer's Report

Edith reports balance of \$5,246.00 in check book.

How about bring **your plant** to the meeting this month to show its condition now.

Secretary's Report

The picture below is the seedlings grown from the flask of Cattleyas given to Society by the Knop's. Jack deflasked them and has been caring for them since. They were handed out to members at the May meeting.

Our annual picnic/auction was a great success. Great food, friendships and beautiful plants.



(A few of the members awaiting plant auction)

Membership May 12 2018 Meeting

Due to an emergency our guest speaker

Lynn O'Shaughnessy did not come to our meeting. Jack will try to reschedule her for future meeting.

Notes from our President

On August 12th we had a great time at the annual picnic and plant auction. Thanks to Carol & Tom Jurek for reserving the park shelter in Hemlock, Eleanor Baker and Joanne Hetherington for setting up and bringing all the paper goods and Rollie Wilson and Jack Shumaker for ordering plants and conducting a successful auction. Thanks also to those that donated plants for the auction and of course all the great food. The weatherman was kind to us and it was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with friends.

Board meeting was held in June to discuss club business and issues pertaining to the annual show. Thanks to Tim and Karen Hueston for their hospitality. Jack reported that he has received 6 speaker evaluations. The schedule of speakers for the coming year is on the website.

Speaking of the website, thanks to David Sommers for keeping it updated. We have been contacted by prospective members that found us through the website.

The Michigan All State orchid Societies meeting is on October 13th. We will have more information on this in coming weeks.

At the November membership meeting club members will vote on the slate of officers and Board members for the coming year. I would encourage some of our new members or someone that has not been on the board in the past to consider this opportunity. The actives and the business of the club are discussed and it is a good time to get to know other members and help determine the future of the club. Don't be shy! The board would like to hear from you.

See you at the September meeting, Joyce Potoff President.

Upcoming at SVOS September meeting-

Our guest speaker will be Sam Tsui from Orchid Inn. Owners Sam and his wife, Jeanie, started growing orchids in early 1980's and it has always been their passion. Sam started breeding /hybridizing in the early 1990's and they eventually started their home-commercial business "Orchard Inn" in their basement and greenhouse attached to their home. As the business grew they purchased a six acre property and built their first commercial 6,000sq. Ft. greenhouse in 2004. In the past 25 yrs. has been very active in the orchid world by traveling to shows, promoting sales and lecturing. Sam's breeding program has resulted in approx. 294 awards from AOS, Cymbidium Society of America and European Orchid Congress.

Upcoming Shows and Events

1. 26th Annual Chicago Orchid Fest. Sept. 21-23.
(www.chicagolandorchidfest.com).
2. Oct 13th 2018 -All State Orchid Societies Meeting at Okemos Presbyterian Church, 1:30pm

Refreshment Volunteers THANKS to all who bring snacks.

Other Bits:

1. There will be a meet and eat with our September guest speaker. If you would like to have dinner Sam and Jack before the meeting they are eating about 5:45 (Beef O'Brady) at 4880 Gratiot Rd. Bldg. Suite 5-7. **RSVP Sue Konkle** at 989-835-6898 or p2rocks@msn.com
2. If you have orchid magazines you no longer want, please bring to meeting. We plan to label them with Societies info and put them in doctor offices.
3. Do to conflict with a major event at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor on September 15th resulting in parking problems, the Great Lakes Judging Center will not meet at Matthaei in September. Instead the Center will hold its judging in conjunction with the meeting of the Greater Lansing Orchid Society at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos. The church is located at 2258 Bennett Road, at the intersection of Okemos Road and Bennett Rd., Okemos, MI. Set up begins at 6:30 and meeting starts at 7:00pm on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Orchid growers are welcome to attend meeting and to have their orchids judged. The August 18th judging is not affected and will be held at Mathaei as usual.
4. **Welcome new members:**
Shirley Moore