



## *The ORCHID CHAT*

### Treasure Valley Orchid Society Fall 2021

Hello TVOS members and friends!

We had a great time at this summer's annual Picnic/Potluck/Silent Auction. It was a lovely, not-too-hot August day, we had lots of plants to bid on and excellent food. Thanks very much to everyone who attended.

We also had our first in-person General Meeting of the fall season on Wed., Sept. 15. In fact, it was our FIRST in-person meeting since March 2021, in light of COVID-19. The minutes of that meeting are posted as the last page of this newsletter.

The new meeting space seems to work well – and of course, for now, we're adhering to CDC public-health guidelines and asking that everyone "mask up" indoors. (There's an outdoor courtyard area where we are able to have our snacks and coffee.) Once again, the new meeting site is:

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

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The board had been mulling over the idea of a fall "road trip" for the club to Salt Lake City, but the Utah Orchid Society's Fall Show (Nov. 6-7) at Red Butte Garden has recently been cancelled. So, it's back to the drawing board for topics for the Oct. and Nov. meetings. Whatever we decide, we'll post it on the website, so keep checking. **If YOU have an idea, please share it by contacting any TVOS board member! Your input is very much appreciated.**

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Fall is here whether we're ready or not, which means getting plants and greenhouses ready, too. The American Orchid Society has some good tips for fall orchid care.

This article on the AOS website describes fall as an "important transitional season" and mentions some tasks to put on the to-do list:

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/fall-tasks.aspx>

And this fall checklist has instructions for colder-weather care for eight species:

<https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/september-october-checklist.aspx>

While members of the St. Augustine Orchid Society in Florida have radically different growing conditions than here in Idaho, this two-page summary could be useful anywhere:

<https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/201010Tips-FallOrchidCare.pdf>

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Happy Birthday wishes to these TVOS members with Sept. and Oct. birthdays:

9/6	Lori Clifton	9/19	Ted Doyle
9/13	Nikki Leonard	9/26	Larry Crist
9/19	Betty Linney	10/21	Lee Croft

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

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On the following page, you'll find the minutes of the Sept. 15 General Meeting. Hope to see you at the next one – and, as always, keep 'em blooming!

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**TREASURE VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY, INC.**

Boise, ID

General Meeting Minutes – 9/15/2021

This is the club's first in-person General Meeting at its new meeting location (King of Glory Lutheran Church in Boise.)

President Carolyn Watts called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., with 13 club members in attendance, including one virtually. The last General Meeting was in March, so it was informally decided not to approve or amend those minutes.

Treasurer Rocky Redford reported the club's bank balance, and said the club made about \$325 from last month's silent auction of plants and supplies at the annual potluck picnic. No motion was made in regard to the Treasurer's Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** We briefly discussed the 2022 TVOS Orchid Show & Sale, which is scheduled for April 23-24, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Boise. Carolyn said she's contacted the American Orchid Society Judging Center, and we should have four judges coming for the show.

**MONTHLY MEETING TOPIC:** Tammy Dana discussed her use of New Zealand tree-fern fiber for repotting. She brought several plants that are doing well in this medium, and also repotted some at the meeting. Tammy says *Miltoniopsis*, *Bulbophyllum* and *Oncidium* orchids do well in tree-fern fiber, or any orchid that likes to stay somewhat moist. It's not as good for phrags or paphs, and should not be mixed with other potting materials. Tammy gave samples to the club members in attendance, who are now keen to give it a try.

There was one raffle prize and two door prizes, but the winners' names were not recorded. The "show table" contained 19 beautiful blooming orchids, which everyone voted on. However, the meeting ended and people took their plants home before the vote results were tabulated. (We're all out of practice with in-person meetings!) So, here's what we know about the results:

First place - #17, grown by Terry McMorrow

Second place - #4, grown by Donna Groth

Third place - #2

Thanks also to Pam Spencer, who made delicious gingerbread and brought apple cider for the group to enjoy, along with Terry McMorrow's coffee. The meeting adjourned around 8:30 p.m.

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Carolyn Watts, President

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris Thomas*

Club Secretary