

Saginaw Valley Orchid Society
News and Notes for January 2009
Membership Meeting
Saturday, January 10th, 2009 at 7pm
Featured Speaker: Dr. Don Garling
Orchid Pests and Diseases
Board Meeting begins at 6:30pm
<http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org/>

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Officers

Linda Sule _____ President (2009-10)
Open _____ Vice President (2009-10)
Alan Getzin _____ Past President (2009-10)
Roberta Bouleau _____ Treasurer (2008-9)
Jim Lile _____ Secretary (2008-9)

Board of Directors (3-year term):

Marilyn Whittaker (2008-10), Joanne Hetherington (2008-10), Rollie Wilson (2009-11), Oksana Savina (2009-11), Lori Lickly (2007-09), Sue Westmoreland (2007-09)

Treasurer's Report

As of January 2009, our account balance is \$4754.51.

Secretary's Report

SVOS November Board Minutes
(<http://www.sagvalleyorchids.org/>)

- It was proposed to invest \$1000 toward advertising for the show this year.
- Advertising and publicity options were offered.

SVOS November Meeting Minutes

- September Minutes: approved
- Treasurer's report: approved
- We discussed the web page and received suggestions for improvements.
- The group voted to have Oksana Savina continue as a board member for 2 more

years. Rollie Wilson will join the board for a two-year term starting in 2009.

- Members were encouraged to post the flier for the show everywhere they go (that is allowed): grocery stores, churches, barbers, flower shops, coffee shops, butcher shops, et cetera).

- The membership approved up to a \$1000 investment in advertising and publicity. We will investigate newspapers, TV/radio stations, community calendars, placemats, and other means.

- There was some discussion of orchid displays at the upcoming shows. The group talked about preparing plants – cleaning dirty leaves with milk or lemon juice, cutting off diseased leaves, and cutting off aged flowers.

SVOS Show Reports

- 2008 SVOS Show - Report of Live-plant Exhibits: There were a total of 14 live-plant exhibits in the 2008 Show, including vendor, society and amateur displays. I'd like to thank the many SVOS members who contributed to the success of the 2008 show exhibits - either through plants, labor, or both. Special thanks to Sally Heinlein, Melissa Lile and Paul Helling for spending the entire day on Friday helping with the SVOS display set-up, labels and registrations. Several others (too many to mention without inadvertently leaving someone out) helped out in various ways throughout the day, and we very much appreciated the help. Plants for the society

display were contributed by Amy Motter, Linda Sule, Alan Getzin, Tim Hueston, Edith Sommers, Ruth Ann Miller, Carol Jurek, Kathie Grzesiak, Rollie Wilson, Paul Bouleau and Lori Lickly. We had a total of 38 plants in our display. Our Society display took second place in its class, and a total of 22 ribbons: 6 Blue, 8 Red, 7 White and 1 Trophy. Congratulations go to Ruth Ann Miller for the Trophy on her Oncida. Charlesworthii!

There were 4 member displays that added to the overall beautiful exhibit area of the show. **Carol Jurek** had a display with 24 plants for a first place finish in her class. She accumulated 13 ribbons, including 6 Blue, 3 Red, 3 White and the Boots Case Award for Best Phalaenopsis. Her display was also judged as the best Amateur display in the show. **Rollie Wilson** had a display with 15 plants for a third place finish in his class. He accumulated 13 ribbons, including 5 Blue, 4 Red and 4 white. **Marilyn Whittaker and Sue Konkle** had a display with 14 plants (grown under lights or on window sills) for a first place finish in their class. They accumulated 13 ribbons, including 6 Blue, 3 Red, 3 White and a Trophy for best Cymbidium (Cym. Piteta). **Linda Sule** had a display with 15 plants for a second place finish in her class. She accumulated 7 ribbons with 4 Blue, 1 Red, 1 White and a Trophy for best Phragmipedium (Phrag. Don Wimber). Congratulations and many thanks to these members for putting forth the considerable effort of setting up their own displays.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Lickly

MANY THANKS to judging clerks, catering crew (Joanne and Eleanor), set-up and clean-up crews.

From The Past President

Happy New Year Orchid Lovers, I hope that you had a safe and restful holiday season. I also hope that you have

some beautiful plants in bloom to brighten up your home. My phals are just wonderful and I have a cycnoches that is really neat.

I guess that the end of year allows one to review what has occurred in the last year. That is also the case as I think about my term as President. Here are some of my thoughts:

- We have finally been brought into the 21st century with our own web site.
- We have had 3 great years of Orchid Shows at the Midland Holiday Inn.
- We have seen new faces and welcomed members from the past.
- We have had many wonderful displays at the various state orchid shows, consistently winning 2nd or 3rd place amongst the Orchid Societies.
- We have updated our By-laws to better reflect our needs and provide some continuity for the future.

All in all, we have made progress as a society and hopefully we can retain the people signed up at our show. Please show Linda Sule the same help and consideration that you provided me during the last couple of years.

One thing we need on the board is a Vice-President. This is the person that will help Linda to plan the future meetings. So, if you have some ideas on what we should have at the meetings, please consider volunteering for this position.

Looking forward to see you all on Jan. 10, 2009,
Alan Getzin
Past-President

Upcoming SVOS Events

- January 10th, 2009
- March 14th, 2009
- April 18th, 2009: Orchid Workshop, 9:30am-3pm at Family Baptist Church in Saginaw.

- May 9th, 2009
- July 12th, 2009: Picnic
- September 12th, 2009
- November 14th, 2009
- November 28-29th, 2009: SVOS Annual Show and Sale

Tonya and Ken Stockman
 Michael Keenan
 Ed Hutchison
 Michael Starch
 Jack Shumaker
 Judy Enger
 Robert and Margaret Sidney
 Kathy Waterman
 Joan Yeomans
 Courtney Kramer
 Silvia Evans

Upcoming Orchid Shows and Events

- GVOS Show, Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids
- GLOS
- AAOS
- MOS
- NMOS

Refreshment Volunteers

- January, 2009: Roberta Bouleau
- March, 2009:
- May, 2009:
- July, 2009: Picnic
- September, 2009:
- November, 2009:

Other Bits

- Thank you to those who brought food to the November meeting and Show potluck.
- Additional volunteers are welcome to help set up any or all of the show displays. Consider offering your artistic eye to this important task. Experience is not required. Participation is appreciated. You may be surprised by how creative you are.
- If you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter and would prefer an electronic copy, please contact the SVOS secretary at lile@ufl.edu to add your name to the email list. Save a stamp.

WELCOME NEW and RETURNING 2009 MEMBERS!

Chuck Snyder
 Marilyn McGinty
 Norman and Alison Moore
 Bethany Goodman
 James Rabideau
 Carol Chisholm
 Larry Healey