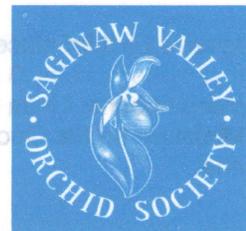


Next Meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:30pm  
 Thomas Township Public Safety Building  
 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI  
 Speaker: Bill Thoms will talk on Bulbophyllums  
 He will have plants for sale  
 (dulesthomas@verison.net)  
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Sue Sanderson, Editor

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- 2018-2020 .... Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose;
- 2019-2021 .... Helmut Schick, Sally Heinlein

**Treasurer's Report** – Edith report a balance of \$5,350.00 in check book. And a total of 47 paid-up members.

**Secretary's Report**- Bill Thoms will be presenting a talk on Bulbophyllums (the largest genus in the orchid world). Bill and his wife have been growing orchids around Central Florida for almost 40yrs. and have received almost every award granted by the AOS as well as more Awards for Culture than anyone else in the world. Bill is the only person to receive an Award of Quality for a Bulbophyllum hybrid (named for his wife Doris) as well as receiving the hybridizers dream; an Award of Distinction for a new avenue of breeding (a Trias hybrid). His talks are spiced with funny stories and funny associations. Whether you grow thousands of orchids, only a few, or none at all, you will have a wonderfully entertaining time and be able to grow anything better.

**Membership March 16, 2019 Meeting**

Meeting was brought to order by our President Joyce Potoff at 7:15pm. Secretary report was excepted as written in March

newsletter. *Motion* to except made by Jack and seconded by Tim. *Motion* passed. Edith Sommers treasure report was read and accepted. Joyce reported on Grand Rapids show and Lansing Show displays. Thanked Carol and Linda for their hard work. Joyce will be doing MOS show and members were reminded to put names on their pots and boxes they are sent in so correct plants get back in correct containers. Work shop will be held on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at regular meeting place. Stressed need to RSVP to Tim Hueston ([thueston@chartermi.net](mailto:thueston@chartermi.net) or 989-837-0947 by the Wednesday before. Sue will send out reminder notice. Cost is \$20.00 and you go home with a Phalaenopsis that you have repotted. Jack made a *Motion* that we make these changes to rename these trophies given out at our show as follows: Best in Amateur Competition Exhibit to "Vivian View Memorial Award" and Best Arrangement classes 200-214 to "Fred Boehringer Memorial Award". *Motion* to except made by Sue Sanderson and seconded by Linda Sule. *Motion carried. Jack had hand outs for Detroit show and All State meeting. June study group will be on how to put on a display. More information will follow. We then enjoyed a great speaker Russ Vernon from New Vision Orchids on Miltoniopsis.*

**Show Reports**

AAOS Orchid show was held March 16-17 and was set up by Edith Sommers and Sue Sanderson. Thanks to the tremendous help of Carol Jurek, Linda Sule, Jack, Adam and Helmut all went smoothly. Our table top display consisted of 26 plants that were supplied by Tim, Jack, Carol, Helmut, Linda, Edith and Rollie. Joyce, her husband Alan and Adam took down the display on Sunday. Our display

received a third place ribbon. Plants received 5 first place ribbons, 3 second place, and 5 third place ribbons. Linda Sule earn a Trophy for Best Miniature on her Oncopgladiatus. Congrats every one.



(Ann Arbor Display)

#### Show Reports (cont.)

MOS Orchid Show was held March 30-31 and was set up by Joyce Potoff.

Our Society entry at the MOS show on the weekend of March 30, 2019 had 34 plants entered. Thanks to Bill Beird, Sally Heinlein, Carol Jurek, Caroline Scott, Edith Sommers, Jack Shumaker, Linda Sule, and Rollie Wilson for entering their plants for our display that was awarded second place. In addition we earned 3 first place, 9 second place, and 4 third place awards. Rollie's cymbidium, 'Ming Emperor' was awarded Best in Class.

Edith Sommers was a tremendous help designing the display, in my basement and at the show. Linda Sule helped take the plants down to the show and brought back the workshop plants from Hausserman. Somehow my

car is never as big as I think it is once we start putting in the set up and the plants. Of course it did not help that I decided to take a 5 foot plus Vanda. Jack Shumaker and Sally Heinlein helped with the category entries which is always a challenge. Jean Rose had put together a 'show kit' that has all the incidentals that are often forgotten, like duct tape, scissors, plant stakes, and plant tag holders all in one tote bag. The kit is available for others to use for our society displays.

On Saturday morning I volunteered to clerk for the judging. This is a great opportunity to learn about different plants and get to know people from other societies. And, of course I came home with several more plants for my growing collection and ideas for new types I might want to try. I have included a picture of our display. I am not a very good photographer, so it really did look much better than the picture.



(Picture of our MOS Display)