

TREASURE VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY, Inc. Boise, Idaho

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Orchid Chat

Wednesday, October 19th, 2011

Social 7:00 PM - Meeting 7:30 PM

Signature Point Clubhouse - 3509 N. Cole Road - Boise

Joe Grienauer

from Emerald City Orchids, Seattle - Speaking on
'SEX and DRUGS ---and ORCHIDS

Did we get your attention!

Joe from Emerald City Orchids, was at our Show and Sale in April. Joe has terrific knowledge of orchids and orchid lore. He will have some orchids for sale. Emerald City Orchids have a large variety of species and hybrids available for collectors.

It is sure to be an interesting evening. Don't miss it!!



Refreshments provided by Irmi Saranto

Raffle Items and Door Prize provided by Ruth Mayer



TVOS October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Ralph Wilder on 10-23!

Did we miss your birthday? Call Ruth Mayer at 208-939-4645 or email her at ruthmayer@cablone.net with your birthday info.

Board Meeting

Second Wednesday of the month,
1:00 - 3:00PM Signature Pointe Library 3509 N. Cole Rd., Boise
All TVOS Members Welcome



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Orchid Facts and Fun

'An orchid in a deep forest sends out its fragrance even if no one is around to appreciate it. Likewise, men of noble character hold firm to their high principles, undeterred by poverty.'
- Confucius (551-479 BC)

Though we tend to think of orchids as only tropical, they occur on all continents except Antarctica. The European species have a long history of use as aphrodisiacs. In the mid 1800's Charles Darwin gained fame with a treatise entitled *The Various Contrivances by Which Orchids Are Fertilized by Insects*. He won the Royal Society's coveted Copley Medal for this work.
"from White River Gardens
www.indyzoo.com"



Good Books

The Orchid in Lore and Legend
Luigi Berliocchi

Easy Orchids: The Fail-Safe Guide to Growing Orchids Indoors
Liz Johnson

Meeting Minutes - September 21st 2011

Gregg Mattson, TVOS President opened our September meeting as we awaited Alan Porter's talk on regional native orchids.

Terry McMorrow, Treasurer, reported that the TVOS current account balance is slightly increased compared to last year's balance.

Margaret Donnelly asked members for their input and suggestions for future TVOS programs.

Bill Morse announced that 36th Street Garden Center is hosting a TVOS Show this Saturday, September 24th. He requested volunteers to fill positions for the show and passed a sign-up sheet around. He also asked for members to bring their blooming orchids. This is a good opportunity for our community to see what we are good at - knowing all about orchids, and educating orchid growers.

Alan Porter, "The Orchid Doctor", presented an interesting talk about regional native orchids. He spoke of the corallorhiza orchid, for which Idaho has a lot of native species. The rarest orchids to find locally include the cypripedium (lady slippers) that live in marsh-type environments where the soil is damp and spongy. These orchids can be found in the Wood River Valley. Alan has also seen the epipactis gigantea near running water along the Snake River at Twin Falls. A prevalent orchid, the platanchera varieties (bog orchid) can be seen at the Sage Hen Reservoir. A good wild orchid resource is: <<http://www.wanativeorchids.com>> (Washington Native Orchid Society).

Winners at the TVOS Orchid table were: Margaret's stunning *Angraecum Lemforde White Beauty* (First Place). Tied for second place were Rocky's *Vuylstekeara* and Sue's *Miltonia*. Rocky won again for third place with his *Coelogyne*.

Irmi Saranto will bring refreshments, and Ruth Mayer will bring raffle and door prizes for October