



MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

The Colorado Springs Orchid Society will have its May 2022 meeting on Saturday the 28th 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.

We encourage members to bring in orchids (divisions, duplicates, or ones that you are just not having luck with) to sell or for the raffle table. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Bring your blooming orchids for Show & Tell and receive a free raffle ticket.

CSOS 2022 Calendar

June 25 – TBD

July 23 – TBD

August 27 – TBD

September 24 (Auction) – TBD

October 22 – TBD

November 26 (Elections) – TBD

December 17 – TBD



Phal. Princess Kaiulani

President's Message

It's now becoming like summertime. Well, sometimes we do get a reminder that it's still spring. With the longer daylight hours and warmer temperatures, plants will be requiring more water.

Two things are most often the cause of orchid deaths, too much water and not enough water. Phragmipediums and other bog-type orchids like it best on the wet side. Vandas like high humidity but not necessarily wet roots. Most other orchids are epiphytes which means they grow out in the open with exposed roots. They may get frequent rains or overnight dew or fog that keeps them hydrated. We orchid growers put plants in pots with some type of media. This media can be of various types, but the purpose is to essentially have something that retains moisture for a length of time, so we don't have to water every day or every few hours depending on the plant type.

The kind of pots used will also make a difference in the frequency of watering necessary. Clay pots will let the media dry out faster than plastic pots. Small pots will dry out faster than large pots. Clay pots and plastic pots may have additional holes or vents that allow for more drying. Wood baskets or plastic net pots obviously need more frequent watering. Mounts or anything leaving very exposed roots may need misting or watering daily or even more often.

Higher temperatures in your growing area will make plants grow faster thus needing more water and fertilizers. Humidity levels will determine how fast a plant and media will use up its available moisture. And here we are in Colorado with frequent single digit humidity levels.

I know of no magic formula to determine what any plant might prefer so the only solution is to pay attention to your plants and learn from experience!

Good Luck and Good Growing

Roger Stone

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Some more of Roger's April Blooms:



Grc. Frances Dyer



Sarco. (Royal Red x Camira White '50 Cents')

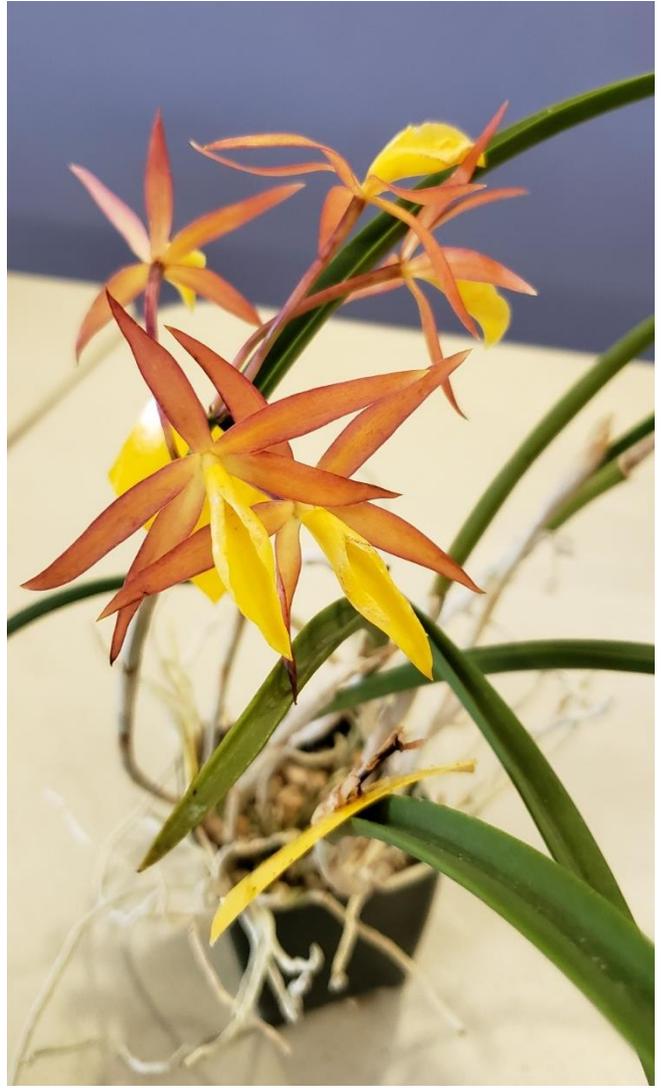


Encyclia species

A few more of Roger's April Blooms:



RI. Aristocrat



Bsn. Sunny Delight



C. mossiae (h.f. semialba)

One more of Roger's April Blooms:



Bulb. falcatum (h.f. *flavum*) 'Gold Country' HCC/AOS

Another of Roger's April Blooms:



Ntl. barkeri

One more of Roger's April Blooms:



Lpt. bicolor

Barbara Vander Stoep's April Blooms:



Paph. acmodontum



Lpt. bicolor

Two more of Barbara Vander Stoep's April Blooms:



Orcp. Suarezii



Orcp. gladiatus

Jean Garren's April Blooms:



Paph. Tristar Mabo



Cym. Sweetheart 'Spring Pearl' AM/AOS

Kaoru Stabnow's April Blooms:



C. maxima (h.f. *coerulea*)



Ctt. Caribbean 'Orange Bowl' HCC/AOS



C. purpurata

Joan McCann's April Blooms:



Coel. mayeriana x self



Mps. Kaila Quintal



Bc. Erotion



Phal. hybrid (dark rose)

Patsy Gaglione's April Blooms:



Unknown Orchid (from Ace Hardware)



Lycaste hybrid

Jack Willcox's April Blooms:



Rth. Love Passion 'Orange Bird' AM/AOS



Phal. schilleriana

A few of Lois Dauelsberg's April Blooms:



Phrag. Ecuagenera Dream



Phrag. Demetria

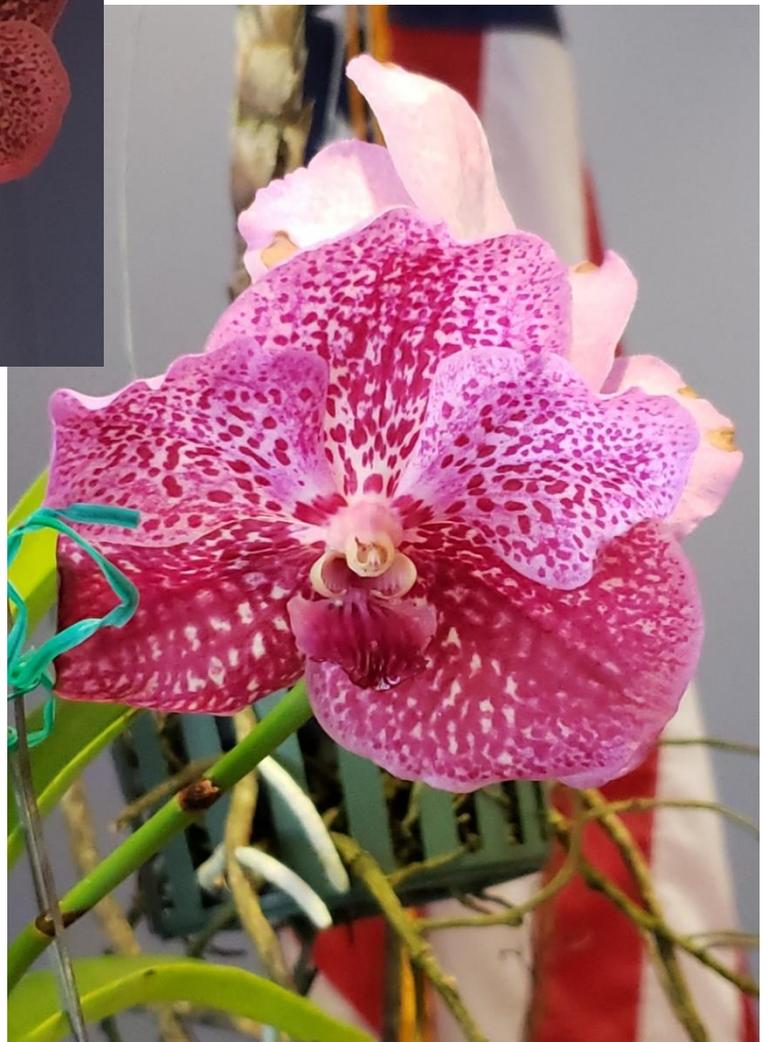


Den. trantuanii

Two more of Lois Dauelsberg's April Blooms:



V. Marlene Boll



V. Crownfox Avocado Honey

