



The ORCHID CHAT

**Treasure Valley Orchid Society
Summer 2022 - REVISED 6/18/22**

Hello TVOS members and friends!

If you missed our 2022 Orchid Show & Sale, you missed our most successful event yet! The number of people in the Treasure Valley who truly have “Orchid Fever” astonished the club members who volunteered at the show – the crowd was steady, enthusiastic about our seminars, and snapped up almost every plant that was available for sale! So, our vendors were as pleased as TVOS members. Many folks told us how much they’ve missed our annual shows, and we may see some new members this summer based on inquiries at the show.

As you may know, we don’t have the regular, Wednesday-night summer meetings from June through August. However, we still enjoy getting together! So, we arrange a few casual events and hope as many club members as possible can attend. Here’s the lineup so far:

- **Sat., June 25:** Orchid-lovers know carnivorous plants are great “companions” to orchids, as a natural way to keep bugs at bay. Nick Roberts of Gem State Carnivores has invited us to tour a private greenhouse of carnivorous plants. **Ask any TVOS board member for the address** (it’s in Boise, near BSU) and drop in anytime between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- **Sat., July 9:** TVOS is having a Basic Orchid Care class at the Idaho Botanical Garden, 1 to 3 p.m., 2355 Old Penitentiary Rd., Boise. TVOS member Chris Thomas has agreed to take the lead, but would appreciate any “helpers” and moral support!

- **Sat., Aug. 6:** We'll meet at Stephen C. Guerber Park in Eagle for our annual potluck and plant auction. Bring whatever plants or orchid-growing supplies you'd like to sell and a table on which to display them – the club takes a small percentage as a fundraiser. Also bring a lawn chair for yourself, and a dish to share with the group. Set-up begins at 10 a.m.; we'll be there until about 2 p.m.

And here's the birthday list for summer months – looks like lots of cake and ice cream in the TVOS family?! We wish very Happy Birthdays to all:

May: Patty Meyer (5/16); Margaret Donnelly (5/21)

June: Chris Thomas (6/04); Gregg Matson (6/08); Louise Morken (6/15); Lois Huffman (6/29)

July: Irmi Saranto (7/12); Ralph Higer (7/21)

August: Pam Spencer (8/06); Jim Huffman (8/16); Terry McMorrow (8/24)

If you're having a birthday and don't see it here, we'd love to include you on the birthday list. Send the info to Chris Thomas (christhomasco@gmail.com) or Terry McMorrow (bacpker@gmail.com).

Minutes of the May 18 General Meeting follow this newsletter.

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Treasure Valley Orchid Society, Inc.
Boise, ID
General Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2022

TVOS met at 6:30 pm to celebrate the 2022 Orchid Show and Sale with Flying Pie Pizza, salads and desserts. There were 13 members in attendance.

Members brought lovely orchids to show. The winners of the “Show & Tell” table were:

- First Place – Rocky's Phragmipedium
- Second Place – Tammy's Paphiopedilum lowii
- Third Place – Terry's Polystachya paniculata

Meeting notes from our March 2022 general meeting were discussed. Ralph motioned that they be accepted. Pam seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Rocky presented the Treasurer's report detailing the income and expenses of the 2022 Orchid Show and Sale. Pam motioned to accept the report. Gregg seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote.

We gave our President Carolyn Watts and all the volunteers a huge thank you for making the 2022 show and sale such a big success.

Carolyn suggested that since the largest expense of the show is the Hilton Garden Inn, we price other venues for the 2023 show.

A survey was taken at the show entrance asking how people heard about the show. A few people said the postcards that were mailed out. We may eliminate the postage next year. Just print postcards to hand out to businesses and to members of the club for distribution. We would continue with e-mail notifications.

Upcoming events are the following:

- Nick Roberts of Gem State Carnivores is available for us to tour his greenhouse on Saturday June 25. It will be open for visiting from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. The location is near Boise State University. **(Nick prefers we not make the address public, so please ASK any TVOS board member – by phone or email – and we will provide it!)**
- On Saturday August 6, we will meet at the Stephen C. Guerber Park in Eagle for a potluck and auction. Set-up will begin at 10:00 am. We have the space until 2:00 pm. Bring card tables if you have plants for the auction, and lawn chairs.

- Our September meeting on Wednesday September 21, will be held at Tammy Dana's home with entertainment by a brass band and a potluck. Music will begin at 7:00 pm. Set-up at 6:30. Please bring a lawn chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Dana

President Carolyn Watts