



## *The ORCHID CHAT*

**Treasure Valley Orchid Society**

**Winter (Dec. 2021-Jan. 2022)**

Hello TVOS members and friends!

As another year ends, TVOS is very grateful for your support! It's time to plan our traditional end-of-year get-together, the Annual Meeting/Holiday Potluck, for our December meeting.

Our current monthly meeting site (King of Glory Lutheran Church) still has restrictions in effect that prohibit having a meal there. So, we'll be meeting, voting on new club officers, and dining in December at:

Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church  
2618 W. Bannock St., Boise

The church has a roomy basement full of tables and a nice kitchen facility. Our annual meeting and potluck is **Wed., Dec. 15 – set-up at 6:00 p.m.** Bring a dish to share...and a guest! Contact any TVOS board member if you have questions.

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Happy Birthday wishes go out to these TVOS members – we've included November birthdays here, as we missed 'em in the fall newsletter:

11/5 Criss Meredith	12/10 Mark Blackshaw	1/04 Ruth Mayer
11/15 Dell Winegar		1/18 Sue Birnbaum
11/26 Yvonne Higer		1/31 Kris Winegar

If we've missed your special day, sincere apologies! We're always trying to update the birthday list. Please let Chris Thomas ([christhomasco@gmail.com](mailto:christhomasco@gmail.com)) or Terry McMorrow ([bacpker@gmail.com](mailto:bacpker@gmail.com)) know YOUR birthdate!

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So many orchid clubs across the country have experienced the same “limbo” as we have at TVOS, in terms of staying active while honoring the need to keep our members safe and healthy in a pandemic. And, just like us, they’re slowly but surely coming back to life. Here are a couple of events in nearby states to plan for in the New Year:

- The [Northwest Flower & Garden Show](#) is Feb. 9-13 at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle. The [Northwest Orchid Society](#) always has a big display there; the link takes you to details of its display plan. (The club sells many of the orchids in the display after the show.)
- After a two-year COVID hiatus, the [Santa Barbara International Orchid Show](#) is scheduled for March 11-13, 2022, in Santa Barbara, Calif.

The [Oregon Orchid Society](#) and [Utah Orchid Society](#) have not yet scheduled 2022 shows, but keep checking their websites or Facebook pages.

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Here’s a New Year’s Resolution for you: Be a presenter at one of our 2022 meetings! You don’t have to be an expert – just an orchid-lover who has interesting info to share with fellow TVOS members.

Minutes of the November 17 General Meeting follow this newsletter.

Happy holidays...happy New Year...and as always, keep ‘em blooming!

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**TREASURE VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY, INC.**

Boise, ID

General Meeting Minutes –3/17/2021

President Carolyn Watts called the business meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

There were some new people in attendance, so we each briefly introduced ourselves.

The minutes from the October General Meeting were reviewed. Carolyn motioned to accept those minutes as read. Pam seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Treasurer Rocky Redford presented the treasurer's report. Pam motioned to accept the treasurer's report as read. Fred seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The TVOS board audited the treasurer's books tonight. The audit was successful.

The 2022 TVOS Orchid Show and Sale will be held on April 23 & 24, with set-up on Friday, Apr. 22, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Boise. We will have AOS judges. Several vendors have indicated that they will participate. Those are Emerald City Orchids and Patti Young with an artist friend. Other potential vendors are Gem State Carnivores and Jolah Orchids. The theme of the 2022 show is "Orchid Fever." Chris Thomas is updating the show advertisement.

The December 2021 Annual Meeting and potluck will be held at the Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 2618 W. Bannock Street in Boise. Set-up is at 6 pm. We will be meeting in the basement where the dining room and kitchen are located. The club will provide place settings. Pam will bring a ham. Everyone is invited to bring a guest and a dish to share.

Elections will be held for board positions at that meeting. Anyone interested in becoming a board member is welcome. Just speak to a current board member.

Gregg Mattson motioned to adjourn the business meeting. Fred seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

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The program tonight is on growing miniature orchids and ideas to increase humidity for orchids. Sufficient humidity is a challenge in Idaho's very dry climate.

Our new member, Sharee Wright grows miniature orchids. Gregg Mattson helped with the presentation. Gregg works at North End Organic Nursery and has been bringing in orchids for sale. There are some miniatures in stock now.

Sharee brought in examples of the containers she makes from plastic water bottles for her miniatures. Her method helps with humidity for each orchid. She likes to grow Australian orchids because they need to dry out between waterings.

Gregg also grows miniature orchids. He mists his twice every morning about 15 minutes apart, uses humidity trays and a fan. Gregg brought in samples of material that can be used to mount miniature orchids. Some sources for miniatures are: Orchids by Hausermann, Andy's Orchids on a Stick, and Orchid Dynasty. Sharee will bring in a list of miniatures she thinks would be good for beginners.

More ideas for increasing humidity were a home-made fogger, a terrarium, semi-hydro, misting devices and humidity trays.

We discussed the Orchid Grow-Out Project. Carolyn brought half of the seedlings that have been de-flasked and repotted into Slurpee cups with their lids. The seedlings need to remain in those cups for about a year. After that, they can be repotted into new medium.

There are 3 sizes: large, medium and small seedlings. Grow-out instructions were given out. The seedlings are a new compact cattleya hybrid from Carter and Holmes. Half of the potted seedlings were sold at this meeting. The other half will be available at the December meeting.

The winners of the "show and tell" table were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Carolyn's Paphiopedalum Petula's Sensation

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Terry's Bc Maikai Mayumi

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – a tie between the Restripia cupred 'WC' and the Sandrara

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Dana