



Next Meeting ****NEW DATE****

Saturday, January 6, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Thomas Township Public Safety Building

8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

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Officers and Board of Directors

President	Tim Hueston	(2023-2024)
Past President	Joyce Potoff	
Vice President	Rollie Wilson	(2023-2024)
Treasurer	Edith Sommers	(2024-2025)
Secretary	Janine Taylor	(2024-2025)
Program Chair	Vacant	(2023-2024)
Board of Directors		
(2023-2024)	Wendy Bellinger	
(2023-2025)	Lori Lickly	
(2024-2026)	Jean Rose	

Meeting Minutes from November 11, 2023

Attendees: Tim Hueston, Joyce Potoff, Rollie & Skip Wilson, Edith Sommers, Janine Taylor, Wendy Bellinger, Lori Lickly, Jean Rose, Carol & Tom Jurek, Jill Rafos,

Tim Hueston began the meeting by thanking all the members for coming out and bringing their beautiful orchids to be judged by Rollie Wilson.

Ann Arbor Orchid Society Orchid Festival November 18-19, 2023



Rollie Wilson was in charge of setting up the SVOS display with the help of Jean Rose. Janine Taylor and her husband Dennis took down the display.

Our Saginaw Valley Orchid Society earned 17 ribbons at this show.

Elections

Edith Sommers was re-elected as our Treasurer for a new two-year term (2024-2025).

Janine Taylor was re-elected as our Secretary for a new two-year term (2024-2025).

Wendy Bellinger was elected to the Board of Directors for a one-year term (2024).

Jean Rose was re-elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term (2024-2026).

Rollie Wilson was appointed by the Board to fill the remaining term of the Vice President.

Thank you to all the members that participate in making our society a success!

Overview of Programs for Membership Meetings

Below is the guideline for events at our Membership Meetings. A speaker or an orchid-related program will be at each of the meetings.

January - presentation by SVOS member

March - local speaker, AOS presentation or Zoom

May - external speaker

September - external speaker

November - SVOS In-House Orchid Show

Programs for Membership Meetings

At this time, Programs for Membership Meetings will be arranged by the Board of Directors (Board). The Board consists of the Officers and the three Directors. Also, the Chair of a standing committee will be invited to attend all meetings of the Board.

Tim Hueston will call a Board Meeting to discuss future programs for our Membership Meetings.

New Day for SVOS Membership Meetings

Currently, the SVOS Membership Meetings and the Greater Lansing Orchid Society's General Meetings are both held on the second Saturday of the month and are also held at the same time.

A discussion was held to change the SVOS Membership Meetings to the first Saturday of January, March, May, September, and November.

This change will allow any SVOS member free to attend the General Meetings of the GLOS and hear presentations by their guest speakers.

Tim Hueston will contact the GLOS and verify that they can accommodate additional people at their meetings.

A motion was made by Joyce Potoff to change our Membership Meetings to the first Saturday of January, March, May, September, and November. Rollie Wilson and Wendy Bellinger seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Memorial in honor of Linda Sule

Joyce Potoff made a motion that our society donate \$500 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Linda Sule. Linda contributed so much to our society over the years with her talent, service and monetary gifts. Carol Jurek seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Update-Carol Jurek spoke to Rick Sule regarding the \$500 donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital from our society in memory of his wife.

Rick said it was Linda's wishes (and Rick's wishes too) that the money raised by the sale and auction of her plants and supplies is to be used by our orchid society for speakers or other needs of SVOS. In light of this, the \$500 donation will not be sent to St. Jude from our society.

Membership Dues for 2024 Suspended

SVOS currently has a balance in our checkbook of \$7000.00. Carol Jurek made a motion to suspend the membership dues for 2024. Rollie Wilson seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Carter and Holmes Presentation in May of 2024

A discussion was held to determine if SVOS would like to have a presentation from Carter and Holmes in May of 2024, and share the expenses with the other Michigan Orchid Societies. The pro's and con's were discussed. No motion was made at this time and the topic will be discussed again at a future meeting.

First Annual SVOS In-House Orchid Show

Many beautiful orchids were judged at the First Annual SVOS In-House Orchid Show. Our Head Judge, Rollie Wilson divided the plants into 6 major classifications: Cattleya, Paphiopedilums, Oncidiums, Phragmipediums, Dendrobiums and Other. Rollie gave an overview on how orchids are judged at an orchid show.

Each member judged the orchids and voted on their first and second place choice in each classification. The results were tallied and winners were declared.

Several members left their plants with Rollie and they were used in the SVOS display at the Ann Arbor Orchid Festival that took place the following week.

Sincerely,
Janine Taylor, Secretary