



October 2026 Study Group
Thursday, October 15, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Home of Carol & Tom Jurek
766 N. Pine, Hemlock MI 48626

Officers

Treasurer Edith Sommers

Secretary Janine Taylor

Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2026

Attendees: Joyce & Allan Potoff,
Edith & Dave Sommers, Marilyn Whittaker,
Janine & Dennis Taylor, Jean Rose,
Carol & Tom Jurek, Sue & Phil Konkle,
Caroline Scott, Rollie & Skip Wilson,
Jack Shumaker

Funds in the Checkbook

We discussed the current balance of \$5,460
in our checking account and considered
ways to reduce the balance.

Here is a list of some bills that are paid
every year:

- American Orchid Society Dues
- Mid-American Orchid Congress Dues
- Liability Insurance
- State of Michigan fee
- Support to the Judging Center

Here is a list of some ideas to reduce the
balance in our checking account:

- Cater Pizza/Food for Study Groups
- Cater food for 2027 SVOS Picnic
- SVOS to purchase orchids for free raffle

- Place a group order with a Vender and give each member an allowance for an orchid of their choice.
- SVOS to pay the membership fee to another Orchid Society for each SVOS member that would like one.

Rollie Wilson made a motion for SVOS to pay for a Life Membership to Greater Lansing Orchid Society for any member that would like one. The motion was seconded by Joyce Potoff. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

The following members will also become Life members of GLOS: Wendy Bellinger, Carol Jurek, Sue Konkle, Joyce Potoff, Jean Rose, Caroline Scott, Edith Sommers, Marilyn Whittaker, Rollie Wilson and Jack Shumaker.

Janine Taylor will contact Doris Asher at GLOS to start the membership process.

If you were unable to attend the picnic but would still like to join the GLOS-- or another orchid society—just send me an email. I would be happy to help you get started with the membership process.

2026 Picnic and Plant Raffle

The picnic was held on Sunday, August 9th, at Hemlock Park. It was wonderful spending time with good friends and enjoying some great food. SVOS provided delicious baked chicken from Krysiak's Restaurant and members brought a variety of yummy side dishes and desserts. A gracious thank-you to everyone who participated. Your involvement and support are greatly appreciated!

This year SVOS purchased \$200 worth of orchids from Fred Clarke at Sunset Valley Orchids in California for a free raffle at the picnic. Unfortunately, there was a delay in shipping, and the orchids did not arrive in time for our picnic. They were delivered to Rollie Wilson's home the following Tuesday.

The membership decided to hold the free raffle at the October Study Group. A BIG thank-you to Rollie for taking care of the orchids and keeping them safe until then.

October 2026 Study Group

The October 2026 Study Group will be held on Thursday afternoon, October 15, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Carol and Tom Jurek. You won't want to miss this Study Group! Do you love pizza? Do you love winning a beautiful, free orchid? The Saginaw Valley Orchid Society will provide the pizza and the orchids!

The topic will be, Fertilizer. What kind do you use? How often do you use it? What strength do you use? Also, feel free to bring your orchid questions and problems, and we will see what we can do to help. Please bring any orchid that is suffering from a disease or pest in a sealed plastic bag to avoid infecting another plant.

If you're planning to attend the Study Group meeting, would you please RSVP to Carol so she can order enough pizza for everyone. You can email Carol or you call her. See the separate email for all the details.

Sincerely,

Janine Taylor
Secretary