



Central Jersey Orchid Society Newsletter

October 2024 Issue

October 2024 President's Message

Dear orchid growers,

As the cooler months approach, November marks an important time for orchid care, especially as many of our plants are shifting into their winter rest period. This is a great moment to ensure your orchids are properly cared for to help them thrive throughout the season and prepare for future blooms.

Here are some key November Orchid Care Tips:

1. Adjust Watering

As temperatures drop and light levels decrease, many orchids need less water. Reduce the frequency of watering but ensure that your orchids don't dry out completely. Check the roots and potting medium regularly to maintain the right balance.

2. Humidity Maintenance

With indoor heating systems kicking in, humidity can drop quickly. Orchids thrive in a humid environment, so use a humidifier or a humidity tray to keep levels between 50-70%. Misting your plants can also help, but be sure to avoid water pooling in the crown to prevent rot.

3. Light Adjustments

Shorter daylight hours mean less natural light. Move your orchids to a brighter window or consider using a grow light to provide them with the 10-12 hours of light they need daily. If growing in a greenhouse adjust your shade cloth as needed. Generally, our sun cloths are changed, adjusted or removed in October and February.

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Poinciana 'Egyptian Queen'

Jim Murtha

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4. Temperature Control

Orchids generally prefer a temperature drop at night to simulate their natural environment. Ensure that your orchids experience a difference of 10-15 degrees between day and night temperatures for optimal growth. The AOS SAYS:

In the fall, start bringing all plants indoors or in greenhouses when the nighttime low reaches 55F/12.7C for the first time.

5. Repotting Consideration

November is usually not the best time for repotting unless absolutely necessary. Wait until the active growing season in spring if possible, as orchids prefer to be repotted when they're pushing out new growth.

6. Watch for Pests

The shift to indoor environments can invite pests like spider mites and scale. Regularly inspect your orchids for any signs of pests and treat them promptly to avoid damage.

This November, let's keep our orchids healthy and happy as they transition into the quieter winter months. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or to share updates on how your orchids are doing.

Happy growing!

Best,

Anne Skalka, President,

Change "Gardeners" to "Orchid Growers" and its even more applicable.



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: TBA

May 15: Richard Ho

June : Picnic (date TBA)

Officers and Committees:

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**Details (Maps and Pictures)
of Meeting Location on
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**Additional Parking for CJOS
Meeting see page 19**

CJOS Member's Show Table

CATTLEYA

1. Potinara 'Egyptian Queen' Jim Murtha



2. LC. 'Rosie's Surprise' George Guz



3. Potinara 'Paradise Rose SVO x
Pot. Rubescence SVO AM/AOS Jim Murtha

DENDROBIUM/ONCIDIUM

1. Dendrobium 'Baby Hibiki'
John Bryan



PAPH/PHRAG

1. Paph. Lowii (Joe Thomas)



VANDA/PHAL

**1. Phal NOID
Diana Frost**



**2. Phal NOID
Joe Thomas**

SPECIES

1. *Corybas geminigibbus*
Danielle Gordon



2. *C. Aclandiae*
Jim Murtha

3. *Lepanthes Lucifer*
Joe Thomas



MISC. GENERA

1. *Habenaria Medusa*
Chris Bevins



2. Epi. Pseudepidendrum 'Rogue Orchids'
melanoporphyreum
Joe Thomas

3. *Zygonisia Cynosure* 'Blue Birds'
Joe Thomas



ORCHID OF THE MONTH



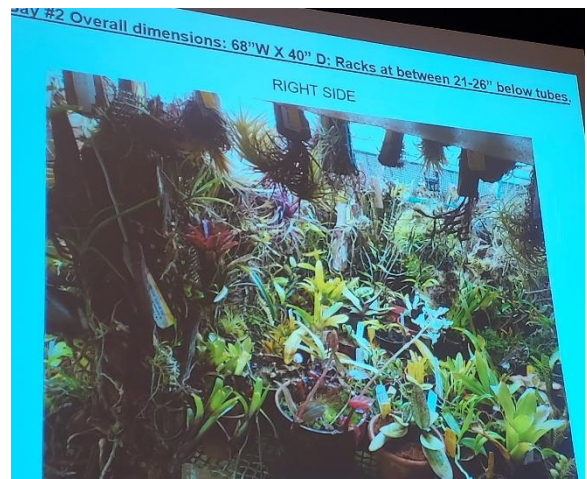
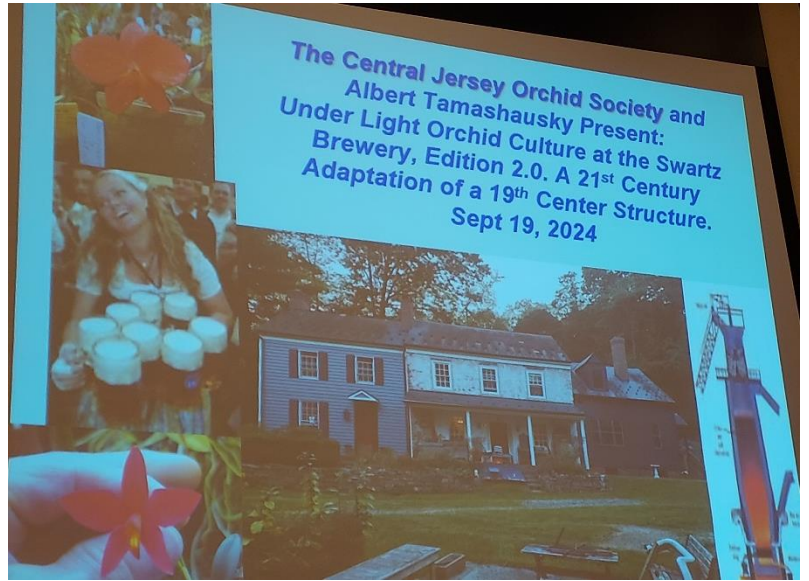
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Jim Murtha

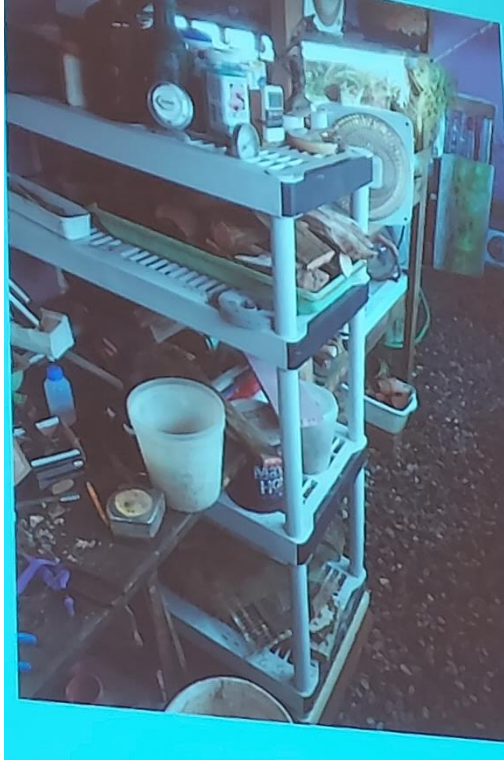
Important Show Table information!

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.

Albert Tamashauskyy - CJOs Sept Speaker

Under Lights Orchid Growing at the Swartz Brewery Oxford NJ







American Orchid Society
Education. Conservation. Research.



Upcoming Webinars



AOS CULTURE DAY "KNOW MORE NOVEMBER: ORCHID CULTURE, CONSERVATION AND YOU!"

John Romano, Jason Fischer, Lucy Matos-Lodato,
Keith Clark, and Ben Oliveros



Sunday, November 10th, 2024
11 AM - 3:30 PM EST EST



Citizen Scientists Meet Native Orchids

Bob Sprague



Tuesday, November 12th, 2024
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM EST EST

Bob talks about the work of orchid enthusiasts studying and caring for native orchids and their habitat.



Greenhouse Chat November 2024

Ron McHatton



Tuesday, November 19th, 2024
8:30 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 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?

**YOU CAN ALWAYS
FIND ROOM FOR MORE**

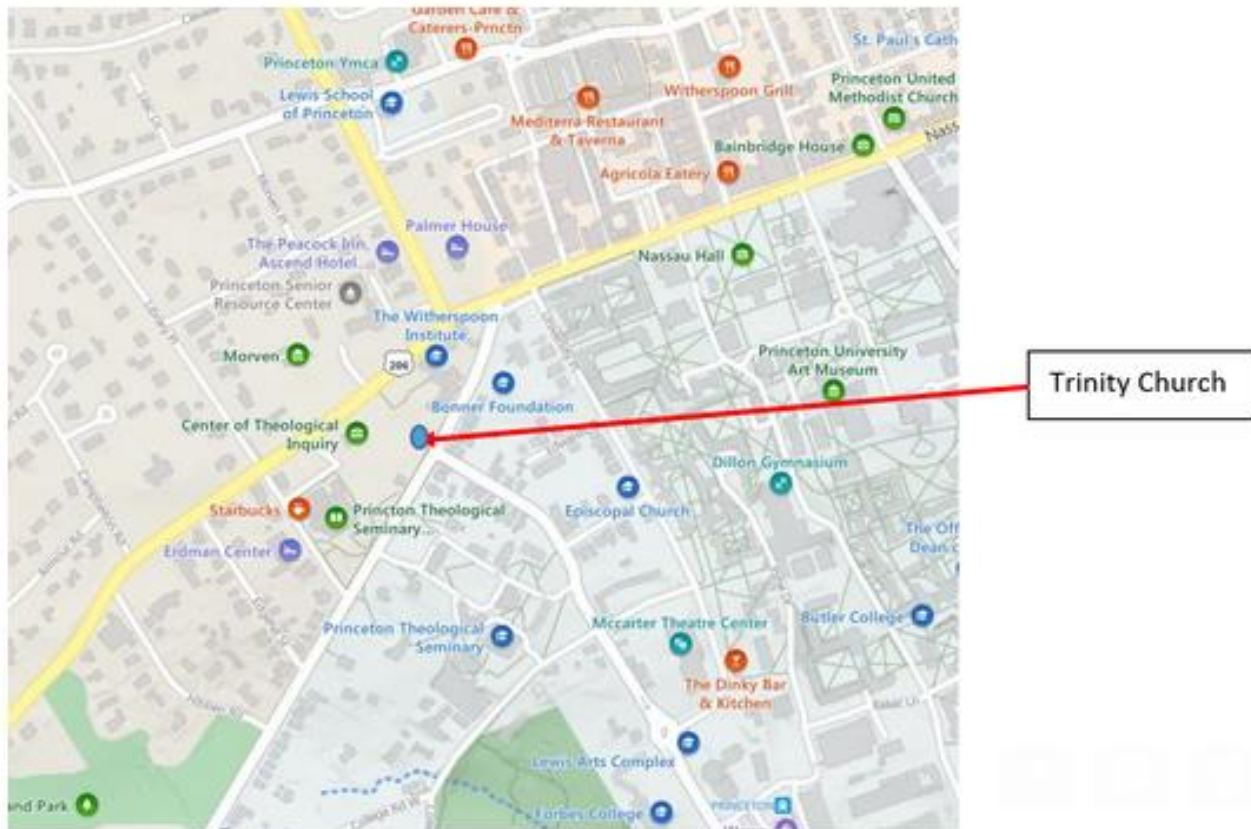


My dead plant collection. Every mistake is a learning opportunity.



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

Here are some map locations and pictures (next few pages) to help find the new location. Here is one of the easiest ways to pin point the new meeting location: It is almost directly opposite Alexander Rd. Since it will probably be dark, I have included a few night time pictures of the meeting location.





Church Entrance

Church Parking Lot



Church Entrance

Night Time pictures of meeting location



This view is looking south on Mercer St (away from downtown Princeton) note the crosswalk just before the entrance to the Parking lot.



This view is looking north on Mercer St (toward downtown Princeton)

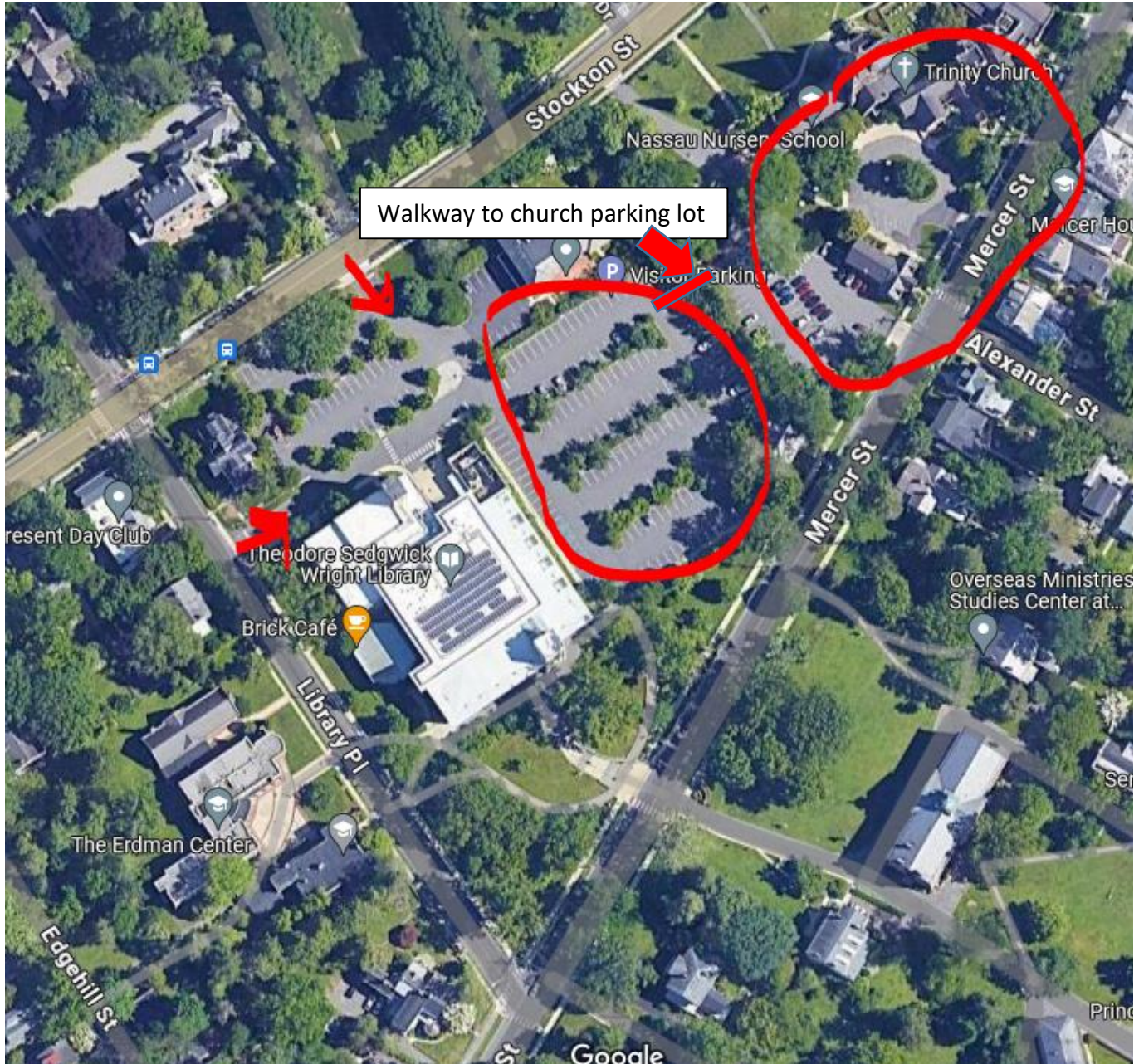


This view is in the parking lot facing toward the meeting entrance door.



This view is the door (the one that is brightly lit, straight ahead) for the meeting entrance

Additional Parking for CJOS Meeting



You can get to this additional parking (Princeton Theological Seminary Library) from Route 206 or Library Place (see map above). There is a cut through path to get to the Trinity Church meeting site from this parking lot. Facing the Trinity Church it is to the far right.