



Central Jersey Orchid Society Newsletter

February 2025 Issue

February 2025 President's Message

Dear members,

It's show season!

The DeepCut Orchid Show begins Friday February 14th in Holmdel, NJ.

Attending orchid society shows and participating in club activities offer many benefits, whether you're a beginner or an experienced grower. Here are some key values:

- **Learning and Education**

Gain expert advice on orchid care, species, and hybrids while attending workshops and lectures by experienced growers and specialists.

Learn about pest control, fertilization, and proper growing conditions.

- **Networking and Community**

Meet fellow orchid growers who share your passion. Exchange knowledge, tips, and even plants with other members.

Find mentors who can guide you in improving your growing skills.

- **Access to Rare and Unique Orchids**

Discover unusual species and hybrids at shows and sales.

- **Participation in Shows and Competitions**

Exhibit your orchids and receive feedback from judges.

Compete for ribbons and awards that can boost your reputation.

Get inspired by stunning displays and innovative growing techniques.

- **Conservation and Preservation Efforts**

Support efforts to protect endangered orchid species.

Learn about sustainable growing practices and ethical orchid collecting.

- **Social and Recreational Benefits**

Participate in potluck gatherings, auctions, and fundraising events. **(Continued on next page)**



CJOS Holiday Party

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- **Resources and Discounts**

Gain access to libraries, online resources, and expert advice.

Receive discounts on supplies, fertilizers, and orchids from partner vendors.

And, please remember that the AOS is your first stop for information on the culture of your newly acquired plants. With photos and information on every known species and with thousands of photos of hybrids and their history, the AOS provides all levels of growers from window to greenhouse invaluable advice.

Hoping to see you at the DeepCut Orchid Society Show, February 14th and at our next meeting February 20th when our speaker, Beth Davis from Waldor, will present "The Cattleya Allure: Exploring the Cattleya Alliance One group at a Time." And, if time allows, Beth will demonstrate dividing a large cattleya, a topic we all enjoy.

Happy Growing!

Anne Skalka, President Central Jersey Orchid Society

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: Pottting Party

February: Beth Off - The Cattleya Allure:
Exploring the Cattleya Alliance One Group at a Time.

March: TBA

April: Carlos Macku - Orchid Cultivation
under Residential Indoor Environments

May: Richard Ho

June: CJOS Picnic

Officers and Committees:

President - Anne Skalka

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George Wallace – Web Master

Jeff Tyron – CJOS Photographer

CJOS Members Show Table

Cattleya

1. C. BC Pastoral Innocence
Jim Murtha



2. Pot. Dick Smith Aloha Spirit
Rob Rosenbaum

3. SLC. Jewel Box 'Beverly'
Rob Rosenbaum



VANDA/PHAL

1. Phal. 'Soft Cloud'
Ed & Pam Frankel



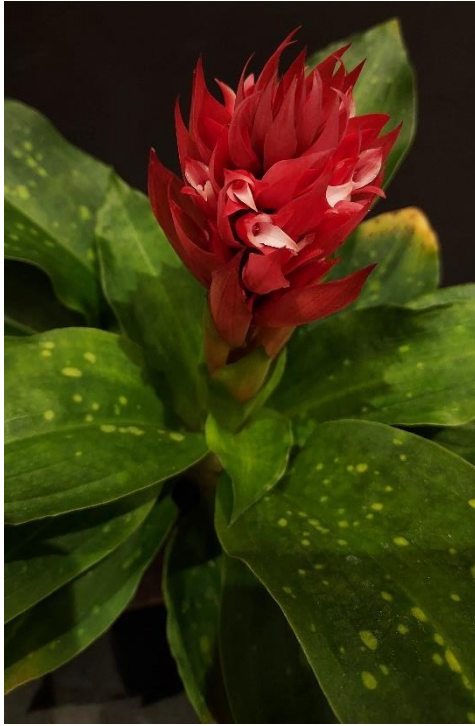
Other

1. 'Lambara Fire Aces'
Bard. Nanboh Pixy x Bro. sanguinea.
George Wallace

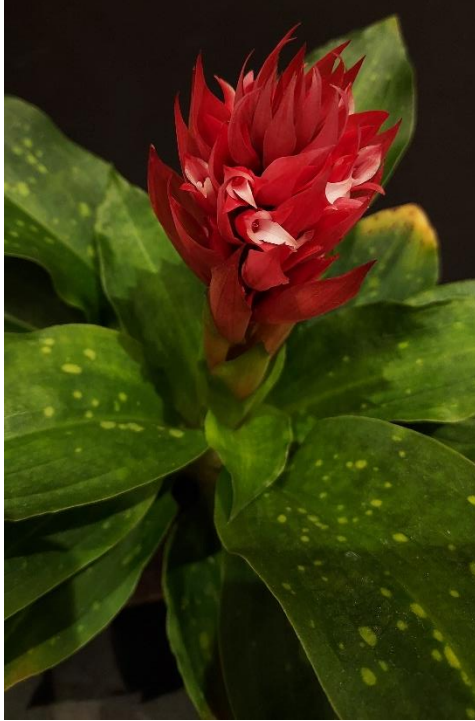


Species

1. *Stenorrhyncos speciosum*
Jeff Tryon



Orchid of the Month



Stenorrhyncos speciosum - Jeff Tryon

CJOS January meeting Potting Demo





North Jersey Orchid Society Show 2025



**Central Jersey Orchid Society
First Place**



"Congratulations and Gratitude!"

A big round of applause to our talented club members on earning their show ribbons—your hard work and dedication are truly inspiring!

We also extend a heartfelt thank you to Larry, Theresa, Ellie, Joe, and John for their invaluable assistance and exceptional design skills. Thank you, Terry, for minding the display and watering on Saturday. Your creativity and teamwork made everything come together beautifully.

Let's continue to celebrate our shared passion for orchids and the incredible efforts of our club!

Anne

Awarded Show Trophy



Paph. Lian Tan v alba
(other display plants shaded out to see awarded flowers better?)



Awarded an HCC



Paph. Betty Bracey HCC/AOS

First Place Ribbons



Camaridium inaudita 'Costa Rica Holiday Surprise' HCC/AOS



Rlc. Secret Affair 'Thanksgiving' AM/AOS

First Place Ribbons (cont.)



Phrag. Peacil



Cycd. Taiwan Gold 'Orange'



Paph. Lowii

Other Displays

North Jersey Orchid Society



**Southeastern
Pennsylvania
Orchid Society**



**Lehigh Valley
Orchid Society**



**Rage
(Rutgers Alumni
Growers and
Exhibitors)**



2025 NJOS Orchid Show Awards

Award	Plant	Exhibitor
A.07 Best of the Blues: General & Misc. & intrageneric Cattleya Hybrids	05-067 <i>Epidendrum secundum</i> 'Susan's Stripes' JC/AOS	Ralph Wahl (NJOS)
A.13 Joann Patrone Trophy: Cattleya Species	05-165 <i>Cattleya walkeriana</i> f. alba	Ken Reynolds (NJOS)
A.25 Margaret Delage Trophy: Small Flower Cattleya Hybrids	04-020 Ctt. Magic Bell 'Blu Llama'	Michelle St. Pierre (SEPOS)
A.35 Best of the Blues: Standard Flower Cattleya Hybrids	02-000 <i>Bepi.</i> Pheonix 'Kona'	(RAGE)
A.45 Best of the Blues: Large Flower Cattleya Hybrids	01-001 <i>C. Virgen de Guadalupe</i> 'Ethan Labate' AM/AOS	William Stender (LVOS)
A.45 Donald R. Carley Memorial Trophy: Std Flowering Cattleya Hybrids	01-001 <i>C. Virgen de Guadalupe</i> 'Ethan Labate' AM/AOS	William Stender (LVOS)
B.15 Best of the Blues: Species & Small Flower Cymbidium Hybrids	05-014 <i>Cymbidium</i> Pearl Sachiko 'Timothy Henry'	Carrie Buchman (NJOS)
B.25 Best of the Blues: Cymbidium Standard Hybrids	01-040 <i>Cym.</i> Hazel Faye x Dosido	William Stender (LVOS)
B.31 Ed Howel Memorial Trophy: Best Cymbidium	05-014 <i>Cymbidium</i> Pearl Sachiko 'Timothy Henry'	Carrie Buchman (NJOS)
C.7 Best of the Blues: Paphiopedilum. species	04-036 <i>Paph fairieanum</i>	Richard Garrison (SEPOS)
C.24 Best of the Blues: Bulldog & Maudiae type Paph. Hybrids	03-327 <i>Paph.</i> Betty Bracey	Joseph Thomas (CJOS)
C.32 John B. Lager Memorial Trophy: Best Paphiopedilum	03-327 <i>Paph.</i> Betty Bracey	Joseph Thomas (CJOS)
C.51 Irene Schwartz Memorial Trophy: Best Phrag., Mex. or Cyp.	04-011 <i>Phrag.</i> Calurum	Bill Keating (SEPOS)
D.17 Best of the Blues: Dendrobium Species	06-602 <i>Dendrobium dichaeoides</i>	J&L Orchids
D.18 Best of the Blues: Dendrobium Hybrids	04-025 <i>Den.</i> Fire Wings 'Gigi' AM/CCE/AOS	Ryan Moraski (SEPOS)
D.19 Janet Howe Memorial Trophy: Best Dendrobium	04-025 <i>Den.</i> Fire Wings 'Gigi' AM/CCE/AOS	Ryan Moraski (SEPOS)
E.6 Best of the Blues: Maxillaria Alliance	05-071 <i>Zygopetalum</i> Debbie De Mello 'Honolulu Baby' AM/AOS	Ralph Wahl (NJOS)
F.24 Louis Heinrich Memorial Trophy: Best Oncidium Alliance	05-108 <i>Rossioglossum</i> Bob Hamilton	Alan Kenwood (NJOS)
G.07 Best of the Blues: Phalaenopsis Species and Specialty Hybrids.	05-085 <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Lianher Cranberry 'Cha-Cha'	Ralph Wahl (NJOS)

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Award	Plant	Exhibitor
G.14 Best of the Blues: Phalaenopsis Small Flower Hybrids	04-030 <i>Phal.</i> Liu's Triprince 'KF#4'	Cathy Higgins (SEPOS)
G.24 Best of the Blues: Phalaenopsis Standard flower Hybrids	05-106 <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Bronze Maiden	Alan Kenwood (NJOS)
G.34 Best of the Blues: Phalaenopsis Large Flower Hybrids	05-175 <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Taisuco Anna 'K71303' AM/AOS	Elena and Sergey Skoropod
G.35 Leslie Stern Memorial Award: Best Phalaenopsis	05-175 <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Taisuco Anna 'K71303' AM/AOS	Elena and Sergey Skoropod
H.11 Robert Hunt Memorial Trophy: Best Pleurothallid	01-014 <i>Masdevallia</i> Snowbird	Jennifer Jung (LVOS)
I.41 Vandaceous Alliance Trophy: Best Vanda Alliance	06-623 <i>Aerangis luteoalba</i> v <i>rhodosticta</i>	J&L Orchids
J.12 Miscellaneous Genera Trophy	06-606 <i>Dendrochilum parvulum</i>	J&L Orchids
K.11 Orchid Digest Award	NJOS Exhibit designed by Ralph Wahl	NJOS/Ralph Wahl
L.1 AOS Show Trophy	NJOS Exhibit designed by Ralph Wahl	NJOS/Ralph Wahl
L.2 Patti Lee Memorial Trophy: Best Orchid in Show	01-001 <i>C. Virgen de Guadalupe</i> 'Ethan Labate' AM/AOS	William Stender (LVOS)
L.3 Don Richardson Memorial Trophy: Best Specimen	04-025 <i>Den.</i> Fire Wings 'Gigi' AM/CCE/AOS	Ryan Moraski (SEPOS)
L.4 Mike Mazur Mem. Trophy: Best species other than best in show/best specimen	05-165 <i>Cattleya walkeriana</i> f. <i>alba</i>	Ken Reynolds (NJOS)
L.5 John D Sullivan Trophy: Best non-commercial micro-miniature orchid	05-188 <i>Lankesterella ceracifolia</i>	Lenny Zieff (NJOS)

Support the Deb Bodei Fukiran Award Endowment

~Bill Bodei



Deb Bodei was more than a devoted orchid enthusiast; she was a driving force within both Deep Cut and the American Orchid Society (AOS). Deb leaves behind a legacy of dedication, innovation, and leadership that will be remembered for years to come. Her untimely passing last year was a profound loss to the orchid community (her extended family), but her remarkable contributions and unwavering passion continue to inspire those who had the privilege to work alongside her.

In the fall of 2024, The American Orchid Society Board of Trustees voted to endow

a special annual award in her honor. As many of you know, Deb had a passion for *Vanda falcata*. As *Vanda falcata* was previously genus *Neofinetia*, many still refer to these lovely plants as Neos. 'Neo's are diverse, and

much like jewel or painted leaf orchids, are admired as much for their foliage as they are the flowers.

Further, they are often displayed in beautiful pottery.

In the summer of 2023 worked with the American Orchid Society and the Fukiran Society of America to produce additional guidance for AOS Judges in how to judge these plants. In the true spirit of Fukiran, consideration for The Annual Deb Bodei Fukiran Awards award will review all quality awards, cultural awards and Judges Commendations for all *Vanda falcata* and its F1 hybrids in a given year and recognize that one plant that exhibits the true spirit of the Fukiran form.



Please consider donating to support this endowment. Its indeed a very special and rare honor to be memorialized in this way by the AOS. Your generous contribution to support this endowment will inspire the proliferation of the orchid hobby, and of Neos in particular. That more than anything would mean the world to Deb, and as we continue to navigate Deep Cut without her, we can rally in support of this honor and continue to work together in pursuit of our orchid passions.

Show your support for this GoFundMe: gofundme.com/f/fukiran

To learn more about Deb, or to share a personal story, visit her [online memorial](https://debbodei.forevermissed.com) : debbodei.forevermissed.com



[Dearborn Market, Holmdel NJ 2170 NJ-35, Holmdel, NJ 07733](https://www.deepcutorchidsociety.org/show)

Friday 12pm - 6pm, Saturday - 9am-6pm, Sunday 9am-4pm

SEPOS International Orchid Show & Sale Returns to the Oaks Expo Center April 4 - 6, 2025





American Orchid Society
Education. Conservation. Research.



Upcoming Webinars



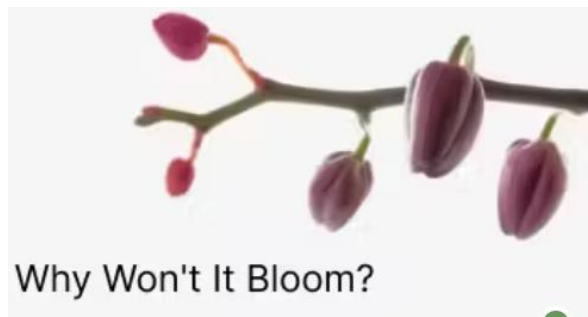
Inorganic Potting Media: Never Repot Again with Harvey Brenneise, Part 2

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.



Why Won't It Bloom?

Ron McHatton



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

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



Greenhouse Chat April 2025

Ron McHatton



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

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

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.

How Do You Grow?

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

2025 GreenScapes Symposium

For CJOS Green Thumb People (Even if your thumb isn't quite that green this is interesting) There is a

Registration Fee: \$60

Email from: Jason Gedeik Brookside Gardens with Montgomery Parks (MD)

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Hello – I work at Brookside Gardens with Montgomery Parks (MD) and am reaching out to request your help sharing information with your members about the upcoming GreenScapes Symposium. This virtual one-day event is the largest sustainable landscapes symposium on the East Coast. We offer education credits for Master Gardeners among other professional CEUs. This year the symposium will focus on creating sustainable gardens that are resilient to climate changes. Experts will share design strategies in addition to plant combinations and layouts.

2025 GreenScapes Symposium – Friday, February 14 / 9am-4pm

www.brooksidegreen.org

Interested in learning how to beautify your home garden while protecting the environment? Join Brookside Gardens for our upcoming virtual GreenScapes Symposium on February 14 focused on creating sustainable landscapes that are resilient against climate change. Experts will present an array of native plant combinations and design layouts that manage water runoff, survive droughts, and support pollinators and wildlife.

This will be offered as a series of live Zoom lectures with audience Q&A. Each session will be recorded and a link to watch the symposium will be emailed to participants. Professional CEUs are offered including for Master Gardeners, landscape designers and architects. To learn more about the speakers and lecture topics, please visit: www.brooksidegreen.org.

Jason Gedeik

Adult Education Manager