



Central Jersey Orchid Society Newsletter

April 2025 Issue

President's Message

Dear Orchid Friends,

As we step into May, I'm reminded once again of the beauty and resilience that orchids embody—thriving in the most unexpected environments, much like our members who continue to share knowledge, passion, and inspiration with each other.

Our recent meeting was a wonderful showcase of community and creativity. From the blooming displays to the lively discussions, it's clear that our society continues to grow—not just in numbers, but in camaraderie and expertise. A heartfelt thank you to our speakers, volunteers, and every one of you who brings energy and enthusiasm to our gatherings.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events on the horizon. I encourage everyone to get involved, whether by volunteering, showing your plants, or simply attending and learning something new.

As always, may your growing spaces be filled with color, and your orchids continue to surprise and delight you.

Warmest regards,

Anne Skalka



Clowesia Rebecca Northern 'Pink Grapefruit'
Rachel Lemcke

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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.

December 2024: Holiday Party

January: Potting 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

May: Richard Ho

June: CJOS Picnic

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Carlos Macku April 2025 CJOS speaker

Orchid Cultivation under Residential Indoor Environments

Biography

Carlos was born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela. He received his doctoral degree in Agricultural Chemistry from UC Davis, California, and worked for the food industry for 35 years. He lives in Basking Ridge, New Jersey, and has been cultivating orchid plants in his home for the last 25 years. He records his horticultural experiences and has been publishing them in magazines such as *Orchids* and *Orchid Digest*.

Orchid plants evolved since the mid-Cretaceous period and naturally migrated to all continents. However, since the dawn of the neolithic era, humans have conceived new kinds of growing environments, each with distinctive horticultural characteristics. Residential indoor environments are particularly widespread but also the most challenging for orchid cultivators. Factors such as pot type, potting media, and other growing conditions will be discussed to foster horticultural success under the harsh household conditions.

Congrats to Joan and David Rosenfeld's AOS Award

AM 81 pts on this Phrag. Beauvalande 'On The Silk Road'



CJOS Members Show Table

Cattleya

1. *Catt. lawanagara*
Apple Blossom
Joe Thomas



2. *Catt. Loddigesii*
Jim Murtha

3. *Gur. aurantica* 'Spotted Queen'
Ann Skalka



Paph/Phrag

1. Phrag Eugene Conroy
Ann Skalka



2. Phrag Millbrook
Anne Skalka

3. Phrag Percii
Joe Thomas



VANDA/PHAL

1. Vanda NOID
Joe Thomas



2. Phal Ms. Rosemary MB089
Ed and Pam Frankel



3. Phal Natsume's Berry 'Little Treasure'
Rachel Lemcke

OTHER

1. Clowesia Rebecca Northen 'Pink Grapefruit'
Rachel Lemcke



2. Cymbidium NOID
Karen Kennedy

3. Tsubotaara Melinda Marie 'Blue Fairy'
Eleanor Bru



Den./Onc.

1. *Dendrobium senile*
Joe Thomas



2. *Dendrobium nobile* NOID
Tobie Parnett



3. *Dendrobium delicatum*
George Wallace



Orchid of the Month



Clowesia Rebecca Northern 'Pink Grapefruit'
Rachel Lemcke

March CJOS Speaker

Greg Griffis

Speaking from the Channel Islands in the English Channel, off the French coast of Normandy.

Eric Young Orchid Foundation

Many of Gregs stories can be found in more detail in David Rosenfeld's article in the AOS Bultins. AOS.org (search David Rosenfeld)



Eric Young's Personal Vision

Eric Young's passion for orchids blossomed into a remarkable vision, transforming his personal obsession into an enduring legacy. In the early 1980s, he embarked on an ambitious journey to establish a foundation dedicated to these exquisite flowers.

With a keen eye for detail, he meticulously planned and set the guidelines for this grand project. Soon, new premises were secured, and construction began, laying the groundwork for what would become a world-renowned haven for orchid enthusiasts.

Our Story

Eric Young

THE MAN BEHIND THE FOUNDATION

Born in 1911, Eric Young discovered his passion for orchids as a teenager. Though he tragically lost his first collection during the Second World War, a move to the picturesque island of Jersey and a flourishing business career reignited his love for these exquisite flowers. Eric Young went on to cultivate one of the world's most magnificent living orchid collections and became a pivotal supporter of the global orchid community.

A visit to the Eric Young Orchid Foundation is not just a journey through beautiful blooms; it's a step into the legacy of one of the most revered and celebrated orchid enthusiasts in history. Explore a lush sanctuary where nature's artistry is on full display and be inspired by the story of a man whose devotion to orchids transcended challenges and captivated the world.



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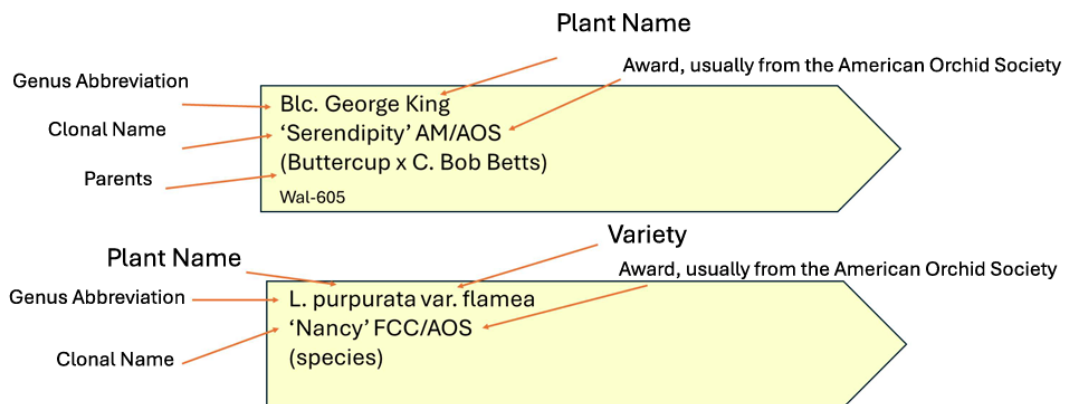


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From Beth Davis (Waldor Orchids)

This should help everyone with labels

Understanding Orchid Labels





American Orchid Society
Education. Conservation. Research.



Upcoming Webinars



Growing Orchids Indoors and in Terrariums with Chris Satch

Chris Satch



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

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 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 EST

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



AOS 7th Orchid Culture Day

ORCHIDS - From Seeds to Success

AOS 7th Culture Day

Adam Karremans, Keith and Dina Emig, Allen Black, and Manny Aybar



Sunday, May 18th, 2025
11 AM - 3:30 PM EDT EST

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.