



Next Meeting November 9, 2019 6:30pm  
 Thomas Township Public Safety Building  
 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI  
[www.sagvalleyorchids.org](http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org)  
 No guest speaker so we will have plant raffle.  
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- President Joyce Potoff (2019-2021)
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- Program Chair Sally Heinlein
- 2016-2019 .... Marilyn Whittaker, Bob Schust
- 2017-2020 .... Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose;
- 2019-2021 .... Helmut Schick, Sally Heinlein

We will be holding Ollie class at SVSU on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1PM-4PM. Volunteers needed to help Tim Hueston and Joyce Potoff and need blooming plants to show.

Reminder given about All State Meeting in Okemos Oct.12<sup>th</sup>. Jack provided information on speaker and plants.

One of our members needs to have his collection of Orchids taken over due to his health concerns. Please contact him at 989-792-6257 if you would like to purchase any of his collection.

Marilyn Whittaker has light system for sale at \$5.00 each. Linda Sule also had SVOS bark supplies available for sale.

Sue Konkle wrote and presented a tribute to Jack Shumaker from SVOS.

**Treasurer's Report**

Septembers report given by Joyce Potoff, President. Balance in check book 5,776.00. Net profit from plant sale at picnic was \$720.00. Thanks to the sisters and Jack for plants all donated.

Edith report this month's balance is \$5,440.

**Secretary's Report**

Our meeting was called to order by Joyce Potoff at 7:10PM. Joyce had signup sheets available for show and sponsorships. She handed out forms of chairpersons to be called to volunteer your help. Also available were food signup sheets, listing items needed which was prepared by Sally Heinlein.



(Sue Konkle and Jack Shumaker)

The following is the tribute: "On behalf of the Saginaw Valley Orchid Society we would like to thank you for all you have done for this Society. Some of those things include helping with our annual show, getting vendors and judges, preparing food. You have remembered to congratulate those who have provided serviced to our society and those who have won awards. You have entertained us endlessly with all your stories of orchid people and happenings around the world. And by doing that, have educated us as well. Maybe and probably the society's favorite of all things you do, is bringing speakers and vendors to our meetings.

Now, this isn't just because you are leaving the orchid world, we have been planning this for the last several months. This just happened to be available after you announced you were leaving. That being said, we hope you remember all your friends here at SVOS.

So, in recognition of all your contributions over the years, we would like to present you, Jack, with a token of our appreciation and thanks.

Congratulations and good luck with all your future endeavors. We're going to miss you."



(Jack with glass wine decanter)

**Note:** The token of our appreciation was a beautiful glass wine decanter etched with orchids. Sally Heinlein had this done by a wonderful artist and she also baked a delicious cake in honor of Jack. Kathy Johnson contributed some homemade wine.

This tribute was followed by a very educational speaker Alan Koch from Gold Country Orchids, who talked on Growing in the Home. We all learned a lot.

*Motion* to adjourn by Carol Juerk was seconded by Linda Sule. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:25PM

### **Message from SVOS President**

Thanks to all who came to help with the Ollie presentation, Tim, Rollie, Carol, Linda, and Edith. We had the biggest attendance to date with 28 signed up for the class. Those who came had lots of enthusiasm, asked great questions, and wanted to know where to obtain orchids other than phals. Hopefully some of them will become members. Every time we do one of these sessions I come away with new ideas and possibilities; however I think it will be awhile before I fertilize my cymbidiums with horse manure. You just never know what you might learn.

By now you have brought your plants in from outside and realize in the last five months they have grown and don't fit into either their own pots or your growing space. At our November meeting there will be a plant raffle, so please come and share your good fortune. This is a great opportunity also to maybe try growing something new. We never know what maybe available and that is half the fun. Also bring any blooming plant you would like to talk about.

We are still in need of Board members. The board welcomes anyone that would like to serve a two year term. Board meetings are called by the President and a concerted effort is made to schedule at the convenience of the members. The input of all members is important to the club, so don't be afraid to serve.

See you all at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
(Michigan/Michigan State plays November 16<sup>th</sup>)

Joyce Potoff, President

### **Upcoming Shows and Events**

**SVOS** Show Nov. 30-Dec. 1

### **Other Bits:**

1, COME TO AN ORCHID HOLIDAY PARTY-The personnel of the Great Lakes Judging Center invite you to join us for our annual holiday party on Saturday, December 21, 2019, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI. At 11 am the festivities will open with a presentation of the AOS Annual Award winners selected at the Homestead, FL, AOS Meetings – always a feast for the eyes. Next we shall feast on a potluck lunch provided by the judges for all to enjoy. Plan to have a fun time with orchids, books, holiday items (and who knows what else) for auction! The proceeds support the Judging Center. Regular orchid judging takes place immediately following the festivities. All visitors are welcome to sit in on the judging – and to bring an orchid to be judged. For additional information, contact Doris Asher at 517-332-0004 or [sherdoris44@gmail.com](mailto:sherdoris44@gmail.com)

2. Don't forget your extra cash for the plant raffle at this meeting. Bring plants you want to re-home and membership will be by raffle

tickets to try to win them. Sure is a great way to add to your collection.