



Next Meeting **\*\*New Time\*\***

**Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**

Thomas Township Public Safety Building

8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

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### Meeting Minutes from date March 13, 2023

#### Attendees:

Tim Hueston, Joyce Potoff, Edith Sommers, Janine Taylor, Jean Rose, Carol Jurek, Tom Jurek, Wendy Bellinger, Jill Rafos

#### Old Business:

### 2023 Ann Arbor Orchid Society Orchid Show

Tim Hueston was in charge of setting up the SVOS display at the Ann Arbor Orchid Society Orchid Show. Here a summary of the show sent by Tim:

"We had a nice display at the Ann Arbor Orchid Society show (Mar 18-19<sup>th</sup>). A total of 15 plants from Joyce, Carol, Caroline, Rollie, and Tim were included. From the 15 plants, we were awarded 10 ribbons - 3 blue (1<sup>st</sup>), 2 red (2<sup>nd</sup>), and 5 white (3<sup>rd</sup>). We also got a red ribbon for the display (actually a tied second - which was really pretty good given that the other two societies in our class had a lot more plants than us).

The blue ribbons were:

Carol's: Phrag. Sedenii (1<sup>st</sup> in class + 3<sup>rd</sup> for best specimen)

Carol's: Epi. Lakeview Red (1<sup>st</sup> in class)

Rollie's: Masd. Tiger Boy (1<sup>st</sup> in class)

Thanks to all who sent plants.



**SVOS Display at the 2023 Ann Arbor Orchid Show**

### 2023 Michigan Orchid Society Orchid Show

Joyce Potoff was in charge of setting up the SVOS display at the Michigan Orchid Society Orchid Show. Here is a summary of the show sent by Joyce:

"Carol Jurek, Carolyn Scott, Rollie Wilson, Jean Rose and Joyce Potoff entered a total of 15 orchids in the Michigan Orchid Society show April 1st and 2nd. Seven of those plants placed in ribbon judging. Carol Jurek's beautiful cattleya Trimos placed first in its class. Thank you to Jean Rose for helping with the display and to everyone that entered plants.



**SVOS Display at the 2023 Michigan Orchid Show**

### **Presentations by an Outside Speaker**

Tim discussed the possibility of sharing an outside speaker with other Orchid Societies. Each society would have their own presentation, then all societies involved would share in the cost of the speaker. This might be possible for 1 or 2 meetings a year.

A presentation could also be shown via Zoom during one of our monthly meetings. The Zoom Meeting could be projected on to an overhead screen for everyone at the monthly meeting to see it simultaneously.

### **2023 Orchid Show**

As of March 13, 2023, SVOS will not be having an orchid show.

We could not find a orchid show venue large enough and available for multiple days within our price range.

In addition to the cost factor, the reality of all the physical work involved in setting up a show and then dismantling it, is overwhelming for a lot of our members.

Tim emphasized we can still have a society and have outside presentations, continue education for our members, outreach to the community (e.g. OLLI) and social interaction. We can also enter orchid displays for other orchid shows.

### **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 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.

### **Selling orchid plants at our Monthly Meeting**

A suggestion was made to sell orchids at our membership meetings. For example, we could get a box lot of plants from a grower and then sell those plants to our members.

Another suggestion was to place a group order to a grower from our members. Each member could order their own specific orchid(s) and we would qualify for a discount.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Edith Sommers reported a checkbook balance of \$5,921. The rental on the storage unit is \$530.

Edith explained that we need to keep our Insurance Policy active for liability reasons.

### **Storage Unit**

A storage unit is no longer needed. The contents can be itemized and sold to our membership, other orchid societies or sold for scrap. Some items can be discarded.

### **Trouble Shooting for Specific Orchids**

The March Membership Meeting was a Question & Answer and Trouble Shooting meeting. Many of the members brought in plants that needed help. Experienced members examined the plants and offered various helpful solutions. Some members asked in general questions such as where to find various growing supplies and different plant media.

### **April 11, 2023, Study Group**

The April Study Group was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Wendy Bellinger. The topic was "Potting Tips".

### **May 13, 2023, Membership Meeting**

The next membership meeting will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building at 8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

### **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