



Magic Valley Orchid Society



Presidents Message

Orchid Growing Practicum

Hi all!

It's so exciting to have new members coming to the meetings.

Lets keep spreading the word and remember it's always okay to bring in guests.

We will be starting some exciting projects that have the potential to be a great learning experience and a lot of fun too.

The minutes for the last meeting will be read in the next

Thank you,

Alan Porter
President, MVOS

This is the orchid growing practicum that we talked about in the last meeting. Jim will be picking up a compot of orchids and bringing them to the meeting.

Be sure to bring your own pot (about 3 inches) and the material you are going to grow you orchid in.

During that section of the meeting we will each get an orchid and learn how to pot it up in the medium you brought.

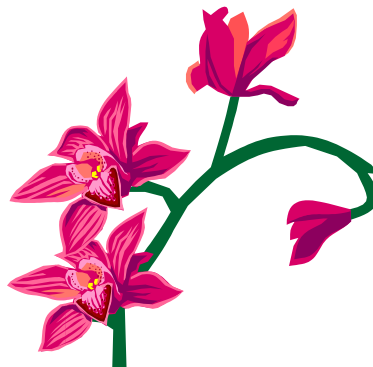
You will then take your orchid home and grow it in your conditions.

Each following meeting, we will give an update on how our orchids are doing. You can also bring your orchid to show what it is doing.

This should be a lot of fun and a great learning experience.

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Program Info

Orchid Practicum (See above)

Meeting Date & Time

The next MVOS meeting will be held at the Day room at Bridgeview Estates on March 9, 2009. The meeting will start at 7:00pm.



Raffle, Door Prize & Refreshments

Here is the schedule of those who have signed up for prizes and refreshments. There are still some spots that need to be filled. Please let Alan Porter know if you want to sign up for a spot.

MVOS Meeting			
Month	Door Prize	Raffle	Refreshments
January	Huffmans	Huffmans	Huffmans
February			
March			
April			
May			
June	None	None	None
July	None	None	None
August	None	None	None
September			
October			
November			
December	None	None	None

(June, July, August and December do not involve any refreshments or prizes)

Show & Tell Pictures





SEE INCREDIBLE GARDENS AND EXCITING NEW PRODUCTS AT BOISE'S ONLY FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

BOISE, ID - It's time to hang up the parka and shelve the snow boots. Grab a sunhat and put on the Crocs, spring is on its way with the 13th annual U.S. Bank Boise Flower & Garden Show, March 20-22 at the Centre on the Grove. This show has become a more trustworthy source than the groundhog at announcing the arrival of spring to the Boise area. Thousands of attendees know that the U.S. Bank Boise Flower & Garden Show is a one-stop resource for gardeners to obtain new products, awaken fresh ideas and gather a wealth of information from the area's top gardening experts. Upon entering the building, get ready for an overdrive of the senses. Sweet smelling blossoms sounds of soothing fountains and oh, the sights! From poppies to peonies, prepare to be dazzled by the array of colors in gardens of all shapes and sizes constructed by local landscapers and nurseries. The lobby garden *Think Pink Go Green* will encourage you to relax and unwind, in Franz Witte's "sustainable" outdoor oasis. Enjoy the views of the outdoor living space and immerse yourself in the possibilities while gaining ideas on how to create a sustainable outdoor living space.

After being inspired by the garden displays, attendees can get started making their dreams reality by shopping over 150 booths offering unique products and services. Purchase plants, bulbs, yard structures, water fountains, equipment, pottery, furniture, tools, garden art, landscapers, designers and much more! As the title sponsor of the show, U.S. Bank will be offering a low home equity rate to help make your landscape and gardening dreams come true.

Need help putting the ideas together? Turn to the experts! A stellar line up of gardening seminars will cover topics ranging from landscape design ideas to organic land and lawn care running all three days of the show. Mary-Kate Mackey, Award-winning writer and dynamic speaker, will offer great ideas that will enhance your garden. She is coauthor of *Sunset's Secret Gardens—153 Design Tips from the Pros* and will headline the seminars presenting 'Every Garden Tells a Story: What Garden Magazines Leave Out' and 'Beauty in Bounds: Successful Container Gardening'.

Hungry from all the planning and shopping? Visit the Specialty Foods Pavilion sponsored by the Idaho Specialty Foods Association. Taste buds will be tickled with samples of spud fudge, mustards, gourmet barbecue sauces and rubs, salsas, marinades, candies and more. Items will be available for purchase to enjoy later.

Wine & Jazz Nights happen on both Friday and Saturday. Wine tasting is back! Purchase your commemorative glass and sample wines while enjoying live jazz.

Even the young will be content with a Kid's Craft sponsored by the Idaho Botanical Garden. The little ones can plant vegetable seeds and bring home their own gardening treasure.

Back by popular demand are the Bonsai Exhibition presented by the Boise Bonsai Association, the largest Orchid Sale in Boise and the Tree Auction sponsored by the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association. Proceeds from the Tree Auction will help further enhance the green industries through education, research, environmental awareness and professionalism by the INLA.

Visit the 13th annual U.S. Bank Boise Flower & Garden Show March 20-22 at the Boise Centre on the Grove. The show is presented by Subaru of America and sponsored by the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association. Show hours are Friday, March 20th from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, March 21st from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, March 22nd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$2 for youth 7- 12, and free for children six and under. \$2 discount coupons good on adult regular price admission are available at all U.S. Bank Branches.

The show is produced and managed by The EVENT Group. For more information, please call (503) 335-3336 or visit gardenshowboise.com.