



**Next Meeting March 16, 2019 6:30pm**  
Thomas Township Public Safety Building  
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI  
Speaker: Russ Vernon New Vision Orchids  
Will speak on Miltoniopsis  
He will have plants for sale  
([www.newvisionorchids.com](http://www.newvisionorchids.com))



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[www.sagvalleyorchids.org](http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org)

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### **Officers and Board of Directors**

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2019-2021 .... Helmut Schick, Sally Heinlein

### **Treasurer's Report**

Edith reports a balance in check book of \$5,620.00 with 44 paid members.

### **Secretary's Report**

Saturday January 12, 2019. SVOS meeting was called to order by President Joyce Potoff at 7:20. Joyce asked to have approval of Secretary's report as presented in January Newsletter. *Motion* by Rollie and second by Sally. Motion passed. Treasure report by Edith show balance of \$6,427. *Motion* by Sue Sanderson to except and seconded by Bob Schust. Motion passed. Joyce welcomed new members present and members shared a few words. Grand Valley

show is January 26-27 and booth will be set up by Carol/Tom Jurek and Linda Sule. E-mail will be sent with details. Linda Sule will be setting up Lansing show for February 23-24. Ann Arbor show has yet to set date of their show. MOS show will be March 30-31 and will be set up by Joyce Potoff. Jack Shumaker shared a Motion of renaming of two trophies given at our show. The Best of Show Trophy to be renamed "The Memorial Russ Jamison Best in Show Trophy and the Best Cattleya Alliance Trophy to be renamed "The Memorial Fred Case Best Cattleya Alliance Trophy." *Motion* to except by Carol Jurek and seconded by Rollie Wilson. Motion passed.

Tim wants head count for who would be interested in April work shop to learn basic orchid growing.

Carol talked about study group for February 11<sup>th</sup> at her home. Topic "How to Kill your Critters."

Jack gave introduction on guest speaker Kristen Uthus. Wow! She was very knowledgeable, informative and gave a fun filled presentation on Japanese Orchids. She summed up why "Men do a better at growing Orchids" Because they don't have a mother instinct." So woman needs to get meaner to their Orchids."

### **Show Reports**

Grand Valley-January 26-27, 2019 What a week-end, between the wind, cold & snow we were able to get the display there & set up. We had 35 plants &

received 19 ribbons, 6 blue, 9 red & 4 yellow, the display received a third. A big thank you to all the people who sent plants: Sally Heinlein, Jack Shumaker, Rollie Wilson, Linda Sule, Helmut Schick, & me. I could not have done it if I did not have the help to set it up from Helmut Schick, Susan Sanderson, Adam Spencer, one of our newest members, Sally Heinlein, & Marilyn Whitaker & Linda Sule. Getting to & from the Gardens was a big challenge. It looked like a bomb went off in the gardens. They have a big two & half year construction project going on. You had to walk almost half a mile to get from the parking lot to the building. A big thank-you to my son Kevin & his wife Kelli & Linda Sule who helped with tear down. Of course I could not have done any of it without the help of my husband, Tom & my great friend Linda Sule. Carol



(Our display from Grand Rapids)

### **Show report GLOS show February 23-24**

The society did very well at the recent show in Lansing. (You may want to hum the 12 days of Christmas tune as you read): 1 Best of Show, 2 Best of Class, 12 first place, 7 second place, 6 third

place and an AM/AOS of 85! Thanks to all of you that sent/ brought plants.... Carol, Rollie, Adam, Sally, Tim, Helmut, Lori, Joyce, and Jack. Our display received second place (rivals: MOS and GVOS) Lori Lickly received Best of Class and Best of Show on her awesome Phrag Grande 'Monroe' along with a 'Delbert Lowell Jacks Award Best Specimen Plant' plaque from the Mid America Orchid Congress. Rollie Wilson received Best of Class for Dendrchillium tenellium. My Phrag. Inca Embers received a 'Fox Valley Cypripedium Alliance Award for Best Cypripedium Alliance' from Mid America Orchid Congress as well as an AM/AOS! Its new clonal name is 'Surprise'.

The weather threw a curve ball for us as the show was closed an hour early on Sunday. (Plan was to get there in time to see other displays). Thanks to Tom and Carol, Adam, Sue Sanderson, Joyce, Helmut, Lori and anybody else I forgot to mention that helped out with set up and/or tear down. Things are so much easier with great help! (I was going to list all the ribbons for which plants, but my fingers say "Nope"). Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sule



(SVOS display at Lansing Show)

### **Upcoming SVOS**

1. **Study group** was held February 11<sup>th</sup> at Tom and Carol Jurek's Topic "How to kill your Critters." We all learned a few more ideas to treat those pesky critters.

2. **April workshop** will be held April 6<sup>th</sup> if enough interested in learning basic growing of orchids from repotting to light, fertilizers, bugs and more. **Let Tim know if you are interested. Phone 989-837-0947 or email [thueston@chartermi.net](mailto:thueston@chartermi.net).** We will need volunteers to provide refreshments.

### **Shows and Events**

Ann Arbor- March 17-18, 2019 **Booth by Edith, Sue, Carol & Linda.**

MOS- (Madison Heights) March 30-31, 2019

**Booth by Joyce Potoff**

**Refreshment Volunteers** THANKS! We still need a few more to volunteer.

March 16, 2019

May 11, 2019 – Rollie

September 14, 2019

November 9, 2019- Carol Jurek

### **Other Bits:**

1. There will be **no** meet & greet this month.

### **Welcome new members:**

Gyorgy Nagy, Shirley Moore, Mary Ellen Baranski, Angela McCartney, Michaline Neview, Mary Alice Paquette, Linda Phillips, Jill Rafos, Adam Spencer, and Tracy Strieter.

**Member profiled-** Joanne Hetherington  
AKA one of "The sisters"



(Joanne Hetherington)

"I grew up in the 40's and 50's on a farm near Blanchard, MI. Moved to Winn, MI for 18 years and raised 3 girls. Moved near Mt. Pleasant where I live now. Have 5 grandchildren and 4 great grand children.

I worked for Ferro Manufacturing for 17 yrs. until they closed in 1983. I also worked for a small company called CCA before getting a job with CME, now known as CME Mitsuba Corp. in Mt. Pleasant. I worked 17yrs. before retiring in 2005. They make parts for Honda cars. I have always raised houseplants. My sister got interested in Orchids and joined SVOS. She gave me an Orchid so I could go to meetings with her.

I have a very small house and can only grow orchids on window sills. (North, South and East). I have shelves by the windows to

give me more room. I started with Phals, they grew quite well and rebloomed. I used to take them to work for everyone to enjoy. The Japanese employees really liked them. Now I can't get them to live let alone bloom. I grew Cat's for awhile and some bloomed but now slipper orchids grow best in my collection.

I have always been interested in sweepstakes. I have won a few trips, a car, washer, riding lawn mower, cash for a freezer, two T.V.'s and a little for what I wanted. Now they give less away and smaller prizes.

Some other interests have been camping, water skiing, motorcycling, snowmobiling, fishing, golf, gardening, knitting, crocheting, sewing and reading books.”

(I need a volunteer to do their bio for May issue of newsletter).