



## *The ORCHID CHAT*

### **Treasure Valley Orchid Society April 2024**

Happy Spring to TVOS members and orchid lovers everywhere.

Minutes of our last General Meeting (Wed., April 17th) can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Our meetings are held the THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month at the King of Glory Lutheran church, except for June, July, and August. On Saturday July 20, 2024 we'll have a picnic and silent action for orchids and orchid related supply's at Stephen C. Guerber park. (2200 Hill Road- Eagle Idaho) We don't have all the meeting topics finalized yet, but will update the TVOS website as soon as that happens.

#### **Our 2024 Orchid Show & Sale will be May 4&5**

The theme this year is "World of Orchids" This is our 40th Annual Orchid Show and Sale and the biggest event of the year so please come join us at the Hilton Garden Inn at 7699 W. Spectrum St. Boise.

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! Please bring your clean, blooming orchids to the Hilton Garden by 6:00 p.m. on Friday the 3rd. Bring the plant tag and any other identifying information you might have. A club member will help you fill out an entrance tag. (If you don't have an information tag that's ok, bring the plant anyway). For more information contact the club for details: [TVOSClub@gmail.com](mailto:TVOSClub@gmail.com)

#### **There will be classes held at the show:**

On Saturday the 4th at 1:00 Lynn Kinter, a Botanist with Fish and Game will talk about the native orchids we have here in Idaho.

On Sunday the 5th at 11:00 Janet Crist of 'Crist Orchids' will demonstrate how to repot Phalaenopsis orchids.

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**TVOS GENERAL MEETING**  
**April 17, 2024**

President Pam Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. 16 members and 2 visitors were in attendance.

Ralph motioned that the March general meeting minutes be approved. Pam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Rocky reported the bank balance. Expenses that have been paid out are for orchids and supplies to sell at the show and sale next month.

Pam talked about how the show works, and how to prep your plants for entry into the show. No bugs allowed. Several suggestions were made to clean the leaves of the orchids including lemon juice to remove water spots and whole milk or half and half. It cleans the leaves as well as shines them.

Tags to identify the orchid and the exhibitor are available tonight. Please take them, fill them out and bring them with your orchids to the show. This is a ribbon show rather than an AOS judged show. Alan Porter described the differences between AOS judged shows and ribbon judging. AOS judging is much more technical.

Sign-up sheets for volunteer positions at the show are available tonight as well as the food sign-up sheet to bring food to share for members during the show on Saturday and Sunday. Several members brought beautiful orchids for the show table tonight. After members voted for their favorites, these were the results:

First Place - Beverly's Osp. Brazillian Sun 'FJ67'  
Second Place – Rocky's Bulb. falcatum 'Standing Tall' AM/AOS  
Third Place – Alan's Brassavola nodosa+

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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TVOS President

Respectfully  
submitted,  
Tammy Dana  
Club Secretary

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