



## DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

The Colorado Springs Orchid Society will have its December 2023 meeting on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



*Refreshments*

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

## CSOS 2023 Calendar

December 16 (Elections) – Cattleya Species Culture by Bill Rogerson (Part 2 – Time Permitting)  
Refreshments M – R

## CSOS 2024 Calendar

January 27 – TBD  
Refreshments S – Z

February 24 – TBD  
Refreshments A – F

March 23 – TBD  
Refreshments G – L

April 27 – TBD  
Refreshments M – R

May 25 – TBD  
Refreshments S – Z

June 22 – TBD  
Refreshments A – F

July 27 – TBD  
Refreshments G – L

August 24 – TBD  
Refreshments M – R

September 28 – TBD  
Refreshments S – Z

October 26 – TBD  
Refreshments A – F

November 23 (Elections) – TBD  
Refreshments G – L

## Other Announcements:

CSOS Membership Renewals – Everyone's membership fee is due by the end of December - \$15.00 individual, \$22.50 family. If you will not be at the December meeting you can mail your check made out to CSOS to: Lorie Casbon, 13160 Thumbprint Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80921.

Election of CSOS Officers – At our December meeting, we will have elections for the CSOS 2024 Officers. We will take nominations and vote for all of the positions so if you are interested, please volunteer. If you are unable to attend this meeting and are interested in one of the positions, let Alison know what position you are interested in.

## President's Message

Okay, winter. Do you mind if we try this again? As you know, it was not fit for orchid lover or orchid on the day of our November meeting, but luckily, with our December gathering a week early due to Christmas, we did not have long to wait to meet again!

The CSOS business we had planned to conduct in November will take place at the December meeting instead, including elections, voting on our 2023 giving, and the opportunity to pay dues in person for 2024. If you have been considering serving as an officer, please let me know where you are interested in volunteering ahead of the meeting. For those who cannot join us on Saturday (we will miss you!), dues (\$15 individual, \$22.50 family) are due by the end of December and can be mailed to Lorie at the address in this newsletter.

We had some luck in November; the mystery plants landed just before the snow flew! Many thanks to Karou for caring for them since our canceled meeting and giving them a lift to the December meeting. If you signed up for a mystery plant(s), it will be available for pickup starting with the meeting on Saturday. Plants are \$15, and as we shared back in November, we bought all of this cross that Fred Allen had, so for this round, you will need to be on the pre-order list to claim a plant. As the challenge goes, plants will be supplied without a tag, and the first member to bloom the plant gets a \$15 cash prize, and the plant's identity is revealed. To claim the prize, you must call me at (636) 795-6097 or Karou at (408) 489-8604 and provide photo evidence of the winning bloom. We definitely have blooming-sized plants this time, so good luck to all, and keep a close watch!

As of this writing, Saturday looks to be a beautiful day, and fingers crossed that it stays that way! However, until we are safely past the chance of snow (June?), please check your email before heading out on meeting mornings if the weather looks iffy. If there has been a change in our gathering plans, a note will be waiting!

Cheers, and hope to see you all at the fire station on the 16th,

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