



Central Jersey Orchid Society Newsletter

March 2025 Issue

March 2025 President's Message

Dear orchid growers,

Spring is almost in full bloom, and our orchids are thriving in the longer, warmer days! This season brings renewed energy to our society as we prepare for upcoming events, share growing tips, and admire the beauty of our collections.

Last month's meeting was a wonderful success, with Beth Davis from Waldor Orchids joining us. It was a great opportunity to see how a professional grower handles a large orchid needing to be divided. This month, we look forward to Greg Grifis who was formerly the curator of the Longwood Gardens orchid collection. Greg is currently the curator of the Eric Young Foundation at the Isle of Jersey. The foundation is dedicated to the promotion of orchid cultivation, research, and conservation. Greg will be joining us virtually from the Isle of Jersey.

As we move deeper into the growing season, remember to keep an eye on humidity levels and fertilization schedules to ensure healthy growth and vibrant blooms. A caution for all growers, the light levels in our greenhouses and windowsills is increasing. It's very easy to burn a leaf as the light levels change. If you have any questions or need advice, our members are always eager to help.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual SEPOS show coming up on April 4th at the

Exposition Center in Oak, PA., a fantastic showcase of our shared passion.

Happy growing, and see you at our next meeting.

Warm regards,

Anne Skalka, President



Pot. Hot Topics - Jim Murtha

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(Waldor Orchids)**

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Meeting Location

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

May: Richard Ho

June: CJOs Picnic

Meetings and Events 2023

Arrive at 6:30.

Meeting will start at 7:00PM

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

December 2024: Holiday Party

January: Pottting Party

February: Beth Off - The Cattleya

Allure: Exploring the Cattleya Alliance
One Group at a Time.

March: Greg Griffis

April: Carlos Macku - Orchid

Cultivation Under Residential Indoor
Environments

Officers and Committees:

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CJOS Members Show Table

Cattleya

1. Pot. Hot Topics
Jim Murtha



2. Slc. Rockette 'Little Rock' x Pot. Starfire
'Rubens'
Joe Thomas



3. B. digbyana
Jim Murtha

Paph/Phrag

1. Paph. NOID
Anne Skalka



2. Phrag. Sedenii
Joe Thomas



3. Paph. Primulinum
Anne Skalka

VANDA/PHAL

1. *Trichoglottis pusilla*
Joe Thomas



2. *V. Pinky* (not show table picture)
Joe Thomas



3. *Phal. Chi Yueh Kaleidoscope* _CYS 180'-SYRS-SP
Ed and Pam Frankel

OTHER

1. *Cyclopogon lindleyanus*
Joe Thomas



2. *Bulb. falcatum*
Anne Skalka



3. *Lepanthes telipogoniflora*
Joe Thomas

Den./Onc.

1. **Dendrobium braianense**
Joe Thomas

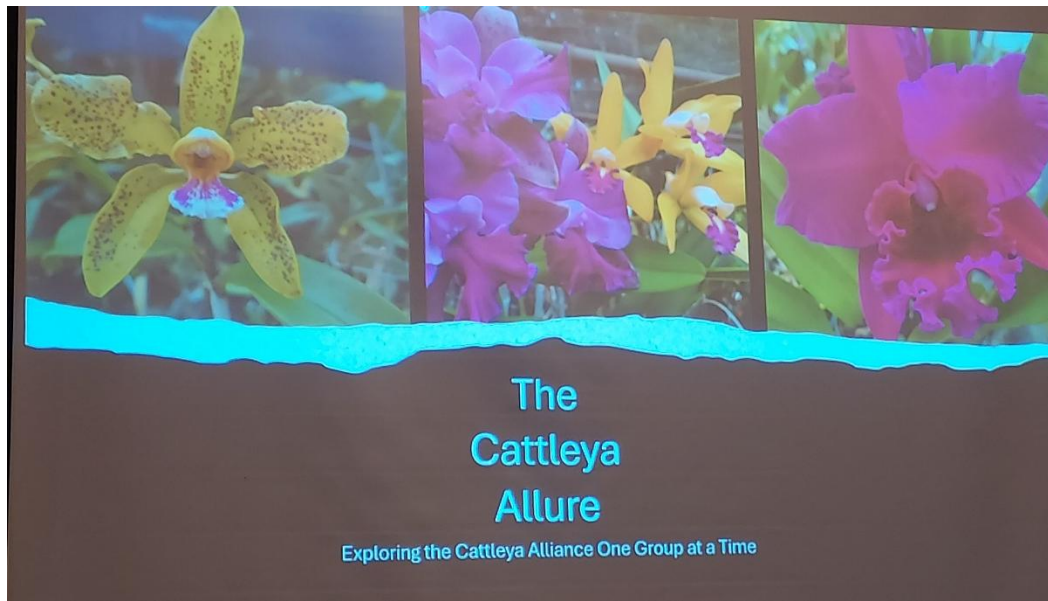


Orchid of the Month



Pot. Hot Topics - Jim Murtha

Feb. CJOs Speaker Beth Davis (Waldor Orchids)



Glossary of Common Cattleya Terms

1. **Alba:** is often used to describe a white or pale phase of a species or hybrid whose flowers are normally colored.
2. **Bifoliate:** Having two leaves.
3. **Clone:** An individual plant raised from a single seed, with all its subsequent vegetative propagation. Single quotes in the plant name designate clonal names. All divisions of this seedling would carry that clonal name.
4. **Coerulea:** is used to describe a violet hue of color that would be considered "blue" in an orchid flower.
5. **Hybrid:** The offspring resulting from the union of a species or hybrid with another species or hybrid.
6. **Intergeneric:** crosses with more than one genus
7. **Mericlone:** A clonal orchid plantlet produced through the technique of meristem propagation and would be identical to the original, if the process had been done carefully and correctly.
8. **Meristem:** The growing tissue made up of actively dividing cells, particularly at the tips of roots and at the apex of the vegetative or floral shoot.

Laelia

- * Flowers appear more star-shaped
- * Generally, hold their flowers up out of the foliage on longer inflorescences
- * Lips can be more tubular
- * Wide range of environments they come from
- * Native to Mexico to Brazil
- * Plants range from miniature i.e. *Laelia alaroi* to large specimens i.e. *Laelia anceps*



Photographer: Milton Wittmann



Photographer: Chaunie Langland

Bifoliate Cattleyas

- * 2 to 4 leaves per pseudobulbs
- * Generally, have more flowers per stem than unifoliate
- * Flowers are smaller
- * Most bloom in summer and fall
- * Native to Mexico and Brazil
- * Heavy substance flowers with a waxy texture



Rupicolous Laelia Species



Laelia briegeri

Brassavola

- * Typically, flowers are white, cream, or green colors
- * Are fragrant in the evening
- * Highlight lovers of the cattleya groups
- * Leaves are thick and would remind you of succulents
- * Native from Mexico into Central and South America and Jamaica



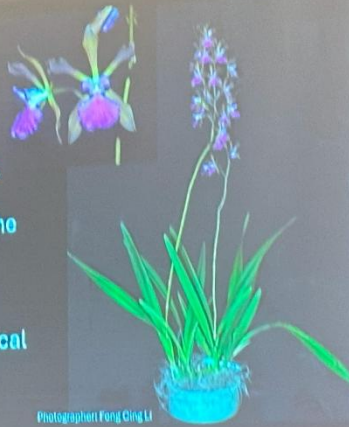
Photographer: Eric Sauer



Photographer: Glen Barfield

Encyella

- * Flowers bloom in succession on a long inflorescence.
- * Have a lip that is not entirely fused to the column but more or less encircles it.
- * Most flowers are fragrant
- * Flowers are long-lasting
- * Native to Mexico, Florida, and the tropical Americas



Photographer Fong Qing Li

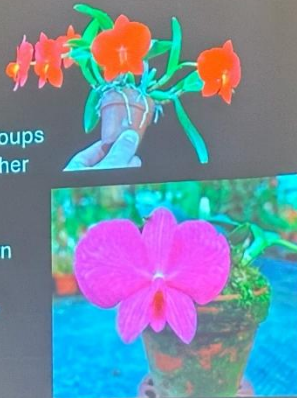
Epidendrum

- * Very diverse group of orchids
- * Can have pseudobulbs, or canes and be upright or pendant
- * Some species can grow up to 6 feet tall
- * Most bloom in spring and summer
- * Native to Central and South America with some species native to Florida
- * Most flowers are red, orange, and pink, occasionally white



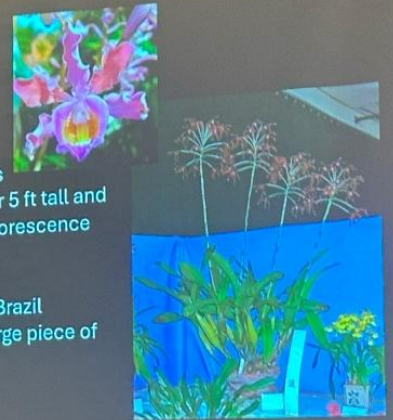
Sophranitis

- * The charming miniatures of the Cattleya groups
- * Generally, requires higher humidity than other cattleyas
- * Flowers can measure up to 2.5 inches
- * Native to Brazil, Paraguay and north-eastern Argentina
- * Found in the damp forest in the mountains



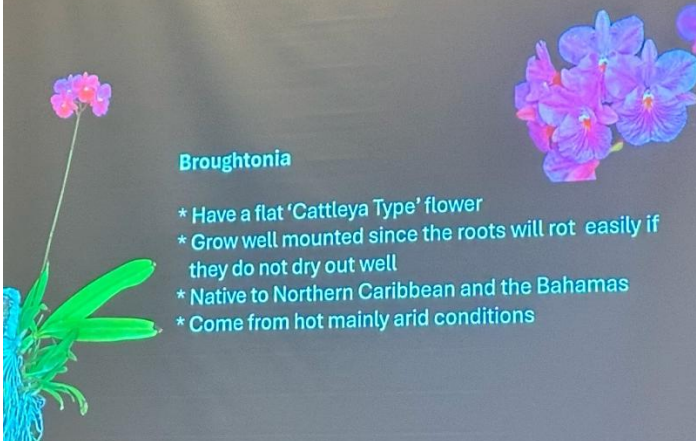
Schomburgkia

- * Thrive in hot tropical conditions
- * A mature plant can grow to over 5 ft tall and have up to 15 flowers on an inflorescence
- * Flowers are smaller
- * Most bloom in spring
- * Native to from Mexico down to Brazil
- * Will grow well mounted on a large piece of cork or tree fern



Broughtonia

- * Have a flat 'Cattleya Type' flower
- * Grow well mounted since the roots will rot easily if they do not dry out well
- * Native to Northern Caribbean and the Bahamas
- * Come from hot mainly arid conditions



Lc. = Laelia x Cattleya



Lc. Candy Corn
"Star of Hamana"
(C. Dubiosa x Trick or Treat)



Lc. Cantaloupe
"Linwood"
(C. Estelle x Golden Charm)

That these were all siblings!



Lc. Clayton's Uncle Joe
(Orglade's Persimmon x *C. intermedia*
var. *marginata* "Vera"



References

Plant Talk: Inside the New York Botanical Garden
By: Sonia Uyterhoeven

AOS.org

Orchid Pro

Orchid Wiz

The Classic Cattleya by Art Chadwick

Growing Cattleyas by Fred Clarke



SEPOS International Orchid Show & Sale

Returns to the Oaks Expo Center

April 4 - 6, 2025



HOURS

Friday 4/4
Noon - 6 pm

Saturday 4/5
9 am - 6 pm

Sunday 4/6
10 am - 4 pm

TICKETS

\$15 at door

Children Under 12 Free!

Save 20% online!

[Buy Now](#)



VENUE

Oaks Expo Center
100 Station Ave
Oaks, PA 19456

[Directions Here](#)

PARKING

**Unlimited
Free
Parking**

Note: Your PayPal receipt is your ticket. Please retain it (hard copy or on a device) and present it upon entry.

LODGING

Hampton Inn & Suites

Hilton Garden Inn

Less than one mile
from Expo Center

VENDORS

**Exciting New
Vendor Line Up!**

FREE TOURS

Sign up at show
More info here

Enjoy an exciting orchid weekend - tickets valid for entry all three days !!



Upcoming Webinars



Greenhouse Chat April 2025

Ron McHatton



Thursday, April 3rd, 2025
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST

Join Dr. Ron McHatton as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Please send your question and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by March 31, 2025.



Growing Orchids Indoors and in Terrariums with Chris Satch

Chris Satch



Wednesday, April 16th, 2025
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EDT

Chris will tell us about the successes and pitfalls of growing orchids indoors and in terrariums.



Greenhouse Chat May 2025

Ron McHatton



Thursday, May 8th, 2025
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EST

Join Dr. Ron McHatton as he answers your questions about all things orchids. Please send your question and pictures to Sandra Svoboda at greenhousechat@aos.org by May 5, 2025.



Calming Your Fears About Repotting Your Orchids with Janeil Payne

Janeil Payne



Thursday, May 15th, 2025
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM EDT

Janeil will discuss the best media and techniques to use when repotting your orchids.

Go to AOS.org for Webinar links and information on orchid culture and care. While you are visiting their site, please join AOS. Support this worthy organization.