



## *The ORCHID CHAT*

**Treasure Valley Orchid Society**

**Jan. -Feb. 2023**

Happy New Year to TVOS members and orchid lovers everywhere.

Minutes of our last General Meeting (Wed., Jan. 18) can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Our meetings are held the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of the month, so the next dates are **February 15** and **March 15**. We don't have the meeting topics finalized yet, but will update the TVOS website as soon as that happens.

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A couple of events are coming up in February if you'd like to know more about orchids or support the club:

- **Sat., Feb. 11** – Chris Thomas will give a one-hour presentation on Basic Orchid Care at North End Organic Nursery. NEON is at 3777 W. Chinden Blvd., Garden City.
- **Sat., Feb. 18** – TVOS will have a table at Far West Landscape & Garden Center's "Coffee, Plants & Nerds" event. If you can spend a couple hours there chatting with customers about orchids, please contact Carolyn Watts or Tammy Dana. Far West is at 5728 W. State St., Boise.

Our **2023 Orchid Show & Sale** will be **April 15-16, 2023**. The theme is "Orchids Aren't Taxing!" – a nod to having it the same weekend as the income-tax filing deadline. Remember, you don't have to be a TVOS member to enter your blooming orchid(s) to be judged. The more beautiful plants that are entered, the better the show! You can come to a meeting, or contact the club for more details: [TVOSClub@gmail.com](mailto:TVOSClub@gmail.com).

In fact, the “show season” for orchid societies kicks off as early as February in some places. Road trip!?! Here are just a few of the possibilities:

- Feb. 15-19 Northwest Flower & Garden Festival, Seattle  
<https://www.gardenshow.com/>
- Feb. 24-26 Pacific Orchid Exposition, San Francisco  
<https://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org/poe-2023.html>
- Mar. 4-5 Mt. Baker Orchid Society Show & Sale, Mount Vernon, Wash.  
<https://nwos.org/mbos-show-sale-march-4-5th-2023/>
- Mar. 10-12 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, Santa Barbara, Calif.  
<https://sborchidshow.com/>
- Apr. 1-2 Spokane Orchid Society Show & Sale, Spokane, Wash.  
<https://nwos.org/spokane-orchid-society-show-sale-apr-1-2nd/>
- Apr. 22-23 Oregon Orchid Society, Portland, Ore.  
(Details not available yet.)
- Apr. 29-30 Sacramento Orchid Society Show & Sale, Sacramento, Calif.  
<https://www.sacramentoorchids.org/show-schedule>

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The TVOS members celebrating January birthdays are:

- 1/04 Ruth Mayer
- 1/18 Sue Birnbaum, Sharon Rigney and Fred Smith

There are none in February, that we know of. But we’ve love to add YOUR birthdate to the list, so please reach out to board members Terry McMorrow or Chris Thomas to share that info.

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Chris would also appreciate hearing from you if there’s a topic you’d like to see covered in this newsletter. Thanks in advance for your input!

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**TREASURE VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY, Inc.**  
**Boise, ID**  
**General Meeting Minutes – Jan. 18, 2023**

President Carolyn Watts called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Terry McMorrow made a motion to approve minutes of the last general meeting, which was also our Annual Meeting (Dec. 14, 2022); Pam Spencer seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Treasurer Rocky Redford reported the club's bank balance and obligations. Ralph Higer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Tammy Dana seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Carolyn reminded the group of the 2023 Show & Sale coming up April 15-16, and talked about the importance of having a good slate of volunteers to help with the show. Signup sheets were available at the meeting for the various duties, which include being a cashier or a judging assistant, manning the raffle table or "orchid hotel," contributing a raffle prize, etc. Club members can contact Tammy Dana to sign up!

Chris Thomas said the two-hour "Basic Orchid Care" presentation she did for Idaho Botanical Gardens on Jan. 14 went well. It was a full house of 30 attendees, with more on a waiting list who couldn't be accommodated, so she might do another one. Tammy brought some blooming plants and also answered people's questions; we plugged TVOS and had membership applications available. Chris has been asked by North End Organic Nursery (NEON) to do a shorter version of the presentation in February.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Carolyn introduced Kaden Sinclair, who is managing Xanadu, a geodesic dome-style gathering place filled with live plants (including some orchids) at 5015 W. Bond St. in Boise. He described the site and his plans for it, as well as for some additional space near the Fairgrounds. Xanadu is currently open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays through Mondays, and has a coffee cart there. It is open to the public.

Chris said the club's website has not been working for the last few days. She spent a couple hours with the web host and Weebly (where the site was created) and determined the problem but hasn't been able to fix it, since she doesn't have the passwords of the person who first set up the accounts. (**NOTE:** This has since been remedied and the website is working again!)

Carolyn said Far West Landscape & Garden Center is having its annual "Coffee, Plants & Nerds" day on Sat., Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and TVOS needs volunteers for a table at the event, to answer people's orchid questions and talk about the club. She said she and Tammy did it last year and it was fun! Please reach out to Carolyn or Tammy if you're interested.

**TOPIC OF THE MONTH:** Anyone who purchased some of the "cup babies" – Cattleya hybrid seedlings that we've been growing in moss, in plastic cups – was asked to bring them to the meeting, to see how they're doing and discuss next steps for helping these new orchids get off to a good start in life!

Carolyn described how she bought these orchids, still in flasks, and how they were planted. Remember, these started out so tiny – now, some are 4 inches tall. We looked at about 20 of the “cup babies” – some appear to be healthy and vigorous; others not so much! Carolyn complained that her pet birds have been nibbling on hers. We agreed that it’s been a fun experiment, and hope to keep them all alive and growing.

Door prizes and raffle prizes were awarded, including some plants and orchid magazines (past issues from the American Orchid Society). The show table this month was sparse, as not much is typically blooming in January, but the winners were:

- 1) D. lindleyi – Rocky Redford & Sharon Rigney (Dendrobium)
- 2) Oncsa. Gower Ramsey – Terry McMorrow (Oncidesa)
- 3) Oip. Onolicious ‘Vivid’ – Beverly Forbush (Oncidiopsis)

Respectfully submitted,

*Chris Thomas*

Club Secretary

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Carolyn Watts, President