



FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

The Colorado Springs Orchid Society will have its February 2020 meeting on Saturday the 22nd 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 A to F.

Other Announcements:

Congratulations to Lois Dauelsberg – For the Award of Merit she received from the American Orchid Society on Paphiopedilum Yongala ‘Pikes Peak’ AM/AOS. Check out the picture of it in the Awards Gallery of the January 2020 Orchids Magazine.

Denver Orchid Society Sale and Show – The DOS will hold its Spring 2020 Sale and Show on March 14-15, 2020 at the Denver Botanic Gardens, 1007 York Street, Denver, CO 80206. The theme will be “High on Orchids.” Further information will be available soon.



Max. picta

President's Message

'Tis certainly the season to consider repotting some of my orchids. I see some in need although it hasn't been so long since they were repotted. Some orchids don't yet show the need but the date on my label indicates it's been several years so maybe they should be done before they start to show a need.

I have plenty of clean pots on hand as I got the used ones all cleaned up last fall. I use a tub with warm water, a little dish soap and a jug of Clorox. A good soak and a rub with a stiff brush does most all the good needed. Sometimes roots adhere to the clay pot such that cleaning seems impossible but I find my cordless drill and a wire brush wipes them quite clean.

The next most important need for repotting is media. There is no agreement on the type that works best. Non-organic media like pebbles or clay balls will not decompose like bark. However, in time they will absorb minerals from the fertilizer or water and need to be replaced. As bark decays it releases some nutrients to the plant that non-organic media does not but when that starts happening, the decomposition, then it becomes necessary to repot to keep the media from becoming slush and choking the roots. Non-organic media necessitates the regular use of fertilizer and that also includes micro-nutrients.

Repotting could also include the option of mounting an orchid on a wood or piece of cork bark. Some orchids seem to respond better to one or the other. Part of the reason for that could be the climatic conditions that your growing area can provide. Many orchids live in nature mounted on trees or branches that allows their roots to hang out in the air and breathe or absorb moisture from the air. High humidity at certain times of the day or night can allow a plant to thrive in times of little actual rain.

Education and experience can work wonders if you live long enough.

Good Luck and Good Growing,
Roger Stone

President, Colorado Springs Orchid Society
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CSOS 2020 Calendar

February 22

Refreshments A – F

March 28 – How to Divide Orchids, if some are available

Refreshments G – L

April 25 – How to Repot Orchids (Bob Steele)

Refreshments M – R

May 23

Refreshments S – Z

June 27

Refreshments A – F

July 25

Refreshments G – L

August 22

Refreshments M – R

September 26 – Auction

Refreshments S – Z

October 24

Refreshments A – F

November 28 – Elections

Refreshments G – L

December 19

Refreshments M – R

A few more of Roger's January 2020 Blooms:



Max. pseudoreichenheimiana 'Karen' and Den. Angel's Breath



Phal. amabilis

And more of Roger's January 2020 Blooms:



Tolu. Jairak Flyer and *L. anceps* h.f. guerrero



Rth. Young-Min Orange 'Golden Satisfaction' AM/AOS

A few more of Roger's January 2020 Blooms:



Stsc. Vanguard



Lna. Dave's Dapper Dandee and L.anceps var. delicatum

Some of Bob Steele's January 2020 Blooms:



Paph. Cloud's Prime Crystal and Den. bellatulum



Phal. Unknown (Safeway)

And more of Bob Steels's January 2020 Blooms:



Paph. Toni Semple and Ros. Grande



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Aaron Gross' January 2020 Blooms:



Paph. hybrid



Paph. fairrieanum and Paph. appletonianum

Joan McCann's January 2020 Blooms:



C. Mini Purple 'Lea' AM/AOS and Ert. Kevin Mark Ragbir



Den. (Hawaiian Velvet x Wave Rider)

And 2 more of Joan's January 2020 Blooms:



Phal. Fangmei Sweet 'Maui Sunset' and Den. Bridal Red 'Celebration'

Joe Genova's January 2020 Blooms:

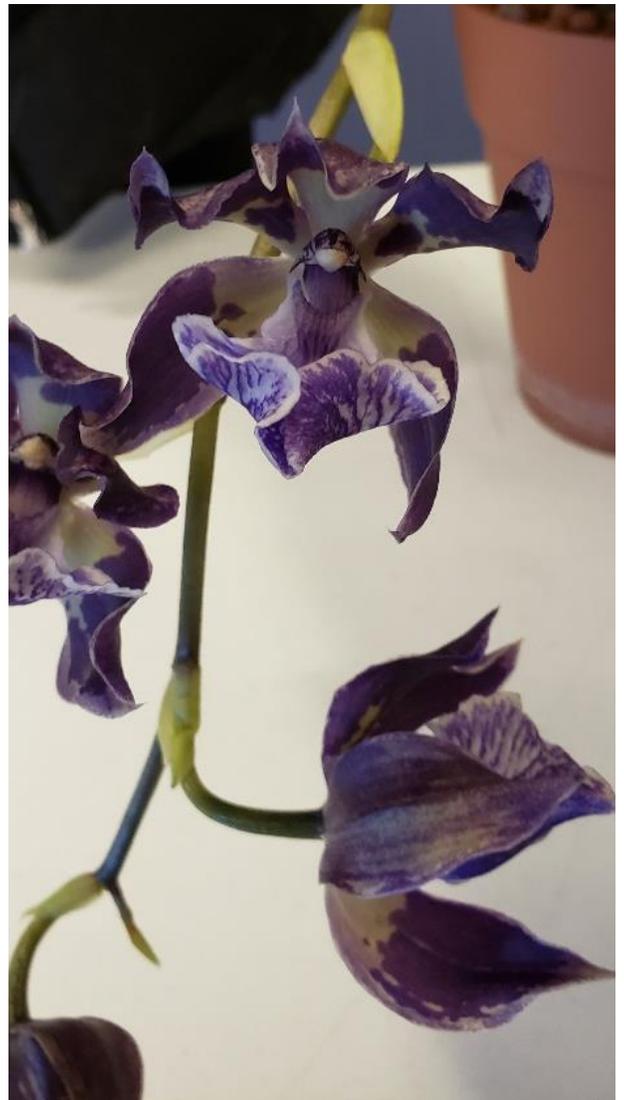


Paph. Rosefire and Ons. Wildcat

Amal Cooke's January 2020 Blooms:



Bc. Hawaii Stars 'Pink Lace'



Dtps. Hybrid and Zns. Murasakikomachi

Jean Garren's January 2020 Blooms:



Alcra. Marfitch 'Select' and Paph. Unknown



Aru. Amy Roth and Ons. Eye Candy

Terry Bernard's January 2020 Blooms:



Angcm. sesquipedale



Paph. Barbi Playmate

Barbara Pollock's January 2020 Blooms:



Lha. micrantha and *Paph. philippinense* grown by Barbara Pollock

Jack Willcox's January 2020 Blooms:



Paph. Toni Semple



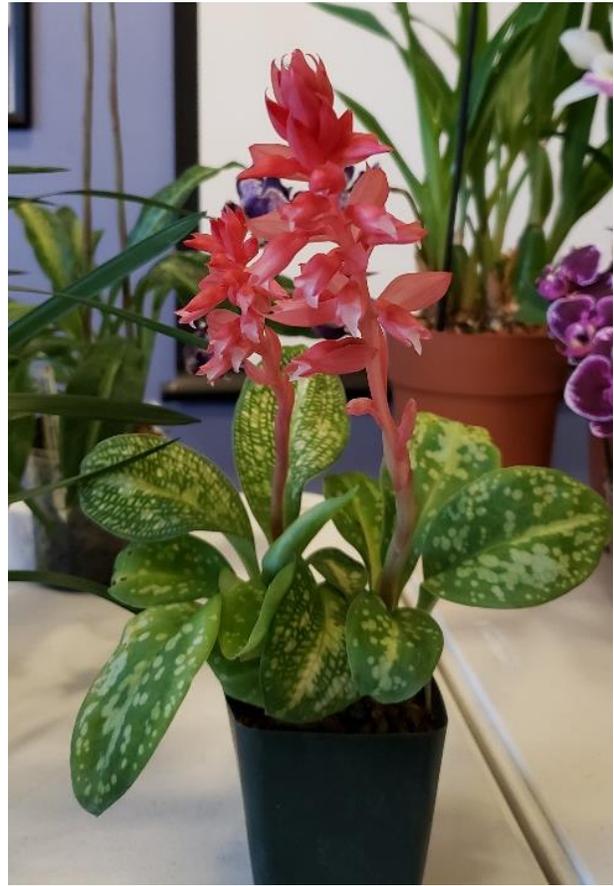
C. Orglade's Grand 'Yu Chang Beauty' AM/AOS and Lavender Cattleya

Frank and Pat Tuxworth's January 2020 Blooms:



V. hybrid and Coel. Jannine Banks 'Snow White' HCC/AOS

Some of Lois Dauelsberg's January 2020 Blooms:



Dc. yuccifolium and *Sts. speciosum*



Stsc. Vanguard 'Fireball' and *Coel cristata*

