



## FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

The Colorado Springs Orchid Society will have its February 2025 meeting on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</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 A to C.

## CSOS 2025 Calendar

February 22 – TBD  
Refreshments A – C

March 22 – TBD  
Refreshments D – G

April 26 – TBD  
Refreshments H – P

May 24 – TBD  
Refreshments Q – Z

June 28 – TBD  
Refreshments A – C

July 26 – TBD  
Refreshments D – G

August 23 – TBD  
Refreshments H – P

September 27 (Auction) – TBD  
Refreshments Q – Z

October 25 – TBD  
Refreshments A – C

November 22 (Elections) – TBD  
Refreshments D – G

December 27 – TBD  
Refreshments H – P

## Other Announcements:



To Our New Members

Bob Noyd

Melissa Thompson

Special Thanks – A special Thank You to Connie Dueker for stepping up and taking photos of the orchids at the January 2025 meeting so we all could enjoy them!

Save the Dates – The Denver Orchid Society (DOS) will have their Spring Show and Sale on the first weekend in May at the Denver Botanic Gardens. The theme will be 'Orchid Magic.' Setup will be on May 2 and the Show and Sale will be on May 3 and 4, 2025. Start grooming, playing soothing music, talking to your orchids, etc. so they will be happily blooming for this event. 😊

Correction to January 2025 Newsletter – The below picture of Pam Esterson-Martinez' Paph. Sandra's Helen Maha was improperly labeled as Paph. Sandra's Barbary Coast grown by Barbara Pollock. A picture of Barabara's is not available.





Bulb. Sunshine Queen 'Orange'

## President's Message

Last Tuesday night, we enjoyed attending Fred Clarke's insightful presentation, *Becoming an 80 Percentile Grower*, hosted by the DOS via Zoom. A big thank you to the DOS for inviting us and all the Colorado orchid societies to join in! Fred shared expert insights into orchid care, focusing on four key elements—watering practices, light levels, temperature, and proper re-potting—which he advised comprise 80% of your success as an orchid “art curator.” This delightfully straightforward presentation was packed with great techniques and helpful orchid culture information. If you missed it or would like to watch it again, the DOS has kindly shared the Zoom recording with us. An email with access to the recording was sent out last week, if you didn't get it, or need it resent, just let me know!

While we're on spike watch with our mystery plants from October 2023, we're excited to be making progress on a new mystery. As you know, this one has been dubbed "Mystery with a History," as it will feature divisions from a very large plant from our own Bob Steele's collection. Thanks to help from Songbird Orchids, we have now secured the necessary supplies to make the divisions. The number of spots for this mystery plant competition will depend on how the mother plant divides, which we anticipate will be 10-15 plants. So, this competition will have 10 participant spots with an additional five, division-dependent “standby” spots. A sign-up sheet was started in the January meeting and currently has four participants. The buy-in price will be announced soon, but it is on track to be less than the \$15 it was last time. The sign-up sheet will be passed around again in the February meeting on Saturday. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to be included, please let me know via email asap. A big thank you to Matt for looking after the mother plant!

You wouldn't know it by stepping outside, but spring is coming fast, and with it, the DOS Spring Orchid Show and Sale! This year's spring theme has been announced as “Orchid Magic.” The CSOS exhibit is a showcase of our collective creativity, and it is always fun to see how our group brings a show theme to life! We'll start brainstorming ideas on Saturday and form a spring Display Team, so be thinking about what this theme could mean for our exhibit. Last fall, the Display Team met via Zoom and collaborated via email. It was a lot of fun and really helped bring all of our ideas together. If you would like to be part of the Team, we'd love to have you!

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

Alison Dino

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And one more of Alison's January Blooms:



Phal. KV Charmer



Phal. hybrid grown by Kaoru Stabnow



Three of Roger Stone's January Blooms:



Lys. Red Jewel



L. anceps



Lna. Dave's Dapper Dandee

And one more of Roger's January Blooms:



Ros. grande

Matt Kurpaski's January Bloom:



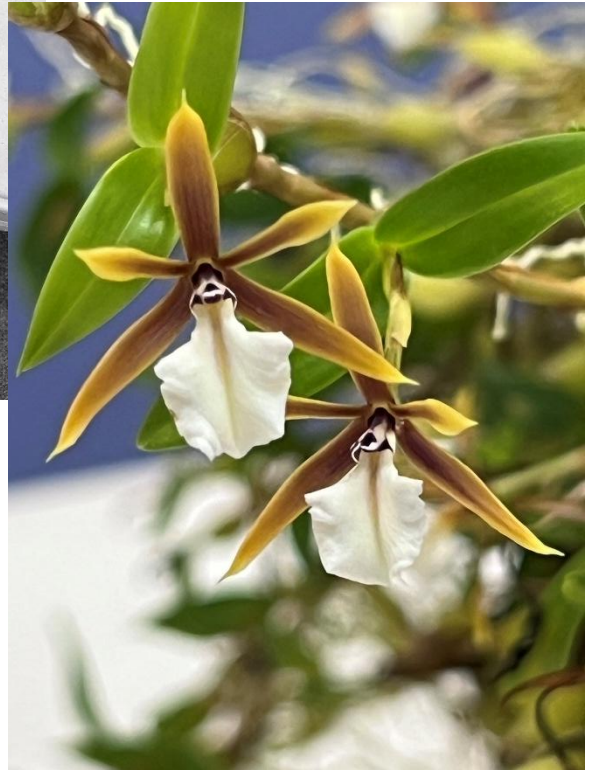
Van. Pinky



Tom Dewar's January Bloom:



Rth.Telling Lies 'SVO Best' x Georgia Peach 'SVO Flared Apricot'



**Colorado Springs Orchid Society**  
**January 2025 Show and Tell Plant List**

Roger Stone

Laelia (L.) anceps (h.f. disciplinata x h.v. roeblingiana 'La Jolla' HCC/AOS)  
Laelonia (Lna.) Dave's Dapper Dandee (Bro. negrilensis x L. crawshayana)  
Rossioglossum (Ros.) grande (syn. Odontoglossum (Odm.) grande)  
Lysudamuloa (Lys.) Red Jewel (Lmc. Geyser Gold x Angcst. Red Jade)

Matt Kurpaski

Vandachostylis (Van.)(syn. Neostylis (Neost.)) Pinky  
(Vanda (V.) falcata x (Rhynchostylis (Rhy.) gigantea 'Spot')

Alison Dino

Phalaenopsis (Phal.) KV Charmer (Salu Peoker x Taida Pearl)  
Paphiopedilum (Paph.) Emerald Blush  
(Warm Valley 'Winter Blush' x Emerald Brocade 'Emerald' AM/AOS)  
Bulbophyllum (Bulb.) Sunshine Queen 'Orange' (mastersianum x corolliferum)

Kaoru Stabnow

Phalaenopsis (Phal.) hybrid

Tom Dewar

Rhyncattleanthe (Rth.)(syn. Pot.)  
Telling Lies 'SVO Best' x Georgia Peach 'SVO Flared Apricot'

Jack Willcox

Rth. Olympus Sunset FCA  
(Rth. Hawaiian Discovery 'Flourescent Orange' HCC/AOS x Rlc. William Farrell)