TREASURE VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY, Inc. Boise, Idaho

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Orchid Chat

Look at new meeting time:
Wednesday, March 18th, 2020
Social 6:30 PM - Meeting 7:00 PM
North End Organic Nursery – 3777 W. Chinden Blvd. Garden City

The March meeting will address the culture of the orchid family's smallest plants. "Miniatures" by Gregg Mattson.

The Big News

On March 4th the board of directors unanimously voted to cancel the TVOS orchid show in April due to the <u>uncertainty</u> being caused by the coronavirus outbreak. Proceeding with the show could put at risk vendors, the AOS judges and attendees, especially those that may need to travel long distances. In addition, any new local news headlines could keep the public from attending the show in the numbers we need to remain financially viable.

So what's next?

We are going to continue to promote orchid culture through programs such as we recently held at North End Organic Nursery and Far West Nursery. At this time a class and mini-expo are in the works for May at NEON.

Also, as was introduced at the February meeting, we are beginning a group project in the culture of Paphiopedilum. See details below.

Ruth Mayer who was going to give the February program on "Phrags" was hospitalized suddenly and did not make the meeting. She is home now and we hope that she will have a speedy recovery.

Remember: The March meeting is at the North End Organic Nursery.
The address is

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TVOS Birthdays

March birthdays... 21st Bob Anderson, 22nd Warren Hubbard
27th Carolyn Watts, 30th Donna Groth

Did we miss your birthday? Email Chris Thomas at at christhomasco@gmail.com with your birthday info.

Board Meeting

1st Tuesday of the month,
6:30 to 8:30PM 3777 W. Chinden Blvd. in Garden City
All TVOS Members Welcome

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TVOS Paphiopedilum Project

What is it?

We are going to learn about growing Paphiopedilum by doing it. The results of our December 2019 questionnaire show a strong interest in learning about "Paphs" and since you can read a book anytime, let's grow some ourselves.

How are we going to do this?

In order to accomplish this learning project, we will need a number of members to sign up as growers. If you don't participate as a grower, the results of our project will still be made available to you. Because of the time needed to prepare the materials needed, the number of people participating is needed in advance. **A signup sheet will be passed around at the March meeting.** Having about 10 growers would be ideal.
If I want to participate as a grower, what can I expect?

- You can expect to get two Paph species seedlings (at least). The seedlings will be taken from a flask of seedlings purchased from a professional propagator.
- You will be potting up your own plants at the APRIL meeting. The potted plants go home with you.

- You will be required to keep a data sheet (provided) for each plant. We will take measurements at the time of potting and will bring the plants back at the October or November meeting for a final measurement. Yes, we are going to see how well they grew under YOUR conditions.
- The cost of the project will be divided among the participants. Figure about $7-$10 total cost to you. The plants will be purchased relative to availability. Everyone will receive the same species.

At the end of the project all the results will be tabulated and made available to everyone. At that time we will see which Paphs grew best. Although Paphs grow slowly, there should be some reasonable growth to observe over the favorable summer months.