



Next Event - Saturday,
November 2, 2024, 9:30am-2:00pm
Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve
6660 Gratiot Road (M46)
near the Tittabawassee River
Saginaw, MI 48609
www.sagvalleyorchids.org

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	Officers & Board of Directors	(2023-2024)
Board of Directors		
(2023-2024)	Wendy Bellinger	
(2023-2025)	Lori Lickly	
(2024-2026)	Jean Rose	

Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2024

Attendees: Tim Hueston, Rollie Wilson, Edith Sommers, Janine Taylor, Carol and Tom Jurek, Wendy Bellinger, Caroline Scott

New Business:

Tim Hueston welcomed all members to the September Membership Meeting.

November 2024 Elections for SVOS

Election of Officers and Directors is normally held at the regular meeting in November. In anticipation of the meeting, Tim asked if any member was interested in becoming the new SVOS President at the Annual SVOS Picnic and he asked again at the September Membership Meeting. No member showed interest or volunteered at either meeting.

Tim stressed the importance of this leadership role. If the President position is not filled, our society cannot function as it has in the past.

The members at this meeting discussed various options:

- Change the bylaws to say that a member may serve as President for more than two terms in succession.
- Have the Board of Directors serve as a President.
- Disband SVOS and ask each member if they would like to join one of the other Michigan based orchid societies. SVOS would pay the membership fee for each member. Divide and donate any balance in our checkbook to:
 - Greater Lansing Orchid Society
 - Ann Arbor Orchid Society
 - Michigan Orchid SocietyTim Hueston will contact each of these orchid societies for more information and report back to us on their locations, dues, speaker lists, etc.
- No longer function as a Society but as a Club. We would eliminate Membership Meetings and only have Study Groups at the homes of the club members.
- Keep affiliations with the American Orchid Society and the Mid America Orchid Congress. Keep our liability insurance. Keep our non-profit status with the State of Michigan.
- We can still have an orchid display at orchid shows.

After much discussion, Tim Hueston made a motion that we will no longer function as a Society but as a Club and eliminate Membership Meetings and only have Study Groups at the home of a club member. Wendy Bellinger seconded the motion. All members present agreed.

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There will be **No** November 2024 Membership Meeting at the **Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, in Saginaw.**

However, we **WILL** have a Mini Orchid Show/Sale at the **Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve located at 6660 Gratiot (M46) near the Tittabawassee River in Thomas Township.**



Carol Jurek and Edith Sommers will coordinate this Mini Orchid Show. The show will be open to the public for only one day, November 2, 2024, between 10:00am - 2:00pm. The show will be informal, but we would love to see many beautiful blooming orchids there. Please put a label on your orchid to help the public identify what type of plant it is. The orchid should be prepared like it was going to be in a judged show. For example, trim off dead leaves, roots, and pseudobulbs, clean the leaves and check for pests and diseases.

You can drop off your orchid(s) at the Thomas Twp Nature Center beginning at 9:30am on November 2nd. You can also pick it up the same day at 2:00pm. Carol and Edith have volunteered to be drop-off points if you cannot be there on Saturday. Please give them a call before going to be sure they will be home.

Carol Jurek
766 N. Pine, Hemlock
Telephone Number: 989 642-5351

Edith Sommers
3664 N. River Road, Freeland
Telephone number: 989 751-3819

Ann Arbor Orchid Festival, November 16-17, 2024

Tim Hueston will set up our display at the Ann Arbor Orchid Festival on November 16-17. Please get your lovely orchid(s) to Tim by Wednesday, November 13th. That way he can plan the display, do the tickets, etc. on Thursday. If you can't get to Midland, Carol Jurek and Edith Sommers have generously agreed to be drop-off points for Tim also. Please give them a call before going to be sure they will be home.

Tim Hueston
3173 Carriage Ct., Midland
Telephone number: 989 837-0947

The Ann Arbor Orchid Festival location:
University of Michigan's
Matthaei Botanical Gardens
1800 North Dixboro Road
Ann Arbor, MI



ANN ARBOR ORCHID FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 16 - 17, 2024

SHOW & SALE HOURS:

Saturday
10am-4:30pm

Sunday
10am-4:30pm

PHOTOGRAPHER'S HOUR:
Sunday 9am-10am

- **FREE ADMISSION**
- **ORCHID RAFFLES**
- **ORCHID DISPLAYS**
- **ORCHIDS FOR SALE**
- **FAMILY FRIENDLY!**

FREE CLASSES!

The following classes will be available on both Saturday & Sunday in Room 125. Please join us!

11 am - Basics of Growing Orchids

1:30 pm - How to Repot or Mount Your Orchid

LOCATION:

University of Michigan
Matthaei Botanical Gardens
1800 N. Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor

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January, 2025, Membership Meeting

There will be **No** January 2025 Membership Meeting at the Thomas Township Public Safety Building, 8215 Shields Drive, in Saginaw.

February 2025 Study Group

The February Study Group will be hosted by Wendy Bellinger. Topic and date will be determined in the future, so watch for an email in January 2025.

Sincerely,

Janine Taylor
Secretary