



JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

The Colorado Springs Orchid Society will have its June 2016 meeting on Saturday the 25th 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 10:00 AM with social time and set-up between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM. See our website for 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 & Tell and receive a free raffle ticket.



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

President's Message



Dendrobium ceraula (gonzalesii) grown by Barbara Vander Stoep

From much of what I read, repotting of orchids should be done in the spring. That's when orchids start their greatest growth spurt. New growths need newer and stronger root systems. It is generally accepted that orchids should be repotted just as those new roots start appearing. But not all orchids operate on the same calendar. Some of these new hybrids can bloom at any time of year and are then ready to start new growths. Some orchids can be repotted in anticipation of new root growth even though they aren't showing. I have found that it is possible to repot even after new roots have grown out to several inches. Just be as careful with them as possible.

And I often have an orchid, or several, that just don't seem to be thriving. Maybe they need a different potting medium or a change in placement or habitat. Anyhow, what it often works out to is I don't always get all my repotting done when I should so I wind up repotting almost year-round whenever the inspiration or need arises.

So, as I'm writing this, spring is ending and summer is beginning and it's getting hot!

Good Luck and Good Growing,

Roger Stone

CSOS 2016 Calendar

June 25 – Open
Refreshments G – L

July 23 – Fantasy Orchids - Slipper Orchids
Refreshments M – R

August 27 – Picnic
Refreshments – All

September 24 – Plant Auction
Refreshments S – Z

October 22 – Open
Refreshments A – F

November 19 – Open
Refreshments G – L

December 17 – Open
Refreshments M – R



Barkeria spectabilis grown by Barbara Pollock