

TREASURE VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY, Inc. Boise, Idaho

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# Orchid Chat

**Wednesday, November 16th, 2011**

**Social 7:00 PM - Meeting 7:30 PM**

**Signature Point Clubhouse - 3509 N. Cole Road - Boise**

Our own ***Ted Doyle*** on how he grows orchids. Ted has 30 years of orchid growing experience, and is a wealth of knowledge on orchid growing techniques.

**Don't miss out!**

**-Nomination of Officers for 2012-**

Special Thanks to Joe Griener for the terrific presentation on the history and pollination of orchids. Thanks Joe!

Thanks also to Janet for the tour of her greenhouse, and the potting demos. It was a huge success. Janet will give another potting demo in December

**Refreshments provided by Ruth Mayer**

**We are need of a raffle and a door prize for this meeting.  
If you have something that you can provide it would be appreciated!**



## TVOS November Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Chriss Meredith on the 5th, Dell Winegar on the 15th, Nancy McMorrow on the 19th, and Yvonne Higer on the 26th

*Did we miss your birthday? Call Ruth Mayer at 208-939-4645 or email her at [ruthmayer@cablone.net](mailto: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

The Chinese word for orchid is "lan." This word is telling, because it is a verb that means "to ward off." The orchid was believed to have the power to ward off evil and evil spirits.

Although lan was used mostly for the orchid, the word was also associated with similar flowers that were gathered to ward off evil if there were not enough orchids in the vicinity

Orchids in the Chinese Culture | eHow.com

Orchid flowers also come in every conceivable size, from small enough to fit on the nose of President Roosevelt on the United States dime (*Platystele stenostachya*) to *Cattleya gigas* which forms flowers between eight and eleven inches across, sometimes in clusters bearing more than half a dozen of these huge flowers at once.

from White River Gardens [www.indyzoo.com](http://www.indyzoo.com)



## Good Books

Ortho's  
All About Greenhouses

The Culture of Greenhouse Orchids (Gardening in America)  
by Fredrick Boyler, and Joseph Godseff

### **Meeting Minutes - October 19th 2011**

Gregg Mattson, TVOS president, opened the general meeting with a "welcome" to a new member, Denise Serack. Gregg informed club members that volunteers are needed for the auditing committee. Terry McMorrow, our current Treasurer, will be turning over his duties at the end of the year - hopefully to someone in our club who would like to volunteer their time to be the new Treasurer. Terry will continue with keeping track of membership renewals, etc.

Bill Morse gave his thanks to those members who made the TVOS orchid show at the 36th Street Garden Center on September 24 such a success. There were "plenty of flowers, and plenty of people". It was so successful that 36th Street Garden Center and TVOS would like to do it again, possibly in January or February 2012. This is an especially good time for people to see blooming orchids!

Be sure to remember that Janet Crist will have a repotting class at her Greenhouse in Nampa on Nov. 5th at 10:00 am. This is a great opportunity to see her beautiful greenhouse

Margaret Donnelly told us of the features coming up: Ted Doyle will speak in November. Ted has had 30 years of orchid growing experience. For December, we will be having our Christmas buffet which will include a DVD show of TVOS members' orchids.

Joe Grienaer, from Emerald City Orchids in Seattle gave an interesting and often times humorous talk about the history and pollination of orchids and orchid cultivation. He described the *Angraecum sesquipedale* for which Charles Darwin had postulated was pollinated by a hawk moth that had a proboscis long enough to reach the nectar tube of this orchid. It wasn't until after Darwin's death that his prediction was realized as truth.

The orchid table was great as usual. First place went to Rocky Redford's *Stenoglottis longifolia*. Second place went to Ruth Mayer's *Paph fairrieanum*, and third place to Ted Doyle's *Vanda pachara* delight.