



APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

The Colorado Springs Orchid Society will have its April 2023 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 10:00am with social time and set-up between 9:30am and 10:00am.

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 2023 Calendar

May 27 – TBD

June 24 – TBD

July 22 – TBD

August 26 – TBD

September 23 (Auction) – TBD

October 28 – TBD

November 25 (Elections) – TBD

December 16 – TBD



Phrag. Don Wimber

President's Message

Spring cleaning. It's not just for the attic and the garage. It's also good for our orchid collections! Warmer temperatures bring hungry bugs. Deep cleaning growing areas, removing spent leaves, and tidying orchid displays expose bug hideouts in, on, and around our plants. Removing potential hideaways and catching these guys early, before they bring their friends to the party, keeps new spring growth from becoming a bug buffet.

Spring is also a great time to tackle that guilt-producing pile of dirty pots that has been staring you down since your last repotting session. No judgment. Life happens! For plastic pots, remove organic debris with soap and water and soak in 10% bleach (1 part bleach to 9 parts water) for 20 minutes. Gloves are a good plan here, as is ensuring good ventilation. Removing bark debris, root bits, and other organics is important as organics inactivate chlorine-based disinfectants. Rinse thoroughly after cleaning, allow to dry, and admire your work!

Clay pots are also reusable if cleaned of all traces of prior occupants, but their porous nature makes them a bit more involved to clean. Like cooking, different growers have different recipes for clay pots; some even bake them in the oven, which I would love to learn more about! I start by scrubbing off build-up with a stiff brush, followed by an hour soak in 10% bleach, an hour soak in plain water to flush, and then lay the pots out to dry. Very crusty or obstinant pots get a soak in 1:1 5% vinegar and water overnight and then scrubbed. After a plain water soak until all traces of vinegar are gone, the pots get the bleach treatment to disinfect. A word to the wise, whatever your cleaning recipe, never mix vinegar and bleach. It is a surefire way to produce chlorine gas and weaponize your pot cleaning!

As the days get warmer and longer, our winter and spring flowering orchids will trade their blooms for new roots and leaves. For those orchids itching for more room or in degraded mix, it's time to repot and possibly divide. To prepare for this busy time of year for orchid lovers, divisions and repotting will be the focus of our videos at the April meeting.

Happy growing, and see you at the fire station on the 22nd!

Cheers,

Alison Dino

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Two more of Alison's March Blooms:



Phrag. Don Wimber



Sarco. (Kulnura Secure x Kulnura Max)

Some of Roger Stone's March Blooms:



Rth. Dan O'Neil 'Jubilee'



Masd. Harold Ripley



Paph. spicerianum, Paph. villosum and Paph. lathamianum

A few more of Roger's March Blooms:



E. cordigera



Phal. schilleriana



Doc. teretifolia



C Shirayukihime

Another of Roger's March Blooms:



Epi. goodspeedianum



One more of Roger's March Blooms:



Den. anosmum

Amal Cooke's March Blooms:



Mps. Rouge 'Calf Plum'



Phal. (Tinny Honey x Juhboa Rose)

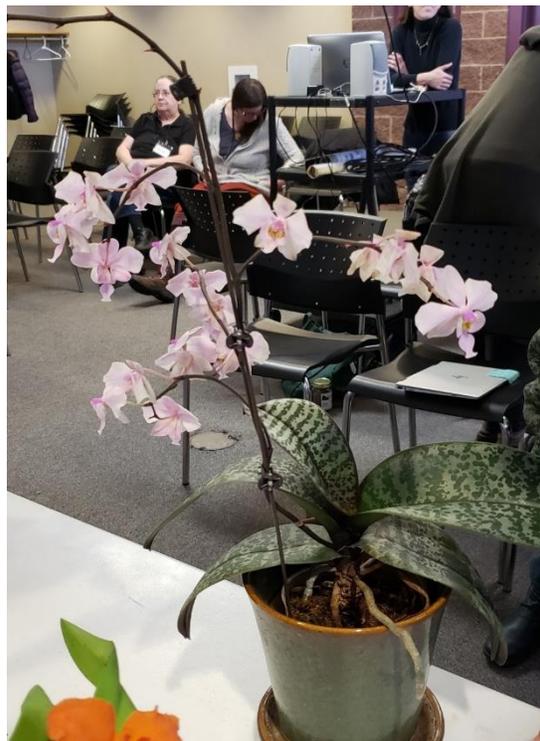


Phal. hybrid (Green)

Jack Willcox's March Blooms:



Phal. pink & purple



Phal. schilleriana



C. orange/red lip



Den. Stardust 'Firebird' HCC/AOC

And one more of Jack's March Blooms:



C. Taida Swan

Three of Joan McCann's March Blooms:



C. skinneri



Den. crumenatum



Den. Little Sweet Scent 'NN'

And a few more of Joan's March Blooms:



Wils. Space Mine 'Red Rendevous' AM/AOS



Pot. Rubescent Fire 'Fire Bomb' x
Pot. Martha Clarke 'Bali Flare' HCC/AOS



Phal Yang Yang Hawaii Girl

Lois Dauelsberg's March Blooms:



Paph. Arnold J. Klehm



Den. Memoria Jim Gilmore

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March 2023 Show and Tell Plant List

Roger Stone

Dendrobium (Den.) anosmum
Rhyncattleanthe (Rth.) (syn. Blc.) Dan O'Neil 'Jubilee'
(Cattlianthe (Ctt.) Chicanery x Rth. Orange Nuggett)
Dockrillia (Doc.) teretifolia Encyclia (E.) cordigera
Cattleya (C.(syn. Lc.)) Shirayukihime (Tokyo Magic x Mildred Rives)
Masdevallia (Masd.) Harold Ripley (Marguerite x Monarch)
Epidendrum (Epi.) goodspeedianum Phalaenopsis (Phal.) schilleriana
Paphiopedilum (Paph.) spicerianum Paph. villosum
Paph. lathamianum

Alison Dino

Phragmipedium (Phrag.) Don Wimber (Eric Young x besseae)
Sarcochilus (Sarco.) (Kulnura Secure x Kulnura Max)

Amal Cooke

Phal. hybrid (Green) Phal. (Tinny Honey x Juhboa Rose)
Miltoniopsis (Mps.) Rouge 'Calf Plum' (Woodlands x Rose Bay)

Jack Willcox

Phal. pink & purple C. orange/red lip
C. Taida Swan (Mildred Rives x Spring Squall)
Phal. schilleriana (San Ramon Island form x Indoro Island)
Den. Stardust 'Firebird' HCC/AOC (unicum x Ukon)

Lois Dauelsberg

Paph. Arnold J. Klehm (venustum x primulinum)
Den. Memoria Jim Gilmore (Hagoromo x Yukidaruma)