



## ***The ORCHID CHAT***

**Treasure Valley Orchid Society  
August 2021**

Hello TVOS members and friends!

This is your last-minute reminder to come to our annual Picnic/Potluck, where there will be plenty of plants to bid on for our Silent Auction – and of course, great food!

**It's SAT., AUG. 7 from 10 AM to 2 PM** at Steve Guerber Park in Eagle (2200 Hill Rd., just off Hwy. 55). Please bring plants or orchid-growing supplies to sell. (The club takes a small percentage; YOU can either keep the lion's share of the proceeds for your items, or donate them to the club.) Also bring a potluck dish to share, whatever you want to drink, and chairs for yourself or guests. We'll be in our usual spot: the Sunset Pavilion, Section 3.

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The club doesn't have General Meetings in the summers, but – depending on public-health precautions – the current plan is to start up again in September (Sept. 15), 7:00 p.m., at a new location.

While we love NEON in Garden City, the board decided the space was a bit too tight for our meetings. So, we've spent the summer looking into other options. We'll now be meeting at:

**King of Glory Lutheran Church**  
3430 N. Maple Grove Rd. – Boise  
(near Maple Grove & Ustick)

The church has a nice, roomy meeting space, complete with an audiovisual setup, a kitchen for potlucks and plenty of parking – at a price that will be easy on our club's budget.

At the **Sept. 15** meeting, Tammy Dana will share information about her new favorite potting medium – **tree-fern substrate**. She'll explain what it is and why orchids seem to like it, and she'll show us how to use it.

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We've also selected a date for the **2022 Orchid Show & Sale!** So, mark your calendars now for **April 22-24, 2022**. The tentative site is the Hilton Garden

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Very best wishes to these TVOS members, celebrating birthdays in August:

8/6 Pam Spencer

8/16 Jim Huffman

8/24 Terry McMorrow

If we've missed your birthday, please let board members Terry McMorrow ([bacpker@gmail.com](mailto:bacpker@gmail.com)) or Chris Thomas ([christhomasco@gmail.com](mailto:christhomasco@gmail.com)) know, so we can add you to the birthday list.

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We're thinking about a possible out-of-town road trip for the October meeting, to visit an orchid vendor in another state! Interested? More details coming up.

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Remember, packing the Orchid Chat full of useful info helps everyone stay in touch and keep learning. If you find a cool class or book, orchid care videos, a good place to get plants or supplies (locally or online), please pass it along and we'll include it in this newsletter!

If YOU have a favorite orchid or orchid-growing topic you'd like to present – or one you'd like to know more about – please let any board member know. Most presentations are about 15 minutes in length, and don't have to be super-formal.

As always – keep 'em blooming, folks!

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