



Next Meeting Saturday,  
**September 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**  
Thomas Township Public Safety Building  
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609  
[www.sagvalleyorchids.org](http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org)

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### **Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2023**

#### **Attendees:**

Joyce Potoff, Edith Sommers, Janine Taylor,  
Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose, Carol Jurek, Tom Jurek,  
Kathy Mykolajenko, Marie (Kathy's mom)

Rollie Wilson gave a presentation on the culture of Phragmipedium. Rollie discussed common characteristics of Phrags, growing mediums and pots.

The flowers, once thought to consist mainly of yellows, greens and browns, some with yellow and purplish patterns, now include orange, light and dark reds and lavender.

Various types of growing mediums were discussed from bark, tree fern fiber, clay beads, long fibered sphagnum moss and perlite. Some Phrags like to be kept with the base of the pot sitting in 1" of water.

Rollie likes to use repurposed plastic pots with the recycling number of 1. He explained these containers hold their shape well and do not become brittle over time. Carol Jurek explained she likes using empty, washed and rinsed bleach

bottles and clay beads. They also told us how they clean and reuse their clay beads.

A beautiful selection of phrags, paphs and other various orchids were available to purchase. They were generously donated by Rick Sule from the estate of Linda Sule.

### **SVOS Picnic and Plant Auction August 6, 2023**

#### **Attendees:**

Tim and Karen Hueston, Joyce and Alan Potoff, Edith and Dave Sommers, Janine and Denny Taylor, Rollie and Skip Wilson, Jean Rose, Rick Sule, Carol and Tom Jurek, Marilyn Whittaker, Wendy Bellinger, Jill Rafos, Helmutt and Cheri Schick

Rain or shine, the pavilion at Hemlock Park had us covered. Even though it was a rainy day, the members of the SVOS stayed dry and enjoyed the company of friends, ate great food and shared the love of orchids. The Picnic and Plant Auction was celebrated on Sunday, August 6, 2023, beginning at 1:00p.m. The picnic was held at the pavilion next to the red barn at Hemlock Park/Richland Township Park, in Hemlock. Once again SVOS provided delicious honey fried chicken from Krysiak's Restaurant and members also provided a variety of wonderful side dishes and desserts.

Many gorgeous orchids were auctioned and potting supplies sold. They were kindly donated by Rick Sule from the estate of his late wife, Linda.

Tim Hueston and Rollie Wilson were great auctioneers and they shared their knowledge and expertise of the orchids up for auction.



Tim and Rollie

Some of our members that were present.



Jill, Wendy, Tom, Carol, Alan, Joyce, Edith & Karen

A **BIG** thank you to all that contributed in making the picnic a huge success.

### Mini Orchid Show in November

Tim Hueston suggested that at our November Membership Meeting we could have a Mini Orchid Show. Each member could bring in an orchid(s) in bloom to be judged. The orchid should be prepared like it was going to be in a show. For example, trim off dead leaves, roots, and pseudobulbs, clean the leaves and check for pests and diseases. The orchids would be judged, ribbons awarded and explanations given.

### Membership Meeting Starting Times

Here is an excerpt for the Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2023:

#### " Starting Time for Membership Meetings

*Ten members replied to the survey that was sent regarding the starting time for our Membership Meetings. Five members voted to keep the starting time on Saturday afternoon and five members voted to have seasonal starting times. After a discussion, Joyce Potoff made a motion to have our May 13, 2023, and September 9, 2023, membership meetings start at 7:00p.m. Jill Rafos seconded the motion. All present were in favor of the motion."*

We will need to determine the starting time for our Membership Meetings going forward.

The options are:

- A. starting time Saturday at 12pm, or 1 pm.
- B. starting time for May and September at 7pm.  
with starting time for November, January and March at 12pm, or 1 pm.

### Next SVOS Membership Meeting

Our next meeting will be

**Saturday, September 9, 2023** starting at **7:00 p.m.**

It will be at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609.

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Janine Taylor

Secretary, Saginaw Valley Orchid Society