

Colorado Springs Orchid Society

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NEWSLETTER

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April Meeting Date and Location

Colorado Springs Orchid Society will have its April, 2016 meeting on Saturday the 23rd 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 and take the first right. The meeting starts at 10:00 AM with social time and set-up between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM. See our website for the directions and a map.

The club provides plants each month for the raffle and members are encouraged to donate divisions of their plants for the raffle table. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Bring your blooming orchids for Show and Tell and receive a free raffle ticket.

This month refreshments will be provided by those whose names start with the letters S to A.

President's Message

A small group of Colorado springs Orchid Society members were present a few years back at Kathy's house for a meeting with a reporter from the Gazette. She asked a rather puzzling and difficult question, "Why do you grow orchids?". A question like that certainly deserves some thought and introspection.

Is it because of the beauty of the orchid flowers? That appreciation could more easily involve simply looking at picture books or the internet. So, that's not the reason, at least not the whole reason.

Is it the pride of being able to grow a beautiful flower on a somewhat unbeautiful plant? Yeah, pride is definitely an element although there can be a great deal of frustration and disappointment before a satisfactory result is achieved.

Is it the thrill of adventure? Trying to bloom easy and common and/or difficult and therefore rare types can be very thrilling, especially for us armchair adventurers.

Is it plant husbandry? Growing and blooming orchids takes some special care and attention. I even enjoy repotting as it is tending to the plant in such a way that I expect it to grow and bloom better than it might have if I hadn't repotted it.

Or maybe it's just a way to spend a lot of my time and money until it's all gone!

Good luck and good growing

Roger Stone

