



Next Meeting ****Special Day****

FRIDAY, May 17, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Thomas Township Public Safety Building

8215 Shields Drive, Saginaw, MI 48609

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(2024-2026) Jean Rose

Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2024

Attendees: Tim Hueston, Joyce Potoff, Edith Sommers, Janine Taylor, Jean Rose, Carol and Tom Jurek, Helmut Schick, Caroline Scott

Greater Lansing Orchid Society Orchid Show

The Greater Lansing Orchid Society Orchid Show was held February 24th - 25th. Tim Hueston was the lead for our display.



The SVOS display received a second place ribbon.

Tim announced the individual awards at the Membership Meeting.

A big thank you to all who sent plants, assisted in set up and tear down of the show. We could not do it without you.

Michigan Orchid Society Orchid Show

The Michigan Orchid Society Orchid Show was held on March 16-17, 2024. Jean Rose handled the set up with the help of Marilyn Whittaker, Lori Lickly and Sally Heinlein. Joyce Potoff kindly took down our display.

The SVOS display received a third place ribbon.

Eighteen plants were displayed and our society was awarded 3 Trophy ribbons, 5 first place ribbons, 2 second place ribbons and 3 third place ribbons.

Carol Jurek: Blc Hawaiian Discovery, first place
Lc Carolyn Reed, first place
Rlc Ranae Eugene, second place
Epi Lake View, second place
mormulyca ringens, third place

Rollie Wilson: Phrag Noirmont, third place
Leptotes bicolor, third place

Joyce Potoff: Miltassia Kauai's Choice, first place
and Trophy for Best in Class

Jean Rose: Paphiopedilum delenatii, first place
and Trophy for Best in Class
Phalaenopsis Ms Sweetie, first place
and Trophy for Best in Class

A big thank you to all who sent plants, assisted in set up and tear down of the show. We appreciate all that you do.

May Membership Meeting will be held on

****Friday, May 17, 2024, 7:00 p.m.****

Our May Membership Meeting will be held on a special day, **Friday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m.** We are very excited to have Bridget from Carter and Holmes Orchids come to Saginaw. She will give our society a presentation on orchids. She will also bring orchids to sell. So mark your calendar and set a reminder so you don't miss this wonderful event!

September Membership Meeting

Tim Hueston is hopeful that we will have Rob Halgren from Littlefrog Farm as our guest speaker at the September Membership Meeting.

April 8, 2024, Study Group

Attendees: Amy Motter, Carol and Tom Jurek, Sue Konkle, Jean Rose, Janine Taylor, Caroline Scott

The April Study Group was held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at the home of Amy and Gregg Motter. Amy discussed and demonstrated how she is growing orchids using the Japanese method of Kokedama.

Kokedama involves using a moss ball as the supporting and the focal point for the orchid. It consists of wrapping the orchid's roots in a ball of sphagnum moss which you then cover with live sheet moss. The moss ball is either fixed to a platform, like a dish or a bowl, or suspended in the air with a string.

SVOS Picnic and Plant Auction will be held on

Sunday, July 28, 2024, starting at 1:00p.m.

It's reserved! Our Saginaw Valley Orchid Society Picnic and Plant Auction will be celebrated on Sunday, July 28th starting at 1:00 p.m. Please mark the date on your calendar because we would like to see you there! I will send more specific information to you when it gets closer to the event.

November 2024 Membership Meeting and Mini SVOS Orchid Show

Edith Sommers suggested that it may be possible to have our November Membership Meeting and a Mini SVOS Orchid Show/Sale at the Thomas Twp Nature Center & Preserve located at 6660 Gratiot (M46) near the Tittabawassee River in Thomas Township.

The Nature Center is open the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (November 2nd). It is also open Tuesday 3 p.m.-7 p.m. and Wednesday - Friday 12 p.m.-4 p.m. The Show could be promoted through the nature center's Facebook page and on their monthly calendar. The calendar goes to the Swan Valley School district and library.

We will discuss further at the May Membership Meeting.

March 2024 Membership Meeting Presentation

Tim Hueston presented a program by Orchid Digest that our society obtained a number of years ago titled "Species That You Can Enjoy In Your Greenhouse". The presentation had pictures of different orchid species with a few interesting facts about each one and the conditions needed to grow them. The members present also shared personal experience with some of the orchids.

Hope to see you May 17th at the Membership Meeting.

Sincerely,

Janine Taylor , Secretary
Saginaw Valley Orchid Society