



Next Meeting ****NEW TIME****
Saturday, November 11, 2023, 1:00 p.m.
Thomas Township Public Safety Building
8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609
www.sagvalleyorchids.org

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Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2023

Attendees:

Joyce Potoff, Edith Sommers, Janine Taylor, Rollie & Skip Wilson, Carol & Tom Jurek, Wendy Bellinger, Jill Rafos

Treasurer's Report

Edith Sommers reported that SVOS received a total of \$1310.00 from the orchids and supplies that were generously donated by Rick Sule from Linda Sule's estate. (\$530.00 from the items sold at the June 10th membership meeting and \$780.00 from the items sold at the 2023 Picnic and Plant Auction.)

Our storage unit was permanently closed in July and we received a cash refund of \$138.65.

Edith paid \$158.68 for the rental of the pavilion and the chicken entrée from the Picnic.

Edith also paid \$140 for our website domain fee and \$20 to the State of Michigan for our corporation fee.

Our liability insurance will be due in January 2024.
The current balance in our checkbook is \$7007.00.

Starting Time for Membership Meetings

After a discussion, Carol Jurek made a motion to have Seasonal Starting Times. Rollie Wilson seconded the motion. A vote was held and all present we in favor of the motion. The starting times for our membership meetings will be:

Shorter Daylight Months

- The month of **November** will be **1:00 p.m.**
- The month of **January** will be **1:00 p.m.**
- The month of **March** will be **1:00 p.m.**

Longer Daylight Months

- The month of **May** will be **7:00 p.m.**
- The month of **September** will be **7:00 p.m.**

Ann Arbor Orchid Festival

The Ann Arbor Orchid Society Orchid Festival has a new date. It will be held on November 18-19, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The show will be at:
University of Michigan
Matthaei Botanical Gardens
1800 North Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor

Hopefully, SVOS will have a display in their show. We are currently looking for a member or members to set up our display on November 17 and take it down on November 19th.

Membership Meeting November 11, 2023,
starting at 1:00p.m.

At our November membership meeting we will have an "In-House Orchid Show". Please bring in your flowering plant or plants and have them show ready, trim away dead leaves, dead aerial roots and dead pseudobulbs. Clean the leaves and check for pests. If you encounter pests, leave your plant home and treat it.

We will discuss many things that go into making a successful orchid display. For example, how plants are judged, different orchid classifications, how to make plant labels, and entry labels, etc.

SVOS ribbons will be awarded.

Also ,you can leave your plant(s) and they can be displayed the following week in the Ann Arbor Orchid Festival. We can do a preliminary display at the meeting to make setup even easier in Ann Arbor.

Make sure your name is attached to you orchid's pot so we can identify who owns each orchid.

Carter and Holmes Presentation in May of 2024

Joyce Potoff received an email from Jay at the Michigan Orchid Society asking if our society would like to have a presentation from Carter and Holmes in May of 2024, and share the expenses.

The expenses for the speaker (mileage, meals, hotels etc.) would be divided between the participating societies. Carter and Holmes does not charge for the presentation as long as they can sell plants at the meeting.

The day that might work for SVOS could be **Friday, May 17, 2024, at 6 p.m.**

We wanted the input of our society before we commit to having Carter and Holmes as our speaker in May 2024 and we also wanted an idea of attendance for us to make it happen.

A Survey was sent by email to SVOS on September 24, 2023.

Here are the results of the Survey as of October 29th, eleven people responded that they would be in favor of having Carter and Holmes as our speaker and would attend on **(tentatively) Friday, May 17, 2024, at 6 p.m.**

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) - SVSU

Joyce Potoff and Edith Sommers have contacted OLLI to have SVOS offer an orchid class through OLLI. However, OLLI has not replied yet.

Mineral Deficiency in Orchids

Rollie Wilson discussed the need of minerals for normal growth and development of a plant. He provided a handout on how the plant's leaves look when it is lacking a specific mineral such as nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, calcium, iron, copper, magnesium, boron, manganese, zinc, molybdenum and sulfur. Everyone was able to take a copy of the handout for future reference.

October 10, 2023, Study Group

Attendees: Carol and Tom Jurek, Rollie Wilson, Tim Hueston, Janine Taylor, Marilyn Whittaker, Jean Rose and Caroline Scott

The October Study Group was held at the home of Carol and Tom Jurek. Carol explained how she grows her Nobile (cool growing) phal and (warm growing) dendrobium. She explained the many varieties of plants. She told us the potting media they prefer, when to repot and fertilizing tips.

Sincerely,
Janine Taylor, Secretary