



Next Meeting January 12, 2019 6:30pm
 Thomas Township Public Safety Building
 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI
 Speaker: Kristen Uthus New World Orchids
 She will have plants for sale
www.sagvalleyorchids.org



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- President Joyce Potoff (2019-2021)
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- Program Chair Jack Shumaker
- 2017-2019 Marilyn Whittaker, Bob Schust
- 2018-2020 Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose;
- 2019-2021 Helmut Schick, Sally Heinlein

be 1:30 p.m. need people for moving tables & chairs and setting up displays for the societies and vendors. Pizza will be given to workers after a lot of the work is done. Last year people left early after the pizza was brought in. There will be a new vendor at the show - NPW along with Natts, Little Frog, Oakwood & NuVision for a total of five vendors. NW Michigan from Traverse will be coming to set up a display. Native Orchid Preservation will have a 50 ft. display. Friday people will need (to show up to help - time depends on how much gets done Wednesday. Jean Rose requested that show plants for the SVOS display be brought to the hall on Wednesday or Friday. Sally talked about clerking. We need 16 people (7 signed up at the meeting). We will be missing some regulars this year. Joe will not be the head judge. There is a shortage of judges. Marilyn stated she needed a clerk for arrangements. Her usual judge (for arrangements) moved and will not be available. Marilyn is looking at other options.

Treasurer's Report

Joyce asked for help for 2019 shows. Carol and Linda will take care of the Lansing show in February. Joyce will do MOS in March. Still need help with Ann Arbor in March and Grand Rapids in January.

Secretary's Report

Saturday, November 10, 2018

SVOS meeting came to order 7:15 p.m. 16 members present.

Sue Sanderson could not be present but left a list of things for Joyce Potoff for the November show. Joyce thanked Sue for the November newsletter.

Joyce brought up items to be discussed for the November show. Sign-up sheet for membership, Trophy Sponsors, Patron Sponsors, Clerking, Friday Potluck, Greeting Table and Saturday and Sunday luncheons were available to be signed. Jack discussed set-up on Wednesday which will

Election of officers. Joyce will remain President for two more years until she is term-limited out. Sue Sanderson will remain secretary. Helmut and Sally will serve another two years as trustees. Motion moved and approved by all present.

Meeting adjourned around 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Sommers

Treasurer

Membership meeting January 12, 2019

Dr. Kristen Uthus studied both plant and animal ecology and evolution at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Ohio State University (OSU). She taught biology and ecology at several colleges including VCU, OSU, University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University. The daughter of a plant fanatic, Kristen has been growing orchids over 20yrs. And in 2014 she fulfilled her dream of making orchids a full-time commitment by purchasing New World Orchids. Although she enjoys many varieties of orchids, miniatures remain her passion, the weirder the better. NOW specializes in Japanese species including Neofinetia falcate, Dendrobium Moniliforme, Sederia, japonica as well as Asian Cymbidium Species, but her miniature selection has been expanding. Check out her web site at www.newworldorchids.com.

President's Corner

Wow, another year is about to come to an end and I, as your President have completed my first term! It has gone really quickly. We have just put together another successful Orchid Show. This has been accomplished through the efforts of many, particularly our Chairmen, Rollie Wilson and Jack Shumaker, Awards Chairman Sue Sanderson, Advertising Chairman Edith Sommers, Arrangements Chairman Marilyn Whittaker, and Judges and Clerks Chairman Sally Heinlein all supported by the many members that came to set up and tear down, contributed food and worked in the kitchen, and clerked during judging. It was a very busy weekend for many of us & it is greatly appreciated. Throughout the year our members have offered financial support by purchasing raffle tickets, donating plants, buying plants at the annual auction and underwriting show trophies. Without all this member support we would not have a show, so congratulations to everyone and thank you.

Since you have not completely scared me away, I have agreed to serve another two-year term. We still have an open Board position and really need a Vice President, just in case. Thank you to all that continue

to serve on the Board. Your support and cooperation has led to the success of our Orchid Society. We can look forward to another year of great programs and sharing of knowledge.

Best Wishes for the New Year,
Joyce Potoff
President

Upcoming Shows and Events

Grand Valley- January 26-27 2019 at Meijer

Gardens in Grand Rapids

GLOS- February 23-24 2019

Ann Arbor- March 16-17 2019

MOS- (Madison Heights) March 23-24 2019

Refreshment Volunteers THANKS to all!

Please sign up at January meeting

March 2019-

May 2019 –

Sept. 2019-

November 2019

Other Bits:

1. **Pease note meeting is on Second Saturday January 12th.**

2. There will be a meet and eat with our guest speaker. If you would like to have dinner with our guest speaker and Jack before our meeting they are eating around 5:45 (Beef O'Brady at 4880 Gratiot Rd. Bldg. suite 5-7). RSVP to Jack Shumaker (jcobbler58@aol.com)

3. OOPS! I printed the wrong winning picture of the "Twin Towers" in the Show Report. Here is the real winning photo.



(This is the Twin Towers)

Welcome new members:

Gyorgy Nagy, Shirley Moore, Mary Ellen Baranski, Angela McCartney, Michaline Neview, Mary Alice Paquette, Linda Phillips,

Jill Rafos, Adam Spencer, and Tracey Strieter.

Member profiled - Eleanor Baker (AKA one of the sisters.)



(Eleanor in front of Baby Joe Pye Weed)

I was born and raised south of Blanchard, MI. I graduated from Blanchard School. I got married to Dan and had 4 children (Kevin, Karen, Denis and James). We were divorced and I got a job at Ferro's in Mt. Pleasant. I met my second husband Royal

at Ferro's. We got married in 1979. Royal was out of a job when Ferro's closed in 1983. I got a job at CMU kit in kitchen pots and pans. I retired from CMU in 1996. I read in the Mt. Pleasant paper about an orchid show at Northwood in Midland. It said you could grow orchids on the window sill. There was an address and information about SVOS and their show. Royal and I went to the show. I loved seeing all the beautiful orchids in bloom. I asked Fred Case what kind of plant I should get started with. He said a phalaenopsis. I bought a white blooming one. I joined the society in 1997. I have bought many more plants. I have more than 100 plants now. I raise them on window sill and have humidity trays under them. It takes me 1/2 hours to water them. I use miracle grow and Schultz for orchids. I change every other time. 1/2 teaspoon per gallon in winter and 1 tsp. in summer. I have two south, 2 north and one west window. I put the orchids outside on June 6th and watered when needed. I put most orchids on plastic tables close to our magnolia trees by the garage. They sun from East and West. I put some oncidium's, cats. and dendrobiums under our black walnut tree. It is losing leaves and limbs. Some damage on leaves. I brought all plants inside September 27th. I washed all leaves with soapy water and pour soapy water thru the bark.