



Central Jersey Orchid Society Newsletter

January 2025 Issue

January 2025 President's Message

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, I hope this message finds you filled with inspiration and excitement for another year of celebrating the beauty and wonder of orchids. Our society continues to thrive thanks to the passion and dedication of our members, and I am grateful to each of you for being part of this remarkable community. This year promises to be a terrific one, and we're kicking it off with a very special event! Mark your calendars for January 17th when the North Jersey Orchid Society hosts the first orchid show of 2025, at Cook College, Rutgers. This event will feature a stunning display of rare and exotic orchids and supplies. It's a perfect opportunity to connect with fellow enthusiasts and deepen your appreciation for these fascinating plants. Central Jersey Orchid Society will also have a display.

At our January 16th meeting, we will have a hands on repotting class (yes, your hands on repotting your plant with our guidance). Bring a plant that you're hoping to repot, sterile tools, a sterile pot and some mix. I'll bring extra mix, tools and pots. It's fun to see our member's various tips and techniques. Whether you're a seasoned grower or just

beginning your orchid journey, I encourage you to join us. Together, we'll continue to grow, learn, and share the joy of orchids. Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. Let's make 2025 our best year yet!

Anne Skalka, Pres. CJOS



CJOS Holiday Party

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May: TBA

June: CJOS Picnic

Meeting Location

**Trinity Church 33 Mercer St,
Princeton, NJ 08540-6893**

Meetings and Events 2023

Arrive at 6:30.

Meeting will start at 7:00PM

Meetings are held the **Third Thursday** of the month.

September: Greg Griffis

“The Terrific Terrestrials”

December 2024: Holiday Party

January: Potting Party

February: Ask the Expert

March: "Greg Griffis"

April: TBA

Officers and Committees:

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Congrats to CJOs members David and Joan Rosenfeld

They received a CCE (certificate of cultural excellence) for their orchid. It was for an orchid species called *Coelia bella*. This their 35th cultural award.

For those that are not familiar with American Orchid Society (AOS) orchid awards, This is from AOS' website:

CCE (Certificate of Cultural Excellence)

Awarded to the exhibitor of a well-flowered specimen plant of robust health. The plant must have been in the care of the exhibitor at least 12 months immediately prior to the award and must score at least 90 points on a 100-point scale for culture. Growers receiving this award represent the highest level of orchid culture.



CJOS Members Show Table

Normally we have the show table awards on this page in the newsletter. But we had our Holiday Party in December and no judging show table.

Lots of food. Thank you to all our members, we had a wonderful selection of food. Even though our room got downsized, we are a group of flexible people and we were able to adjust.

Here are a few party pictures.







Important Show Table information!

A document is attached to the email which sends this newsletter. Now you can fill out your show table card at home. This will save you time and you can hopefully print better (more legibly) for the judges to read and record.

North Jersey Orchid Society
Rutgers University SEBS
Floriculture and Teaching Greenhouse
Annual Show & Sale
January 17-19, 2025



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Show Hours: Friday Noon – 5 pm,
Saturday 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday
10 am – 4 pm

American Orchid Society Judging
Friday afternoon. Public is welcome
to bring plants by 11 am for judging

Free Admission & Free Parking
Breathtaking Orchid Displays
World-Renown Vendors
“Ask the Orchid Doctor”

Cook Student Center
Rutgers University
59 Biel Rd
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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Upcoming Webinars



Greenhouse Chat February 2025

Ron McHatton



Wednesday, February 5th, 2025
8:30 PM EST EST

Orchid Q&A. Find answers to questions you did not even know you had.



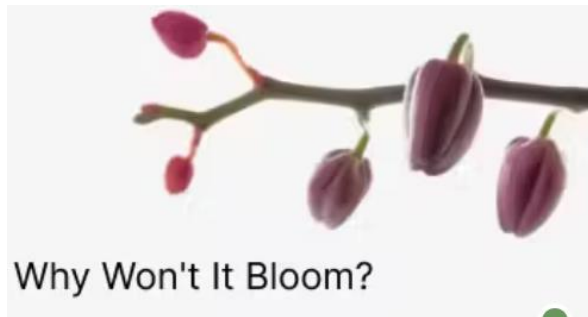
Inorganic Potting Media: Never Repot Again with Harvey Brenneise, Part 2

Harvey Brenneise



Wednesday, February 12th, 2025
8:30 PM EST EST

Harvey reviews the various inorganic media with a focus on semi-hydroponic orchid growing. Second of a two-part series.



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Ron McHatton

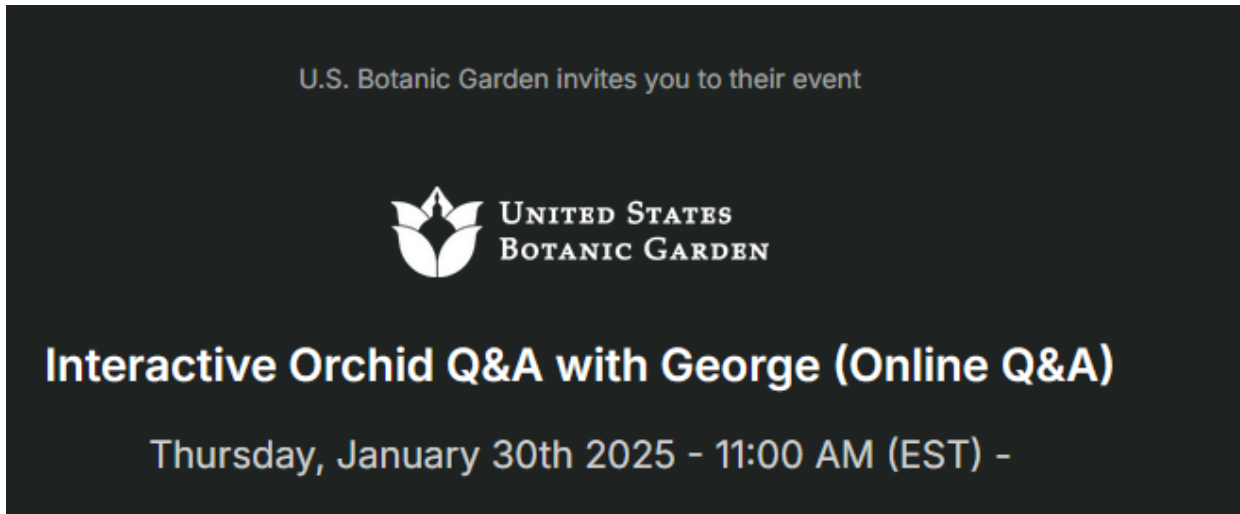


Wednesday, March 5th, 2025
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST EST

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Go to [AOS.org](https://www.aos.org) for Webinar links and information on orchid culture and care. While you are visting their site, please join AOS. Support this worthy organization.

This is another unique opportunity to have an orchid care question answered. We will have our own Ask the Experts at our February meeting.



Go to this site to register.

<https://app.livestorm.co/u-s-botanic-garden/interactive-orchid-q-and-a-with-george-online-q-and-a?s=0daf8a21-ab28-47c1-8e6b-58c78c3d858a>

How Do You Grow?

Each month, I would like to show a members growing methods/conditions. Please send me pictures of your growing conditions (summer/winter) CJOSNewsletter@gmail.com. Let's see some pictures of your growing space.

