



Next Meeting Saturday,  
**September 7, 2024, 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 May 17, 2024**

Attendees: Tim Hueston, Joyce Potoff, Rollie Wilson, Edith Sommers, Marilyn Whittaker, Janine Taylor, Jean Rose, Carol & Tom Jurek, Caroline Scott

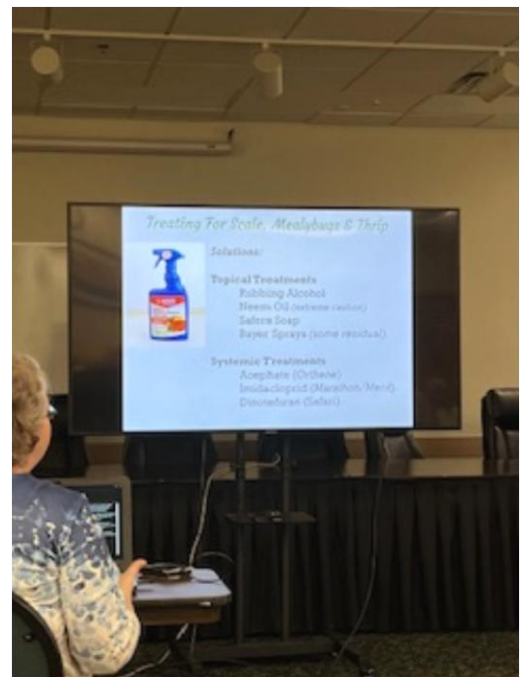
Guest Speaker: Bridget Uzar from Carter and Homes Orchids in Newberry, South Carolina.

Tim Hueston welcomed Bridget Uzar from Carter and Holmes. She gave a talk on "Troubleshooting Your Orchid". She said if you grow orchids you will have problems or setbacks. Everyone has different growing conditions so there is no such thing as "normal" growing of orchids. But, if you can identify the problems, you can correct them. She emphasized doing research, learning about the specific needs of your orchid and gaining knowledge about orchids through education.

Reasons for Orchid decline can be:

- Incorrectly repotted
- Under or Overwatering
- In need of repotting
- Physical Damage
- Insects
- Diseases

Bridget explained how to overcome these problems with her slide presentation, many tips and helpful products for successfully growing and blooming a variety of different orchids.



Bridget explaining "Treating For Scale, Mealybugs & Thrip"

### **June Study Group - June 10, 2024**

Attendees: Rollie Wilson, Carol Jurek, Sue and Phil Konkle, Janine Taylor, Caroline Scott, Marilyn Whittaker, Tim Hueston

The June Study Group was held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at the home Rollie and Skip Wilson. The main topic was "Treating Pests and Diseases." The group discussed how to use Phyton 27 and Thiomyl.

Carol Jurek also shared her insecticide formula.

Mix together and shake well:

1/2 tsp neem oil

1/4 tsp dish soap

(She uses Ivory-no added dyes)

1 cup warm water

1 cup 70% isopropyl alcohol

Keep in a spray bottle and always shake well before using.

### **SVOS Picnic and Plant Auction July 28, 2024**

Attendees: Tim and Karen Hueston, Joyce and Alan Potoff, Edith and Dave Sommers, Janine and Denny Taylor, Rollie and Skip Wilson, Jean Rose, Carol and Tom Jurek, Marilyn Whittaker, Sue and Phil Konkle, Caroline Scott

The Picnic and Plant Auction was celebrated on Sunday, July 28, 2024, starting at 1:00 p.m. The weather was beautiful and the picnic was held at the pavilion next to the red barn at Hemlock Park/Richland Township Park, in Hemlock. SVOS provided a delicious chicken entree and members provided a variety of wonderful side dishes and desserts.

Tim Hueston and Rollie Wilson were our auctioneers and they shared their vast knowledge and expertise on the orchids up for auction.



Many beautiful orchids were auctioned. They were kindly donated by our membership.

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

### **Next SVOS Membership Meeting**

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Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Janine Taylor Secretary,  
Saginaw Valley Orchid Society