



Central Jersey Orchid Society Newsletter

September 2023

September 2023 President's Message



Dear members,
I'm really looking forward to this upcoming year with the Central Jersey Orchid Society, as we have many fun things to do. We've accepted the invitation to participate in the North Jersey Orchid Society in mid-January, and we'll also be participating in the DeepCut Show in February and SEPOS in April. This is how we show off our talented members to the other clubs and demonstrates how we work together as a club. We'll be doing a plant project this year and I look forward to your input as to what we choose. Our biggest upcoming event is our annual auction; this year the event will be at Trinity Church, our regular meeting place, on October 28th. I will be contacting each of you to see what you can donate. This event is our only fundraiser and pays for our speakers, parties, web presence, AOS dues and all the miscellaneous expenses of the shows, our snacks and what nots. It's very important that each and everyone participate in the event. We'll have plenty of opportunities for members to volunteer, even if you don't have plants to donate. It's a big event and needs everyone's support. As you have seen from Ed Frankel's emails we will **NOT** have a meeting on our regular date of October 19th but instead hold our auction on the 28th. Our annual ribbon presentation will take place before the auction. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

We welcome a new treasurer this year, Matthew Pagano. Matt will be available at the October 28th meeting to collect any stray dues (all dues must be

paid by November 1st). Matt has been a member of the club for several years and his willingness to step up is greatly appreciated. In the meantime, please see Tobie Parnett who is collecting dues in Matt's absence. Please check the website for further information.

As you walk in the door on September 21st for our first meeting you will notice some changes. Our raffle tickets are now available at the door. The price is five dollars per ticket and because each of us can only win once this will save time and tickets for the raffle. Also, you will be handed a differently colored door prize ticket. The door prize will be awarded to the member with the matching number. To participate you will need to have your name tag and sign in with our new sign-in sheet. We will have name badges available for members without name tags. I encourage everyone who has their name tag at home to bring it with you in September.

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**Pages 11-14 CJOS Meeting Location and
Directions**

Another change you will notice will be our committee sign-up sheet. All members will be asked to participate in at least one committee. You can choose from and select one or more committees:

- Auction
- Shows
- Speakers
- Snack/hospitality
- Plant project
- Set up/clean-up
- Holiday and Picnic planning
- Membership and nominations
- Judging and ribbons

As President, I'll be involved in all of the committees. As you can see, however, there is far too much work to be done by the small group of people that comprises our current volunteer pool. We'll take a photo of the sign-up sheets so that everyone can be reminded of what they've committed to. Please don't hesitate to contact me at anne@skalkacpa.com or Skalkacpa@gmail.com. If you prefer to text, it's 609-865-2031.

See you on September 21st!
Anne Skalka, President 2023-2024

Meeting Location
Trinity Church 33 Mercer St,
Princeton, NJ 08540-6893

Arrive at 6:30.
Meeting will start at 7:00PM
Meetings are held the **Third Thursday** of the month.

Details (Maps and Pictures) of Meeting Location on Pages 12-15

Meetings and Events 2023

September: Greg Griffis
“The Terrific Terrestrials”

October: CJOs Auction

Nov: TBA

December: Holiday Party

January: TBA

February TBA

March: TBA

April: TBA

May: TBA

June: CJOs Picnic

Officers and Committees

President - Anne Skalka

Vice President – Jaymie Santiago

Treasurer/Membership – Matt Pagano

Corresponding/Recording Secretary -Tobie Parnett

Editor Newsletter - Ed Frankel

CJOSnewsletter@gmail.com

George Wallace – Web Master

Jeff Tyron – CJOS Photographer

CJOS Members Show Table

Show Table Pictures will Start in the October Newsletter

Important Show Table information!

To make the judging process more efficient, we want people to fill out a judging form or their plant will not be eligible for judging. I will attach a judging form to all newsletters including this email.

Raffle

We reviewed the raffle procedure and it seems like we are not being as efficient as we could be picking numbers. It has been a long-standing courtesy that once a plant is won, if any of your other tickets were picked that night, you would decline and another person would be picked. It seems to be more efficient to just have everyone get one ticket for the \$5 and there would not be any more tickets to hunt through.

CJOS Auction

We are going to have a **CJOS auction on 28th**. This is a good time to look at your collection to see what plants you will be able to donate for the auction.

Please remember that the auction is the main fundraiser for the society.

The proceeds from the auction funds the speakers, the holiday party, the picnic, our rent, American Orchid Society dues and our participation in the three major Orchid shows and all other costs to the group.

Attendance at the auction is the responsibility of each of the members. Please bring your friends that are plant people too.

Our only meeting in October will be the day of the auction. We will have our ribbons presentation immediately before the auction.

Please check your plants now and set aside any duplicates and divisions. Please make sure they are in good condition to donate and are free from bugs.

Please contact me at Edsharkf@yahoo.com with the names of plants you can donate. We need to compile a plant list for the auction.

CJOS Shirts

Luanne Arico will again be accepting orders for our lovely new CJOS Shirts at the September meeting. No payment is required at that time. If a member is unable to attend the meeting they can contact her at larico@comcast.net or 609-275-1236 (home phone). **We need a minimum of 12 orders so now is the time to act and buy a shirt!** Please see pictures below for pricing information.





Upcoming Webinars



Virtual Judging as a Training and Educational Exercise

Sergey Skoropad

Tuesday, September 19th, 2023
8:30 PM EDT

Sergey Skoropad, an AOS Orchid Judge, will share the successful experience of Virtual Judging as a training and educational exercise.



AOS Greenhouse Chat with Ron McHatton

Ron McHatton

Thursday, September 21st, 2023
8:30 PM EDT

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 September 18, 2023.



Lycaste, Current Trends in Hybridizing and Judging

Tim Culbertson

Thursday, October 12th, 2023
8:30 PM EDT

Tim Culbertson, noted hybridizer and AOS judge, takes us through Lycaste, with his perspectives on judging to help us to understand what breeders are striving for to satisfy purchasers.

Go to AOS.org for 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 members growing methods/conditions. Please send me pictures of your growing conditions (summer/winter) CJOSNewsletter@gmail.com. Let's see some pictures of your growing space.

Deepcut Auction - September 23rd

Please support if you can.

However, make sure you still have room for more plants from our auction on October 28.

Don't miss out on the biggest orchid auction event of the year!

Saturday, September 23rd – Registration and plant preview 11:30am, bidding starts at 12noon. The auction runs from 12-4pm.

Register early for a \$5 credit toward your auction plants. (Early registration cut off 9/21). Register here deepcutorchidsociety.org/auction



The flyer features a large background image of a vibrant red and yellow orchid. In the top left corner, there is a logo for the 'DEEPCUT ORCHID SOCIETY' with a small illustration of an orchid. Below the logo are three circular inset images showing different orchid varieties: a purple and white one, a yellow and pink one, and a dark brown one. On the right side, a dark red rounded rectangle contains the text 'ORCHID AUCTION' in large white letters, followed by promotional text: 'The area's biggest orchid plant auction is back and better than ever!', 'Over 200 plants sourced from the BEST nurseries!', 'Plants for beginners and hobbyists!!', 'Free Refreshments!!!', and 'Free Parking!!!!'. At the bottom left, a dark red banner displays 'Sept 23rd 2023' and '12pm-4pm (preview and registration 11:30am)'. At the bottom right, the location is listed as 'Middletown Public Library' with the address '55 New Monmouth Rd, Middletown Township, NJ 07748'. A small URL 'deepcutorchidsociety.org/auction' is at the bottom center.

This year is shaping up to be one of our best auctions in a very long time. We have a great location this year at the [Middletown Public Library Community room](#). There is plenty of free parking, and it's just 1.3 miles from the Middletown Train Station for those coming by public transportation. (That's just a 5-minute Uber ride.) The plant list will be published on our [website](#) approximately two weeks before the auction. We are sourcing plants from the finest orchid nurseries in the world! Confirmed nurseries so far include Sunset Valley Orchids (SVO), RF Orchids, Lehua Orchids, Orchid Eros, Chadwick Orchids with more to be announced. We will also have some amazing divisions and specimens donated from the top growers in our club. You really don't want to miss this one.

There will be a limited number of remote bidding slots available if you can't make it in person. Contact deepcutorchids@gmail.com for more information. Shipping costs for remote bidders will apply if applicable.

Cattleya information

Found this online, it may be useful if you have the fall repot varieties

The Cattleya species must repot on time, they are not forgiving as the hybrids.

When to repot Cattleya species

Cattleya unifoliate species grow roots at different seasons.

The best way is to note on the tag when they begin to grow new roots according to Fred Clarke.

Repot a Cattleya just when starts to grow new roots.

Spring or Summer Repot

Cattleya labiata,
Cattleya trianae,
Cattleya mossiae,
Cattleya schroederiae,
Cattleya mendelii
and their hybrids

(Those are Fall/Winter blooming species)

Fall Repot

Cattleya warscewiczii,
Cattleya lueddemanniana,
Cattleya warneri,
Cattleya dowiana aurea
Cattleya dowiana
Cattleya rex
Cattleya gaskelliana,

Cattleya Hardyana(natural hybrid)

(Those are Spring/Summer blooming species)

Cartoon Corner

I know they are not specifically orchid cartoons but most of us like other plants too (just not as much as our orchids).



TWO KINDS OF PLANT PEOPLE



OMG, MY PLANT IS DYING

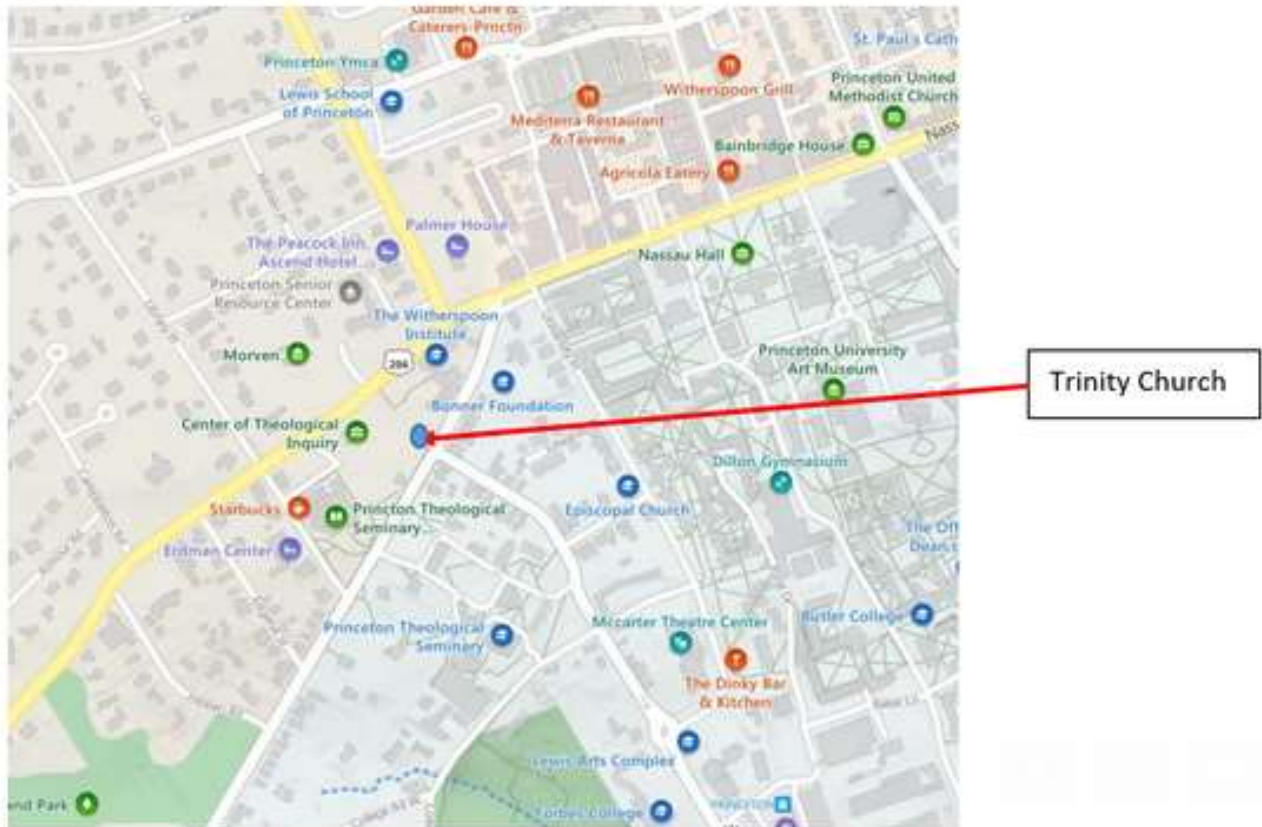
I THINK I CAN SAVE IT!!!

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



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

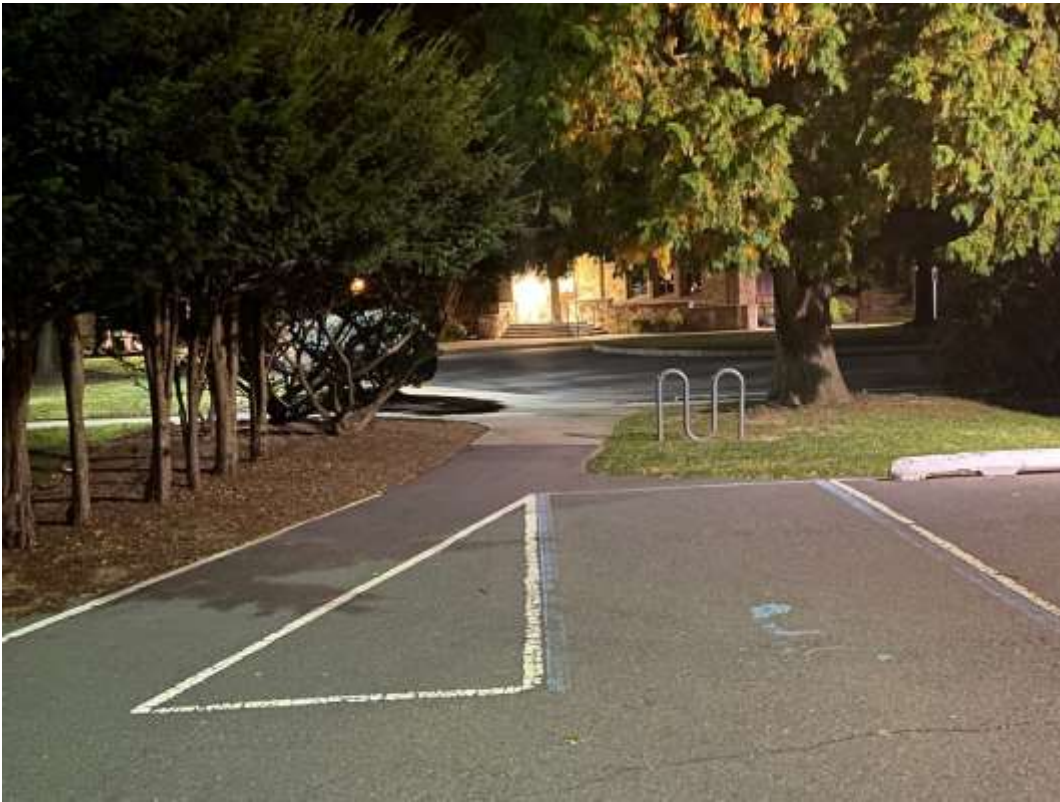
Night Time pictures of meeting location



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

