TREASURE VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY, Inc. Boise, Idaho

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Orchid Chat

Wednesday, November 20th, 2019

Social 7:00 PM - Meeting 7:30 PM

Signature Point Clubhouse - 3509 N. Cole Road - Boise

You might say...we need repotting!

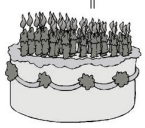
TVOS is only as good as the input and enthusiasm of its members. At our Nov. 20 meeting, let's think and talk about how we can make it better in the New Year! Bring your thoughtful, creative suggestions for boosting club membership and interest. For sharing your ideas on a short questionnaire, you'll get a $5 gift certificate to use at North End Organic Nursery (NEON)!

For our program that evening, Chris Thomas will share some highlights of her recent visit to Orchids byHausermann in Villa Park, Illinois, with its four acres of orchids!

Voting Table

1st - Dendrobium anosmum - Gregg Mattson
2nd - Donna Groh
3rd - Tie Encyclia cochleate - Tammy Dana & Oncidium Sweet Sugar - Sue Birnbaum

Refreshments provided by Pam Spencer
Door Prize provided by Tammy Dana
Raffle provided by Ruth Mayer



Happy November Birthday Wishes To

Chriss Meredith -5th, Dell Winegar - 15th, Nancy Mc Morrow - 19th, Yvonne Higer - 26th

Did we miss your birthday? Email Pam Spencer at at pmspencer @cableone.net with your birthday info.

Board Meeting

1st Tuesday of the month,
7:00 to 9:00PM Signature Pointe Library 3509 N. Cole Rd., Boise
All TVOS Members Welcome

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TVOS General Meeting Minutes – October 16th 2019

The meeting began at 7:30.
Tammy asked for approval of the notes taken for the September general meeting. Chris approved the minutes and Donna seconded that.
Tammy introduced the new visitors/members, daughter Jennifer and her mother Claudine.
Rocky couldn't find his treasury report sheet but the amount is the same as last month's. Pam reminded him that Janet had had the donation check to IBG and that she would get it to IBG so they could cash it. The yearly audit is in November so Pam, Chris, Carolyn, (and Tammy if available) volunteered to do the audit of the 2019 treasury records. They will meet at 6:30pm before the November general meeting on November 20.
TVOS will also have board officer elections in November. Irmi and Chris have been calling around to members to ask who would like to do what as both Ruth and Tammy will be stepping down as web manager and club president respectively. Pam would like to step down as club secretary but remain on the board if possible.
We discussed meeting space options and the board will take up more discussion at the November board meeting.

The meeting topic was member-found orchid tips and tricks.
- Tammy: For treatment of floppy leaves, but not as severe as crown rot, soak the orchid roots in brewed tea. The tannins in the tea are very similar to the natural tannins that rain down on wild epiphytic orchids when rain hits the tree bark above the orchid. The tannins, or maybe acid, in the tea encourage more root growth. Brewed tea can also be added to orchids in semi-hydro growing conditions. Milk is supposed to be antiviral so wiping down leaves with it might help with virus control, and the milk leaves a clean sheen on the leaves.
- Chris: Don't repot into too big a pot. Pick a pot that is no more than 2" bigger than the current pot, ideally only ½-1" bigger. She has found some cleaning swabs at Ulta that she likes to use for swabbing out insects or plant clean-up. She also shops at the thrift stores for pretty but cheap pots to use as decorative sleeves for some of her orchids. She has found the big plastic storage tubs useful to store all her pots in one spot instead of all over her house.
- Donna: She created inexpensive humidity trays by buying big pots at the kitchen supply store and plastic grids at the big box stores to make her own trays.
- Ruth: She has used red-surfaced trays for a long time to reflect the red-light waves to her orchids. She uses 70% isopropyl alcohol for mealy-bug control, spraying directly on the mealy bugs. She likes to give her orchids 6-10 hours of light each day. But she also added, if what you are doing is giving you blooms on your orchid, keep doing it.
- Gregg: We live in the dry high desert. Most orchids like more humidity than is normally in our air. For his mounted orchids, he mists them daily. He has also found that the Dip 'n Gro product that NEON (North End Organic Nursery) sells has encouraged new root growth on his orchids. Aspirin dissolved in water, 200 mg per 4 gallons of water, also makes a good orchid tonic.
- Irmi: Salicylic acid found is found in willows. A tea made from willow twigs and leaves functions as a plant tonic. Keeping on top of bug infestations also helps keep the orchids healthy.
- Warren: He wanted to put orchids in an unheated room but keep them above freezing. He bought a horticultural thermostat for about $10 from a hydroponics supplier to use with a little $10 desk heater from Walmart, to keep the temperature under the orchids at about 45-50 degrees F. Warren also wanted to ask for more pictures for the 2020 orchid calendars he is going to work up for members to order by the end of the year.

The meeting closed at about 8:45pm.