



Central Jersey Orchid Society Newsletter

December 2024 Issue

December 2024 President's Message

Dear Members,

As we welcome a new year, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the beauty and serenity orchids bring into our lives. January is a month of preparation and renewal - not only for us but also for our orchids.

Winter Care Reminders:

Keep a close eye on humidity levels and avoid over watering during the cooler months.

Provide sufficient light, as shorter days can challenge even the hardiest orchids.

Ensure your plants are away from drafty windows and heating vents.

Provide adequate airflow to avoid bacterial and fungal infections.



Den. White Grace 'Sato'
John & Yulia

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for our Holiday party on December 19th ! CJOS will be throwing the annual event, organized by Tobie Parnett. Please consider coming a few minutes early to help with setup. Thanks in advance for the potluck contributions.

January 17 - 19th

North Jersey Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale. CJOS needs volunteers to set-up and tear down our display and we will want to have our best orchids at the show.

Here's to another year of cultivating and sharing our love of orchids. Wishing you success in all your orchid - growing endeavors!

Anne Skalka, Pres.
Central Jersey Orchid Society

Meeting Location

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

Meetings and Events 2024-25

Arrive at 6:30.

Meeting will start at 7:00PM

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

September 19

Albert Tamashauskyy

**Orchid Growing at the Swartz Brewery
Oxford NJ**

September 28 CJOS Auction

New date just for October 2024

October 24- Bill Stender

How to think like an orchid

November 21: Carrie Buchmann

**World Orchid Conference (WOC) and
the 20th Taiwan International Orchid
Show (TIOS)**

December 19: Holiday Party

January 16: Jaymie Santiago

February 20: Ask the expert

**March 20: Greg Grifis - Orchid House
Curator Longwood Gardens**

**April 17: Rob Billmers
Water Chemistry, Sample Analysis**

May 15: Richard Ho

June : Picnic (date and place TBA)

Officers and Committees:

President - Anne Skalka

Vice President – George Wallace

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Anna Pinelli**

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CJOS Member's Show Table

CATTLEYA

1. Cat. George King 'Serendipity'
Anne Skalka



2. Cat. BLC Norman's Bay 'Gothic'
Jim Murtha

3. Cat. Maikai 'Mayumi'
John & Yulia



DENDROBIUM/ONCIDIUM

1. Den. White Grace 'Sato'
John & Yulia



2. Den. Astroviolaceum v. compactum x polysema
No Grower ID

3. Den. Velvet Melody 'Winter Wine'
George Guzikowski



PAPH/PHRAG

No entries

VANDA/PHAL



1. V. 'Nana' x V. Lou Sneery 'Blue's
Joe Thomas

2. Phal NOID
Joe Thomas



SPECIES

1. *Lycaste locusta*
Joe Thomas



MISC. GENERA

1. *Lycaste Jason*
Joe Thomas





2. Coelogyne Jannine Banks Snow White
John & Yulia

3. Mormodes Roehampton's Flame
Joe Thomas



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.



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Upcoming Webinars

Greenhouse Chat November 2024

Ron McHatton

Thursday, January 2nd, 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 1

Harvey Brenneise

Thursday, January 9th, 2025 - 8:30 PM EST EST

Go to [AOS.org](https://www.aos.org) for information on orchid culture and care.

While you are visting their site, please join AOS. Support this worthy organization. Lots of benefits.

Maybe for next Summer?

Meeting Location Trinity Church 33 Mercer St, Princeton, NJ 08540-6893 (using 47 Mercer St for GPS may pinpoint the parking lot better)

See November 2024 Newsletter for details and photos

New Products/Technology: SideKing Battery Powered Sprayer Wand by Rob Billmers



I've always wanted to experiment with water, I know some of the things I want to grow requires water of better quality than comes out of my tap (well). The issue was that I didn't want to set up some kind of a pumping system, so for years I shied away from the issue. This past summer I installed a hand pump on my old spring, which has much softer water and much lower TDS (total dissolved solids) than my well. All summer I used this water for the orchids and they seemed to be much happier, but with the cold weather all the plants came inside and I had the issue of how to spray water for the plants under lights.

What I found on amazon was this battery powered spray wand.

(https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0B2J76V6Z?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_fed_asin_title)

It comes with a filter on the end of a 10 foot plastic hose that fits in a bucket or one gallon milk jug, an extendable wand and three interchangeable spray heads. The heads offer a flat fan (photo #1), a sprinkler head (5 streams, photo #2) and a misting head that adjusts from a fine mist (photo #3) to a single stream (photo #4). The wand is extendable from 9 to 20 inches and

the pump is completely enclosed in the handle, which is powered by a self contained rechargeable LIPO battery. The whole unit weighs less than a pound and has a convenient on/off button on the wand. The battery is charged via a USB C cord (included), and takes 2-3 hours to fully charge. I water everyday and the battery lasts between 1 and 2 weeks. Depending on the head, it can pump a gallon of water in 2-3 minutes. The single stream can easily shoot 8 to 10, but you can adjust the head to give you a cone which is much more controllable.

This is definitely the answer I've been looking for and for less than 25 bucks it's worth a try if you're seeking a way to pump water and fertilizer to your plants.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4