



MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

The Colorado Springs Orchid Society will have its March 2019 meeting on Saturday the 23rd at Fire Station #14, 1875 Dublin Blvd. The fire station is at the intersection of Academy and Dublin behind Yorkshire Veterinary Clinic. From Academy Blvd, turn east onto Dublin, then take the first right. The meeting starts at 10:00 AM with social time and set-up between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM. See our website for directions and a map.

The club provides plants each month for the raffle and members are encouraged to donate divisions of their plants for the raffle table. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Bring your blooming orchids for Show & Tell and receive a free raffle ticket.

Members can purchase raffle plants outright before the raffle begins for the price listed on the plant – If you have a question about a raffle plant or the price, speak with Robin. We encourage members to bring their divisions to sell or for the raffle table.



This month refreshments will be provided by those whose last name begin with the letters G to L.

Other Announcements:

A Note from Joe Genova about Orchid Bark Orders

I will have orchid bark for pick up at our next meeting for those who committed to purchase it. I will also have a few extras for sale if anyone is interested. Thanks.

Denver Orchid Society Show and Sale – March 30 and 31, 2019 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Setup – Friday, March 29, 2019, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Location: Denver Botanic Gardens, Mitchell Hall, 1007 York St, Denver, CO 80206

Further information is available on the DOS website: <https://denverorchidsociety.org/>

President's Message

I'm ready for Spring. I'm REALLY ready for Spring. Sorry we missed our meeting last month but the weather kinda dictated that issue. Now it really is spring so we'll hope for the best.

Wednesday was really a bad day here. Snow and wind and blowing snow and it was a good day to just watch out the window and appreciate our heated home. But then the electricity went away in early afternoon. Not an uncommon event that usually may take a couple hours to fix. The next day a neighbor learned from the power company that it would be fixed by 4:40. That's pushing it a bit but I figured we could tough it out till then. As it was getting cool, I brought up my generator and hooked up some heaters. Later I hooked the generator into the plugs in the greenhouse and turned on a couple oil heaters for a while.

By Friday morning, it was getting seriously cool. The kitchen was still up to 44 degrees but the greenhouse indicated 31! So I quickly poured my last gasoline into the generator hooked into the greenhouse. Then I made a quick trip for more gas. Generator and some sunshine pushed the greenhouse temp to above 50 degrees by noon. So I moved the generator back to the house for some needed comfort. By late afternoon it was still 45 in the greenhouse.

By 9:00 pm it was getting boring and dark, so I went to bed leaving the generator running connected to the house. Figured when it stopped I'd gas it up and take it back to the greenhouse.

About 10:30 my wife woke me with the good news that the power was back on. So I jumped out of bed, well I got up anyhow, shut off the generator and rolled up the extension cord so we could shut the door. My remote thermometer indicated the greenhouse was heating up nicely but when it reached 77 I felt it was necessary to go check. Anyhow the heater sensor was in a cool corner and my thermometer wasn't. But all turned out OK. Might have lost a few buds on my Phals but otherwise no visible damages.

Good Luck and Good Growing,
Roger Stone
President, Colorado Springs Orchid Society
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CSOS 2019 Calendar

March 23
Refreshments G – L

April 27
Refreshments M – R

May 25
Refreshments S – Z

June 22
Refreshments A – F

July 27
Refreshments G – L

August 24
Refreshments M – R

September 28 – Auction
Refreshments S – Z

October 26
Refreshments A – F

November 23 – Elections
Refreshments G – L

December 28
Refreshments M – R

Since we did not have a meeting last month, I hope you enjoy the following pictures from our tour of the Denver Botanic Gardens on January 30, 2019.













