



**Next Meeting Saturday,**  
**March 11, 2023, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Thomas Township Public Safety Building**  
**8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609**  
[www.sagvalleyorchids.org](http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org)

**Officers and Board of Directors**

President	Tim Hueston	(2023-2024)
Past President	Joyce Potoff	
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(2021-2023)	Rollie Wilson	
(2021-2023)	Jean Rose	
(2023-2025)	Lori Lickly	

**Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2023**

**Attendees:**

Tim Hueston, Joyce Potoff, Edith Sommers, Janine Taylor, Bob Schust, Jean Rose, Carol Jurek, Wendy Bellinger, Jill Rafos, Caroline Scott, Linda Grindahl and guest Arlitta

**New Business:**

**Upcoming 2023 Orchid Shows**

Tim discussed the 2023 Orchid Shows for:  
Grand Valley Orchid Society on January 28-29  
Greater Lansing Orchid Society on February 25-26  
Ann Arbor Orchid Society on March 18-19  
Michigan Orchid Society on April 1-2.

He also gave an overview on how SVOS participates in fellow orchid society shows. He explained how the plants are delivered, labeled, transported, arranged, registered, judged and picked up from the show.

It was decided that SVOS would not have a display at the Grand Valley Orchid Show.

Joyce Potoff will be in charge of the Greater Lansing Orchid Show.

Tim Hueston will be in charge of the Ann Arbor Orchid Show.

The person in charge of the Michigan Orchid Society Show has not yet been determined.

**Rules and Bylaws of the SVOS - Proposed Change for Article II: Board of Directors**

On November 12, 2022, Tim Hueston sent an email to our members asking us to vote on reducing the number of Directors from 6 to 3. He did not receive enough returned emails to constitute a quorum.

The proposal was then discussed at the January 14, 2023, membership meeting. Carol Jurek made a motion to reducing the number of Directors from 6 to 3 and Wendy Bellinger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all members present were in favor of the proposal and the motion was adopted.

**2023 SVOS Orchid Show**

Tim explained that three things need to happen for us to have an orchid show in 2023.

- 1) We need to have a venue.
- 2) We need to have Orchid Judges.
- 3) We need to have Orchid Vendors.

1) We need to secure a venue for 3 possibly 4 days. On Thursday afternoon, our Society would set up dividers, curtains, tables, etc . Friday is when all orchid societies set up their displays. Saturday morning is when the orchids will be judged. After the judging is completed, the show is opened to the public. On Sunday the show is open to the public until the show closes; then the displays are

removed and dividers, curtains, tables, etc. are returned to storage.

A number of venues were discussed and we will try to secure one.

2) The Judging Staff is available in November/early December.

3) The orchid vendors cannot commit to our orchid show until we have a venue and a firm date.

A suggestion was also made to charge a small admission fee for our show.

### **Orchid Education Opportunities**

At our meeting, we had a brainstorming conversation on ways to promote our society and the love and care of orchids. Some options talked about were:

a class at Saginaw Valley University through their Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

a mini demonstration and display at a local nursery and garden center or at a quilt shop

open one of our membership meetings to the public in conjunction with a presentation by a local external speaker

have a class on how to repotting orchids

### **Starting Time for Membership Meetings**

We had a discussion regarding the starting time for future membership meetings.

One suggestion was a Seasonal Starting time. The membership meetings in the warmer and longer daylight months of May and September could start in the evening at 6:00p.m. or 7:00p.m. and the membership meetings in the colder and shorter daylight months of November, January and March could start in the afternoon at 12:00p.m., 1:00p.m., 2:00p.m. or 3:00p.m.

Another suggestion was keeping the starting time the same for all membership meetings, e.g., 12:00p.m., 1:00p.m., 2:00p.m., 3:00p.m., 6:00p.m. or 7:00p.m.

A survey will be emailed to our membership to ask them what starting time they prefer. Please watch for this email and send Janine Taylor your preference(s).

### **Orchid Pests and Diseases and Solutions**

Tim Hueston gave an informative presentation on orchid pests and diseases along with some valuable solutions.

Two very common pests are scale and mealy bugs. You may also encounter thrips, spider mites, aphids, snails, slugs and white fly too. To control pests, he explained how to use 70% Rubbing Alcohol, Neem Oil, Formula 409, soapy water, Malathion and hand picking them off the plant.

Orchids can become infected with bacterial and fungal diseases, viruses and molds. Diseases are harder to cure. Some disease treatments include cinnamon, fungicides, cutting the infected area to good tissue then treat, and isolation of the plant.

It's better to prevent diseases than treat diseases. Some tips are:

keep your area clean, look at your plants regularly for the first sign of disease, sterilize your tools, use a 10% bleach solution to sterilize certain items (e.g., plastic pots), Tim explained how to sterilize clay pots, you can sterilize scissors with a flame and can spray some items with alcohol to sterilize them.

### **February 14, 2023, Study Group**

submitted by Carol Jurek

The February Study Group was held at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Carol and Tom Jurek. The topic was, "What is your favorite orchid genera or species and why do you like it?"

They had a very small group of 4 people. It was decided that most of them liked the genus Phalaenopsis. The Phalaenopsis has a variety of color and flower patterns, easy to grow and they can be inexpensive to buy. They also discussed several other topics of interest. A good time was had by all.

### **Greater Lansing Orchid Show Report**

**February 25-26, 2023**

submitted by Joyce Potoff



" Thank you to everyone that entered plants and worked on our display for the Lansing show. Carol Jurek, Tim Hueston, Edith Sommers, Jill Rafos, Rollie Wilson and Joyce Potoff entered a total of 28 plants to make for a very diverse and challenging display. On Thursday Carol, Edith, Jill, Wendy Bellinger and Joyce worked on the plant labels and entry tickets. Since this was a new experience for Jill and Wendy, they had the opportunity to learn about the differences in classifications of many different orchids. A lively discussion was had regarding the Phalaenopsis classes.

Congratulations to all and especially to Rollie Wilson for this AOS Award of Merit and Best Phragmipedium in show trophy for the outstanding Phragmipedium QF MaKole ( Red Rocket x Perufloras cilia Alca).

Again thank you to our set up workers Edith Sommers, Wendy Bellinger, Jill Rafos and Jean Rose and to Carolyn Scott who helped on Sunday to tear down. Without all your efforts we would not be able to have a presence at the shows. We were told many times by the Lansing club that they appreciate our continued participation in their show.

### **March 11, 2023, Membership Meeting**

The next membership meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building at 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

This meeting will be a Question & Answer and Trouble Shooting meeting. If you have a plant that you have a question on, bring it to the meeting and we can discuss solutions. If it has any health issues, please bring it in a clear plastic so no diseases are spread.

We will also have a plant raffle. So, please bring any plants that need to be re-homed.

**April 11, 2023, Study Group** will be held at Wendy Bellinger's home at 1709 S. Graham Road, Saginaw.

**June 13, 2023, Study Group** will be held at Lori Lickly's home at 9901 Tobacco, Clare

Sincerely,

Janine Taylor  
Secretary, Saginaw Valley Orchid Society