



## MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

The Colorado Springs Orchid Society will have its May 2024 meeting on Saturday the 25<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 S to Z.

# CSOS 2024 Calendar

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 (Auction) – TBD  
Refreshments S – Z

October 26 – TBD  
Refreshments A – F

November 23 (Elections) – TBD  
Refreshments G – L

December 28 – TBD  
Refreshments M – R

## Other Announcements:

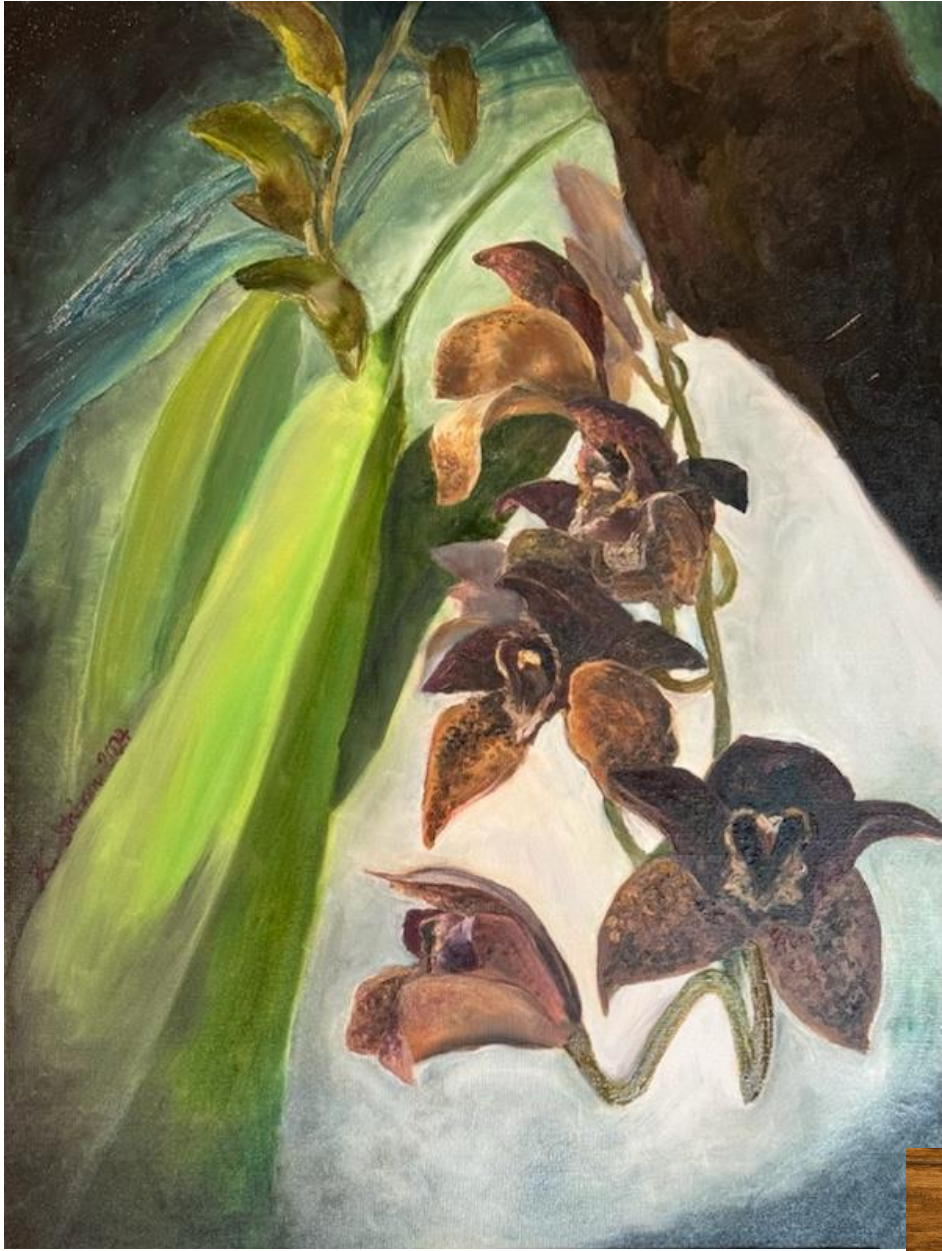
[CSOS Awards from the Denver Orchid Society Show & Sale](#) – Several CSOS members and our society exhibit received some noteworthy awards. Please see them in the pictures below and in the next 4 pages.



Amal Cooke's Exhibit and Award

**Denver Orchid Society  
Spring Show and Sale 2024  
Trophy Class 812  
Best Exhibit by a Novice  
(1<sup>st</sup> time exhibitor)  
Trophy plus \$50 cash award  
Sponsored by  
Denver Orchid Society**





Kaoru Stabnow's Exhibit and Award





Terry Bernard's Phalaenopsis & Best Flower Award







Roger Stone's Leptotes & Best Plant Award







CSOS' Exhibit and Award



## President's Message

Shortly after our April meeting, we received terrible news. Long-time member and supporter of the CSOS and wealth of knowledge, Bob Steele, suddenly passed. Many of you are familiar with the oasis he built at his Pueblo home, which was filled with orchids and, at one time, dearly loved Koi. Amal documented this garden at Bob's request a while back, and a link to this video tour is included in this newsletter email as a tribute. Attendees of the DOS Show and Sale will have also noticed that several of Bob's orchids were there, entered in his memory.

Bob's passing leaves a void in our Society family and over 300 orchids in need of care. Matt is facilitating Bob's wishes for his orchids to go to the CSOS. Over the next several months, there will be large raffles and silent auctions at our meetings to accomplish this. Bob grew an impressive variety of high-quality orchids, and I encourage you to rework and, if possible, expand your growing spaces to make room for multiple additions and to try growing something new. Many thanks to Matt, Roger, Joan, and Jack for picking up and caring for an incredible number of plants and my partner, Sean, for volunteering his billiard table so I could do the same. You have all made it possible to fulfill Bob's wishes and ensure the well-being of his orchid legacy.

The DOS Spring Show and Sale took place earlier this month, and once again, the DOS was a wonderful host. Congratulations to our rosette and ribbon winners and for bringing home the Best Society Exhibit rosette. We had our largest turnout of participating members in recent memory, and we received many compliments on the variety and quality of the plants in our exhibit. With Barbara sourcing a John Williams orchestral score for Star Wars' main title (not an easy feat!), we even had a subtle nod to Star Wars Day (May the Fourth be with you) while simultaneously playing on the show's theme. Thank you all for your hard work on our exhibit and for volunteering to help our DOS friends have a successful show!

Native orchid season is fast approaching, and thanks to Kaoru, we are on to join the Colorado Native Plant Society on an orchid hike at Mueller State Park! The hike will take place on Sunday, June 9th, from 9 am to 1 pm. As of this message, five spots remain for CSOS members, and once these spots are gone, a waitlist will open. To secure a spot, go to <https://conps.org/home-2/events/event-calendar-2/#!event/register/2024/6/9/se-chapter-field-trip-mueller-state-park>.

See you at the fire station (1875 Dublin Blvd. at Academy Blvd.) on the 25th,

Alison Dino

President, Colorado Springs Orchid Society

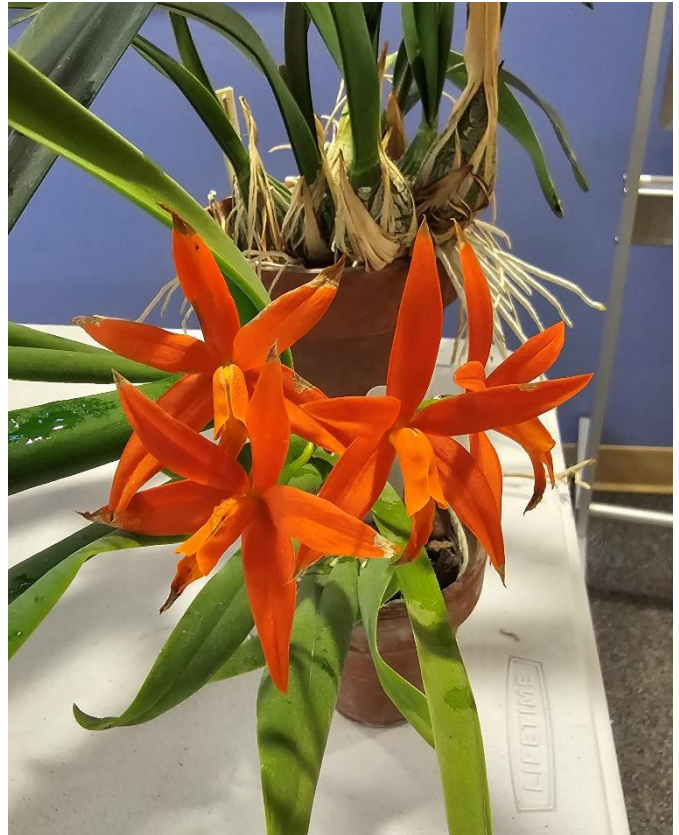
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Four of Roger Stone's April Blooms:



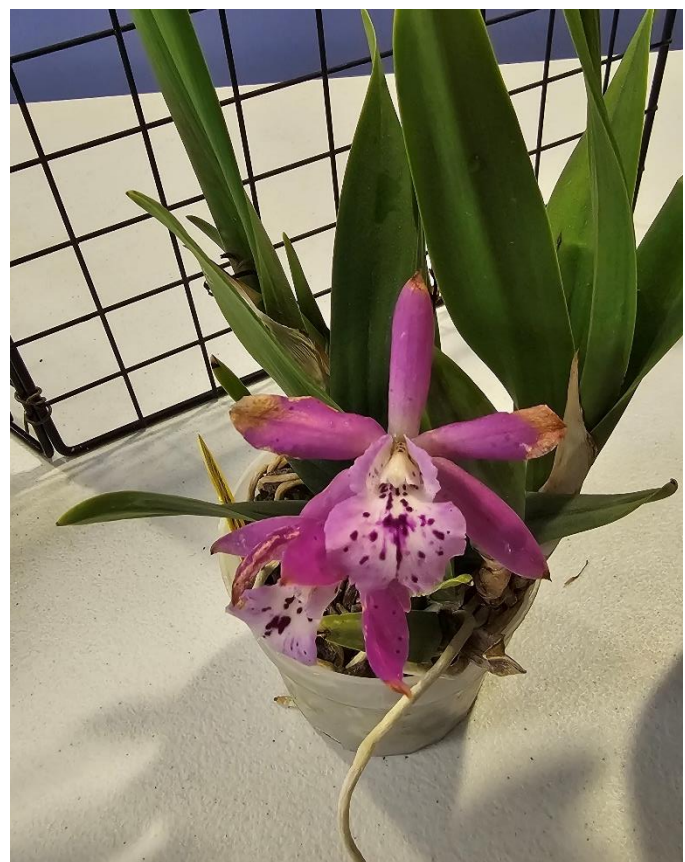
V. Newberry Apricot



Ctt. Sun Mei Star



Paph. gratixianum



Lsu. Dick Pippen's SunCoast 'Pink Heaven'



And four more of Roger's April Blooms:



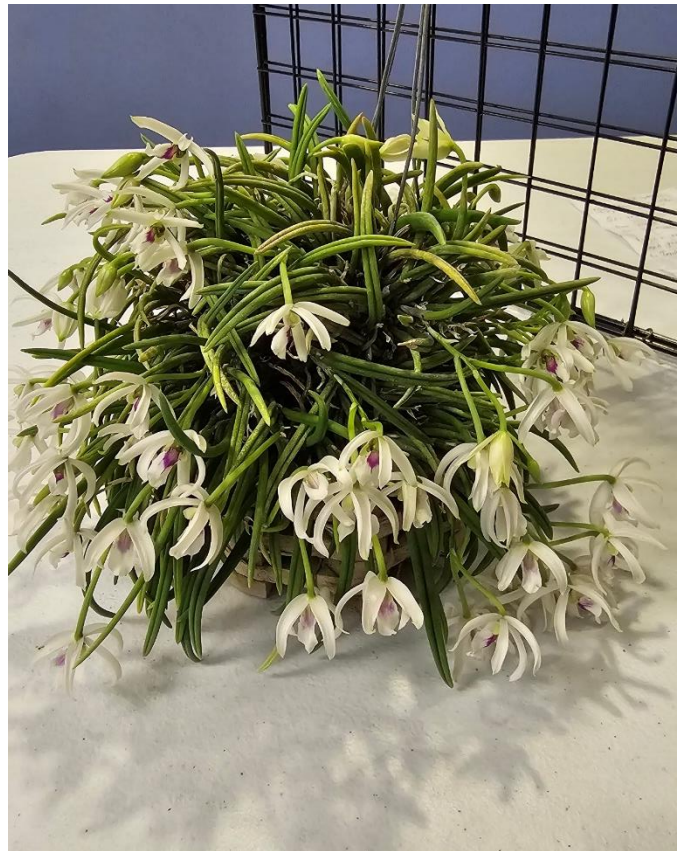
Den. aphyllum



E. sp.



Grc. Frances Dyer



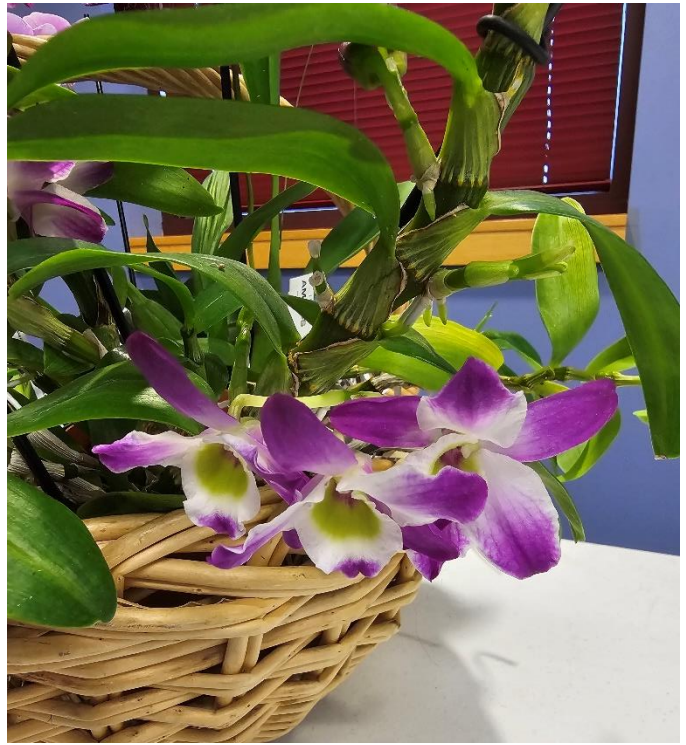
Lpt. bicolor



Amal Cooke's April Blooms:



Phal. hybrid with big lip



Den. Tianmu Eustoma



Mps. Pearl Ono 'Iliwai' AM/AOS



Alcra. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream' & Den. Tianmu Huangdi



Jean Garren's April Blooms:



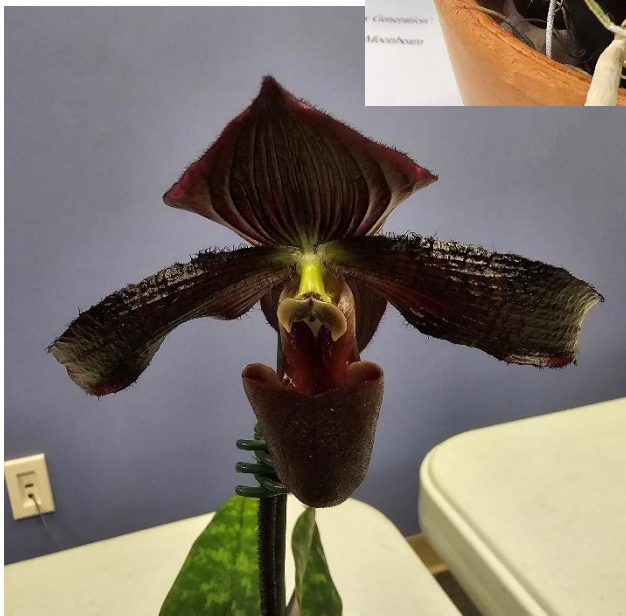
Paph. appletonianum x sib.



Paph. Jacqueline's Spring Moon



Ascf. var. unknown



Paph. Tristar Mabo



Rth. Shinfong Little Sun





Den. limpidum grown by Jojo deBeaubien



C. maxima (h.f.coerulea) grown by Kaoru Stabnow



*Orcp. gladius* grown by Barbara Vander Stoep



Joan McCann's April Blooms:



Tolu. Tequila Sunrise



Phal. Hybrid



Alkra. Tropic Lily 'Hilo Space Ship'

