



BEYOND ROSES

Do you want to “say it with flowers” but are tired of roses? Consider a delicate and graceful orchid.

As with roses that represent love and beauty, the colour of the elegant orchid flower also has symbolic meaning. What feelings do you wish to express?

- Be my Valentine? **Red** for passion and desire.
- You have my support in your upcoming challenge! **Orange** for enthusiasm and boldness.
- Congratulations on your achievement! **Yellow** for friendship, joy and a fresh start.
- Best wishes for good fortune! **Green** for good health and long life.
- You are an uncommon find! **Blue** for rarity.
- I esteem you! **Purple** for admiration, respect and dignity.
- You are special to me! **Pink** for grace, joy and innocence.
- I love you mum! **Lavender** for elegance and feminine beauty.
- Congratulations on your new baby! **White** for innocence and purity.

Finally, no matter what the colour, you will be saying “This amazing flower reminds me of you!”

Your best source for locating that perfect orchid is the Southern Ontario Orchid Society’s Annual Orchid Show and Sale. Orchid growers from Taiwan and Ecuador will join vendors from across Canada and the USA to showcase the best of their orchids. A list of confirmed vendors can be found at soos.ca, many of whom will take pre-orders. Several only take cash.

For the best visitor experience, final entry to the Show and Sale will be 4:30 pm on Saturday and 3:30 pm on Sunday.

The 2025 Show and Sale celebrates the Sixtieth Anniversary of the creation of SOOS. The Show runs from Noon to 5 pm on Saturday, February 8th and from 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday, February 9th at the Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1P2. General admission is \$10 and free for supervised children under 12.



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