



MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

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The Colorado Springs Orchid Society will have its March 2026 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 10:00am 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 donate to the opportunity drawing.



Refreshments

This month refreshments will be provided by those who's last names begin with the letters D to G.

Announcements:

Save the Dates

DOS Spring Show

The Denver Orchid Society (DOS) will have their 2026 Spring Show and Sale on the fourth weekend in April. **Setup will be on April 25 and the Show and Sale will be on April 26 and 27, 2026.**

NOTE: Since this is the same Saturday, we normally have our meeting, we are moving it to the third Saturday in April which is April 18th.

Volunteer Signup link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/144HASABnVxS_XnzYfpE3nNyL5hT2-54dgDUh8M_3_UU/edit?gid=0#gid=0





Denver Plant Fest

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Location: 9700 E Easter Ln, Centennial, CO 80112 (Family Resource Pavilion)

Exciting local plant show & sale featuring an incredible special guest vendor [Ecuagenera](#).

Discover rare and exotic plants you won't find anywhere else, connect with fellow plant lovers, and take home something truly special for your collection.

Why pay for international shipping when you can pick up at the show for free? **Deadline for pre-orders: Orchids: April 28 / Exotic Plants: May 01, 2026.** [Order Here](#)

[American Orchid Society Webinar Rewatch:](#)

April's AOS Member Only Webinar featuring our own JoJo!



Growing *Cattleya alaorii* and its hybrids with Jojo deBeaubien

Jojo will be about the dwarf *Cattleya alaorii* and its hybrids. A plant of petite stature that would fit into any orchid collection. She will introduce you to *Cattleya alaorii* and the hybrids with this species by reviewing primary, complex, and intergenerics. We will all benefit from her personal experience as she shares with us her own methods of growing this species and its hybrids under lights in her basement grow-tents.

[Register](https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/5873168256964960944) at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/5873168256964960944>

March 2026 President's Message

I want to start by thanking everyone for the thoughtful and lively discussion about our transition to non-profit social club status. Navigating the compliance requirements around buying and selling plants is definitely a process, but I'm confident that, as we continue learning together, we'll find the best path forward to keep our Society happily thriving for many years to come.

We'll have some positive updates to share soon. In the meantime, a special thank-you to Chris for donating a beautiful orchid book to our silent auction, and congratulations to Jojo on the winning bid!



Looking back at February... wow! Our show-and-tell featured 95 orchids in full bloom, covering nearly every flat surface at the fire station. It was amazing to hear the origin stories and care routines behind such a diverse display. I know I walked away having learned a lot, and I'm sure you did too.

We have something special planned for our March meeting this Saturday! We'll be joined by Andrew Hatch, owner of Artifact Gardens, a rare plant nursery and tissue culture lab specializing in orchids, bromeliads, aroids, and other tropicals. Andrew has spent over two decades mastering the art of growing plants, including commercially cultivating over 200 orchid species. Whether through his past leadership as president of the DOS or his classes at the Denver Botanic Gardens, Andrew's depth of knowledge makes him an invaluable resource for any grower.

On Saturday, Andrew will be treating us to a presentation on *Vanda falcata* and its hybrids. For those of you looking for your next orchid bestie, he'll also have a selection of *Vanda falcata* hybrids and other miniature vandaceous orchids, a variety of jewel orchids, some odds and ends, and usual Tillandsias available for sale!

Looking forward to a gorgeous weekend and seeing everyone back at the fire station!

Cheers,
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CSOS 2026 Calendar

April 18 – TBD (1 week early, since the DOS Show & Sale is on the 4th Saturday)
Refreshments H – P

May 23 – TBD
Refreshments Q – Z

June 27 – TBD
Refreshments A – C

July 25 (Picnic) – TBD
Refreshments D – G

August 22 - TBD
Refreshments H – P

September 26 (Auction) – TBD
Refreshments Q – Z

October 24 – TBD
Refreshments A – C

November 28 (Elections)– TBD
Refreshments D – G

December 19 – TBD (1 week early since our regular meeting would be the day after Christmas)
Refreshments H – P