



Saginaw Valley Orchid Society



## Orchid Show and Sale Report

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**SVOS DISPLAY** Earned a Third Place Ribbon. Organized by Jean, Tim, Carol, Joyce & others. We had a total of 30 plants in our display.

**First place ribbons** were received by

Bob Schust, Bill Beird, Helmut Schick, Lori Lickly and Janine Taylor.

**Red place ribbons** were received by

Lori Lickly (2), Marilyn Whittaker, Jack Shumaker, Bill Beird, Eleanor Baker, Carol and Tom Jurek (2).

**White ribbons** were received by Joyce Potoff and Edith Sommers.



(SVOS 2017 Display)

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### **TROPHY WINNERS from our display**

Helmut Schick trophy for Best Phragmipedium.

Bob Schust trophy for best Phalaenopsis Alliance and the Memorial Trophy.

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The large yellow Phalaenopsis is Bob Schust's and the small orange

Phragmipedium is Helmut Schicks. (See picture below)



Class 110 Memorial Trophy -Plants were entered by Jean Rose, Bob Schust (**winner**), Edith Sommers, Janice Knop, Helmut Schick, Joyce Potoff, Tim Hueston, and Marilyn Whittaker.\_



(Tim Hueston starting our booth set up)

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(Jean Rose, Joyce Potoff, Lori Lickly & Tim Hueston looking over plants for display)



(Joyce and Tim placing plants)

## FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

My First Job - **1<sup>st</sup>** Rollie, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Joanne,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Eleanor

My Wedding Souvenir - **2<sup>nd</sup>** Eleanor,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Joanne

Bringing Baby Home - **1<sup>st</sup>** Sally, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Eleanor,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Joanne

Baby's First Steps - **1<sup>st</sup>** Eleanor, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Joanne

Best Christmas Ever- **1<sup>st</sup>** Joanne, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Eleanor

Mama and the Mouse - **1<sup>st</sup>** Joanne

Fishing in Grand Traverse Bay - **1<sup>st</sup>** Joanne,  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Eleanor

Gambling in Las Vegas - **1<sup>st</sup>** Joanne, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Rollie,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Eleanor.

Indy 500 Races - **1<sup>st</sup>** Joanne, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Eleanor

4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks - **2<sup>nd</sup>** Joanne

Camping in the Woods - **1<sup>st</sup>** Rollie, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Joanne

3<sup>rd</sup>Eleanor.

Graduation Day - **1<sup>st</sup>** Rollie, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Eleanor



(Dot Barnett arrangement 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks)

ART DISPLAY

Orchid bowls- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>-Rebecca Wilson

Orchid Jewelry- 2<sup>nd</sup> Skip Wilson



(Skip Wilson's jewelry Display)

MEMBERS INDIVIDUAL DISPLAYS

Rollie Wilson's Display earned a 2<sup>nd</sup>. And an **AOS award** on his Phragmipedium and his plants also earned:

1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons - 6

2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbons- 7



( Rollie's Display)

Sally Heinlein's Display earned Best amateur Display and **AOS TROPHY for Best Exhibit**. Plants earned:

1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons - 6

2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbons - 2

3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons - 4



(Sally's Heinlein's Display)

Carol & Tom Jurek's Display earned a 1<sup>st</sup> place. Her plants earned:

1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons - 3

2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbons - 2

3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons - 1



(Carol's Display)

Linda Sule's Display earned a 1<sup>st</sup> place. Her

Plants earned:

1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon - 1

2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon - 1

3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon - 1



(Linda Sule's Display)

There were a total of 291 plants in the entire show with 28 arrangements! We had 6 new members join our society.

A Big **THANK YOU** goes out to all the members who help in any way by putting up signs, handing out and putting up flyers, getting stuff out of and back into storage unit, removing chairs, and then setting the chairs & tables back up after the show, upsetting up show dividers, entering plants, covering the pots, registering all the plants, setting up our display and then taking it down, helping other

societies and vendors bring in their "stuff", working at clerking, being a sponsor, donations of food, cooking, serving, dishes, clean up, ordering the ribbons & trophy's, advertizing, being show chairman, painting the display piping, working the welcome table, helping with raffles, buying tickets, cleaning the bathrooms, washing tables, sweeping & vacuum the floors and coming to the show. A successful show requires a large commitment from many. Thank you to everyone that answered the call and came to help. We don't want to risk leaving anyone out so we will not list you individually. However a special recognition is due to the Show Chairmen Rollie Wilson and Jack Shumaker for putting it all together.



(Eleanor, Sally & Skip in Kitchen)



(Bill Porter looks at large buffet)



(Linda, Lori, Jean, Bill & Linda wait to help other societies and vendors unload cars)



(Carol and Rollie talk plant placement)



(Jean, Lori and Tim talk about plants for display)



(Carol Adjusts plant)

#### LETTERS & EMAILS RECEIVED AFTER SHOW:

1. Sent to Jack:

I accompanied my wife, Dot, to Saginaw yesterday to help load things from the show for the return trip to Lansing. We arrived at 3:00 p.m., leaving some time for me to read a book before my services were needed. As I looked about for a chair to sit in, your associates bid me to come into the screened-off eating area and to make myself comfortable there. They even invited me to help myself to some of the food (I did make a sandwich). I just want you to know how much I appreciate the accommodating spirit of your crew and their commitment to being gracious hosts.  
Lee

2. Sent to Sally

Dear Saginaw Valley Orchid Society, I want to thank you for the very nice trophy items I won with my plant at you show this past weekend. The painted glass trivets will hang in the greenhouse or in the garden window in my kitchen. In either place I will get

many opportunities to enjoy watching them spin in the sunlight. The matching, serving tray is very pretty and will have many uses throughout the holidays and when people notice it, I get to tell them all

about plant and its awards. It was such a fun weekend for me, as always seeing great orchid people who recognize and share the passion, buying beautiful plants - - the collection must grow ! ! , setting up the display and the excitement of winning, although, I've never had a plant win so much. Your festival flowed very smoothly. Clearly you all are very organized and work well together. I appreciate that you emailed Denise on Saturday afternoon to let her know my plant won several ribbons. She passed along your message. I have tried to get members of the AAOS to do the same and it has not worked out. Members have almost missed seeing their awarded plants. You are very thoughtful, and have a good

system working. Thank you for no snow and clear roads too, both Friday and Sunday! Again thank you very, very much for a wonderful weekend, see you in Grand Rapids. Paige Hartman

3. Sent to Sue

Here goes some remembrances of SVOS Orchid Shows. First, our motives were not pure. Wife Suzi couldn't get rid of Thanksgiving dinner for the family, and the show was a perfect excuse, and it worked, at first the shows were in the round building at Northwood Institute. During one show the power went out, Carol Jurek was show chair for her first time, Suzi had a flashlight, and we sold plants for a time with that for light until we were told we had to leave, the building was closing. That venue was OK, but when the show moved to the NADA center at Northwood in Midland, we thought that was as good as it could get. Super cheap rooms on the first floor or upstairs, just a few steps from the displays, good space for displays, good lighting for displays and sales. I had my only kidney stone at one of these shows, and as we found out, you folks

have a super nice hospital in Midland. One night Ron from Taylor Orchids, Herman from Oak Hill, and Jack Brechtelsbauer, three troublemakers for sure decided to build a fire in the open fireplace on the second floor of the NADA Center, just in front of a sitting area. They selected some brush and saplings from along the road, and because they were too long, they stood them up, stuffing them up into the chimney. Of course smoke poured out into the room and the fire alarm went off. Folks, awakened, came out in their PJ's to see what was going on. In the beginning of our attendance, Saturday evening, there was a sit down dinner served, with an after dinner speaker. We were, after quite a few years, switched to the Holiday Inn, and the show was there for a while. And, after I lost Suzi to cancer, I married Marilyn, who has been a real help, though not an orchid addict, still has learned a lot about why we are so dedicated. We enjoyed having larger rooms than at Northwood and that facility was better for the displays and sales areas, and had better access for loading and unloading, and was convenient to the freeway exit. We have friends from Marilyn's Toledo High School Class who live in Midland that we would see, who live close to the Holiday Inn, and we met them for drinks and dinner for many of these years. Now at the Veterans Hall, another nice facility. We are **only judging now, having hung up the vendor thing. We can now shop the tables, and observe and enjoy the nicest people on the circuit. We enjoyed our selling time, and are enjoying a relaxed time** now. I can't close without thanking Jack Shumaker and whoever else might have been responsible for the thank you cake last Friday for this old retired vendor. SVOS is high on our "to do" list every year. Marilyn has yet to have to make a Thanksgiving dinner for me and we'd both like to keep it that way. Have a Blessed Christmas, and we'll see you next year somewhere around orchids, and next Thanksgiving too.

Cheers, Bill & Marilyn Porter



(The Porter's)



(Cake in honor of Porter's  
Years of service)