



**Next Meeting Saturday,  
November 13, 2021,  
from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
at Thomas Township Library  
8207 Shields Drive, Saginaw**

**Officers and Board of Directors**

President Tim Hueston (2021-2022)  
Past President Joyce Potoff  
Vice President Amy Beyer (2021-2022)  
Treasurer Edith Sommers (2020-2021)  
Secretary Janine Taylor (2020-2021)  
Program Chair Amy Beyer (2021-2022)  
Board Members  
(2021-2023) Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose  
(2020-2022) Linda Sule, Bob Schust  
(2019-2021) Helmut Schick, Sally Heinlein

**Study Group Minutes from October 12, 2021**

**Attendees:** Linda Sule, Sue Konkle, Carol Jurek, Janine Taylor, Caroline Scott, Edith Sommers, Joyce Potoff

The October Study Group was held at Linda Sule's home in Hemlock. It was a question and answer session.

A Terete Vanda from Rollie Wilson's collection was showcased. Terete Vandas are a group of orchids that have pencil-like leaves which grow alternately up the stems.

Joyce Potoff also displayed a beautiful Vanda "Robert's Delight" and a Colmanara "Wildcat."

Carol Jurek explained how to use the pesticide Malathion when transitioning orchids from spending the summer outdoors to back inside the house/greenhouse. Another pesticide that was mentioned was Triazicide.

**Board Meeting Minutes from October 29, 2021**

**Attendees:**

Tim Hueston, Joyce Potoff, Amy Beyer, Edith Sommers, Janine Taylor, Rollie Wilson, Linda Sule, Helmut Schick, Carol Jurek

**Membership Meetings**

The Thomas Township Hall is still not available to host our membership meetings. A discussion was held on a variety of temporary locations. Some locations that were mentioned were libraries, township halls, restaurants, Zoom and church halls. Also mentioned, was the possibility of rotating our membership meeting locations between Saginaw, Bay City and Midland and advertising them to draw interested people into joining our club. Advertising could be on Facebook, Facebook Marketplace and OLLI bulletins. We could also send emails (approximately one month before the event) to other garden societies, clubs, and craft shows, etc. to invite them to our meetings and shows. If any member has a good email address, please send it to Janine Taylor. She will compile a list of these addresses and send out notices and invitations to our meetings and orchid shows.

**UPDATE:** *Our November Membership Meeting will be held at the Thomas Township Library on Saturday, November 13 from 1-3:30 p.m. (library closes at 4 pm). They ask that we wear masks and keep social distance mandates. Food is allowed and clean-up afterwards is required. Thomas Township Library is located at 8207 Shields Drive - 1 block East of the Public Safety Building.*

## **Looking to the Future**

The Newsletter dated August 26, 2021, explained that the 2021 Saginaw Valley Orchid Society Show was cancelled.

What will our club be like in 2022?

A discussion was held if we should continue to host Orchid Shows in the future. There are many benefits to having a show:

- Hands on learning
- Identifying plants
- Education
- Outreach to our community
- Social benefits
- The love of orchids
- Fun

Some of the challenges of having a show:

- Smaller membership
- Less displays
- Our membership is aging and could have health concerns at any time.
- Commitment to work the show
- Yearly hall rental fees
- Yearly storage shed rental fees
- Insurance fees
- We break even/lose money on shows

If we give up the Orchid Shows, we can still continue to have a standalone society. We could also continue education for our members, outreach to the community (e.g. OLLI) and have social interaction. We could also enter displays for other orchid shows. However, if we decide to give up our yearly Orchid Show, it would be very hard to go back to shows. Because this topic is so important, it was decided to discuss it at a membership meeting for input from all members. Then the membership would vote if we should continue to host Orchid Shows or to no longer have them.

At this time, the Kochville Veterans Hall is reserving the dates for our Orchid show in November 2022.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Currently, we have approximately \$6500 in our bank account.

We made \$530 on the plant auction that was held at the SVOS Picnic on August 15, 2021.

## **Meeting Schedule**

Here is a proposed Meeting Schedule:

September Meeting - Have an out-of-state speaker

November Meeting - Plan the Orchid Show

January Meeting - Have a SVOS member speaker

March Meeting - Have an in-state speaker

(e.g. Rob Halgren, Little Frog Farm or a member from our Judging team)

May Meeting - Have an out-of-state speaker

We could also present some canned programs from America Orchid Society and Orchid Digest.

## **Meeting Topic for November 13, 2021**

Amy Beyer will present "Growing Under Lights". Lighting technology is always changing and she will share her knowledge on her techniques.

## **Dues for 2022**

Dues for the year 2022 will be \$20.00. You can pay them at a membership meeting or mail them to our treasurer:

Edith Sommers

3664 N River Road

Freeland, MI 48623

## **Letter from member, Gerald Reinert**

Janine Taylor shared a letter from Gerald that highlighted BetterFinds, LLC. They are a Michigan Native Plant Nursery selling (Cypripedium sp.) hardy native Lady's Slipper Orchids they are located at 2749 Schemm Street in Saginaw.

Sincerely,

Janine Taylor, Secretary

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