



Next Meeting

Saturday, November 12, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Thomas Township Public Safety Building

8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

www.sagvalleyorchids.org

Officers and Board of Directors

President Tim Hueston (2021-2022)

Past President Joyce Potoff

Vice President Amy Beyer (2021-2022)

Treasurer Edith Sommers (2022-2023)

Secretary Janine Taylor (2022-2023)

Program Chair Amy Beyer (2021-2022)

Board of Directors

(2022-2024) Two Vacant Positions

(2021-2023) Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose

(2020-2022) Linda Sule, Bob Schust

Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2022

Attendees:

Tim Hueston, Amy Beyer, Edith Sommers, Marilyn Whittaker, Janine Taylor, Carol Jurek, Lori Lickly, Rollie and Skip Wilson, Wendy Bellinger, Jill Rafos, Michaline Neview, Kathy Mykolajenko and guest Kathy's mother

Old Business

SVOS 2022 Orchid Show Cancelled

Tim Hueston explained that there will not be a SVOS Orchid Show for 2022. Only one vendor was able to commit to our show.

Tim thanked all the members who worked on contacting vendors, other orchid societies, judging staff and the registration.

Lori Lickly asked if Tim knew why the vendors would not commit? Tim and Edgar Stehli from Windswept in Time Orchids, said some reasons can be due to:

Thanksgiving weekend

Too far away

Vendor conflicts

Other commitments

How much money they make at our show

Tim said while he does not have all the answers, our society will go forward and try to have a show in the Fall of 2023.

Tim will call a Board of Directors Meeting in October to discuss an action plan to layout a calendar of events for 2023 and to coordinate dates for a 2023 Orchid Show with the judges, the venue and the vendors.

New Business:

Impromptu Field Trip September 11, 2022

Marilyn Whittaker and Amy Beyer arranged a field trip to Littlefrog Farm near Lansing. An email invitation was sent to our entire society.

Marilyn Whittaker, Amy Beyer and Edith Sommers went on the field trip and had a great time touring his greenhouses and buying plants.

Treasury Report

Edith Sommers explained we had \$6,257 in our checking account. The rent for our storage unit is \$428. The Club's insurance bill will be due in January 2023.

Presentation by Edgar Stehli

Edgar Stehli from Windswept in Time Orchids gave our society a presentation on the genus Habenaria.

His love of orchids began in the 1960's when he was a kid. He found an unusual plant in a ditch that turned out to be an orchid.

Today, Edgar sells plants at 12-15 AOS Shows a year.

The habenaria genus is in the pantropical group (they like to grown warm) and they are mostly terrestrial orchids with tubers or tuberoids. Their flowers are mostly yellow, green and white flowers. But a few exceptions have brilliant red-orange flowers and some have pink flowers. They are also fragrant in the evening to attract their specific moth pollinator.

Habenaria plants have a wet season. It is in the wet season that they will grow new foliage, tubers and flowers. You can begin fertilizing when new growth appears. Water the base of the plant well with any "green" water (rain water is great).

The dry season is their dormant season. Following flowering, the stem and foliage slowly die down, leaving underground tubers to lie dormant over winter. **Repot only during the dry dormant season and be careful with the eye of the tuber.** Some tubers may have a double tip, do not separate the double tip, they are part of one tuber. They like to be planted in deep pots. Plant tuberoids two inches apart or in a separate pot. Plant them 1/2 inch below the potting mix. Remember to stake and label and put both stake and label next to the edge of your pot. Because Edgar is in the orchid business, he repots his habenaria orchids every year. You can use fine bark to repot your habernaria (but Edgar does not like to plant in fine bark), you can use only sphagnum moss, or a combination of fine bark and spagnum moss. **Edgar's favorite potting mix is PRO-Mix HP with extra perlite. This is the only potting mix he uses.** You can sprits or mist the potting soil a little bit during the dry season, so the medium has a little moisture and is not totally dried out.

Edgar also discussed the following habenaria hybrids, their appearance and their growing habits: rodocheila, rarnea, xanthocheila, roeblienii, corifina, medioflexa, netioflexa, pectalious, duck orchid (easy to kill), susannea, canary, regnieri, trogon, flamingo, medusa (very tall, likes bright light like cattleya), michaeliie (very fragrant) and perseus,

You can call Edgar if you have any problems or questions during the day (but it's not okay to call him at 2 a.m.). His telephone number is (440) 838-5757.

Habenaria plants grow well under lights or bright filtered light (no hot sunshine). When the florescence comes out, you must move the plant.

Edgar brought many wonderful plants to sell including Habenaria.

October 2022 Study Group

The October 2022 Study Group was held at 2:00p.m. on Sunday, October 16, 2022, at the home of Sue and Phil Konkle in Midland. The topic was, "If you could keep only 4 or 5 of your orchids, what would they be?"

October 27, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees: Tim Hueston , Joyce Potoff , Amy Beyer, Edith Sommers, Janine Taylor, Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose, Lori Lickly, Carol Jurek

The first reason for the meeting was to set a schedule for 2023.

The Members Meetings will be held on the second Saturday of January, March, May, September and November. They will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building 8215 Shields Drive in Saginaw.

The general guideline for each meeting is:

January-Presentation by SVOS member or Zoom

February-Study group hosted by Carol Jurek

March-Presentation by a local external speaker

April--Study group hosted by Wendy Bellinger

May-Presentation by an outside speaker

June-Study group hosted by Lori Lickly

July-Picnic and plant auction

August- No meeting

September- Presentation by an outside speaker

October-Study Group, host to be determined

November-Show discussion or a speaker

December-No Meeting

Tim also discussed the possibility of a workshop in April or May 2023. The Topic could be Orchids 101. Janine Taylor will send out an email to our society to determine their interest, participation and support.

Tim also discussed having a workshop though SVSU-OLLI program, possibly in the Fall of 2023.

At our November 2022 Members Meeting we will hold our 2023 elections for President, Vice President and Board Members.

A discussion was held to change the six Board of Directors positions to three Board of Directors positions. A recommendation will be made to change the Rules and Bylaws of the Saginaw Valley Orchid Society at our November 2022 Members Meeting.

Tim explained that three things need to happen so we will be able to have an Orchid Show in the fall of 2023.

First, Tim will contact the Judges for a new show date. We would like the first part of November or December. Our traditional Show date, the weekend following Thanksgiving, no longer seems feasible.

Second, Edith Sommers will check on the availability of the Kochville Veterans Hall.

Thirdly, when we have a new show date and the venue, we will invite the vendors to commit to our show.

Also, there was a discussion if we should charge an admission fee for the show.

Saturday, November 12, 2022, Monthly Meeting

Our next Monthly Members Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022, beginning at 1:00p.m. at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building located at 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw. We will have a presentation on Paphiopedilums (Paphs) by orchid grower, Rob Halgren, from Littlefrog Farm located near Lansing. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Janine Taylor, Secretary

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