



Central Jersey Orchid Society Newsletter

August 2026 Issue

President's Message

Welcome Back, Orchid Slayers!

Well, here we are again—September is upon us, summer is winding down, and hopefully our orchids have survived the heat, humidity, vacations, missed waterings, and whatever other questionable decisions we made while telling ourselves, *“They’ll be fine for a few days.”*

I hope everyone had a great summer and that your orchids are thriving—or at least still alive enough to blame the weather for anything that went wrong!

As we kick off another year with the **Central Jersey Orchid Society**, I’m excited about what lies ahead. We have a lot happening, and I’m looking forward to seeing everyone again, sharing plants, swapping stories, learning from one another, and, of course, convincing ourselves that we absolutely **do not need another orchid**. We all know how that usually works out.

🌿 Our Annual Picnic

First up is our annual picnic! All of the details regarding the **date, time, and location are included elsewhere in this newsletter**. Please make sure you **RSVP** so we can get an accurate head count.

Come out, enjoy some good food, good company, and good orchid conversation. And remember: calories consumed at an orchid society event don't count. I’m pretty sure that’s somewhere in the bylaws.

🔔 Some BIG News: The Deep Cut Orchid Society

One of the biggest things I want everyone to have on their radar is the **possibility of a merger with the Deep Cut Orchid Society**.

This is not something being taken lightly, and there are many things for us to consider before any decisions are made. Most importantly, **we want to hear from you, our members**.

A merger could bring some exciting opportunities, but it also comes with questions and concerns that need to be discussed. How would it affect our current members? What would meetings look like? Where would we meet? Would travel become more difficult for some of our members? What new opportunities could it create for the club?

There are plenty of questions—and we want your input before moving forward.

So please, **share your thoughts, concerns, ideas, and opinions with the board**. This is your society, and your voice matters. Whether you're enthusiastic about the possibility, completely against it, or somewhere in the middle, we want to hear from you.

👤🗳️ We Need You!

And now comes the part of the President’s message where I shamelessly ask for volunteers!

We currently have **two important board positions that need members willing to step up: Vice President and Treasurer**.

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I will be **acting as Vice President until we can find someone willing to take over the position.** Matt Pagano has also graciously agreed to **continue serving as Treasurer until we can find someone to take over that position.**

We really need members to consider stepping up and getting involved.

You don't have to be an orchid expert. You don't need to have years of board experience. And no, you don't need to know the difference between a *Phalaenopsis* and a *Phalaenopsis* that you bought because you couldn't resist it at Home Depot.

What you do need is a willingness to help.

New ideas, fresh perspectives, and new faces are exactly what keep a club like ours growing. The society belongs to all of us, and the more members who participate, the stronger and more enjoyable it becomes.

So if you've ever thought, "*Maybe I should get more involved,*" this is your opportunity!

Please reach out to me or another board member if you're interested in either position or would simply like to help out in some other way. There are plenty of opportunities to contribute without necessarily joining the board.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in September and starting another great year together.

Welcome back, Orchid Slayers—and may your orchids bloom, your roots stay happy, and your plant purchases remain completely defensible!

— Chris

Chris Bevins
President
Central Jersey Orchid Society

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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.

September 26: - Picnic

October 15: - TBA

November 19: - TBA

December 17: 2026: Holiday Party

January 21: - TBA

February 18: - TBA

March 18: TBA

April 15: - TBA

May 20: - TBA

June: TBA Picnic

Officers and Committees:

President – Chris Bevins

Vice President – George Wallace

Treasurer/Membership – Matt Pagano

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Secretary** – Danielle Gordon

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September 26 CJOs Picnic

Location Mercer County Park West Picnic Area (see maps and pictures below)

12 noon

**CJOs will supply Sandwiches (What ever you call them): Hoagie or grinder or Subs,
Plates and napkins.**

Please bring a side dish with utensils (that is suitable for a long sitting time outside).

Or have the dish sitting on ice.

Please bring a beverage of your choice.

Park rules are as follows:

**Alcoholic beverage consumption is limited to PERSONAL amounts of beer and wine only. Beer
must be in cans or kegs, and wine is allowed in boxes only.**

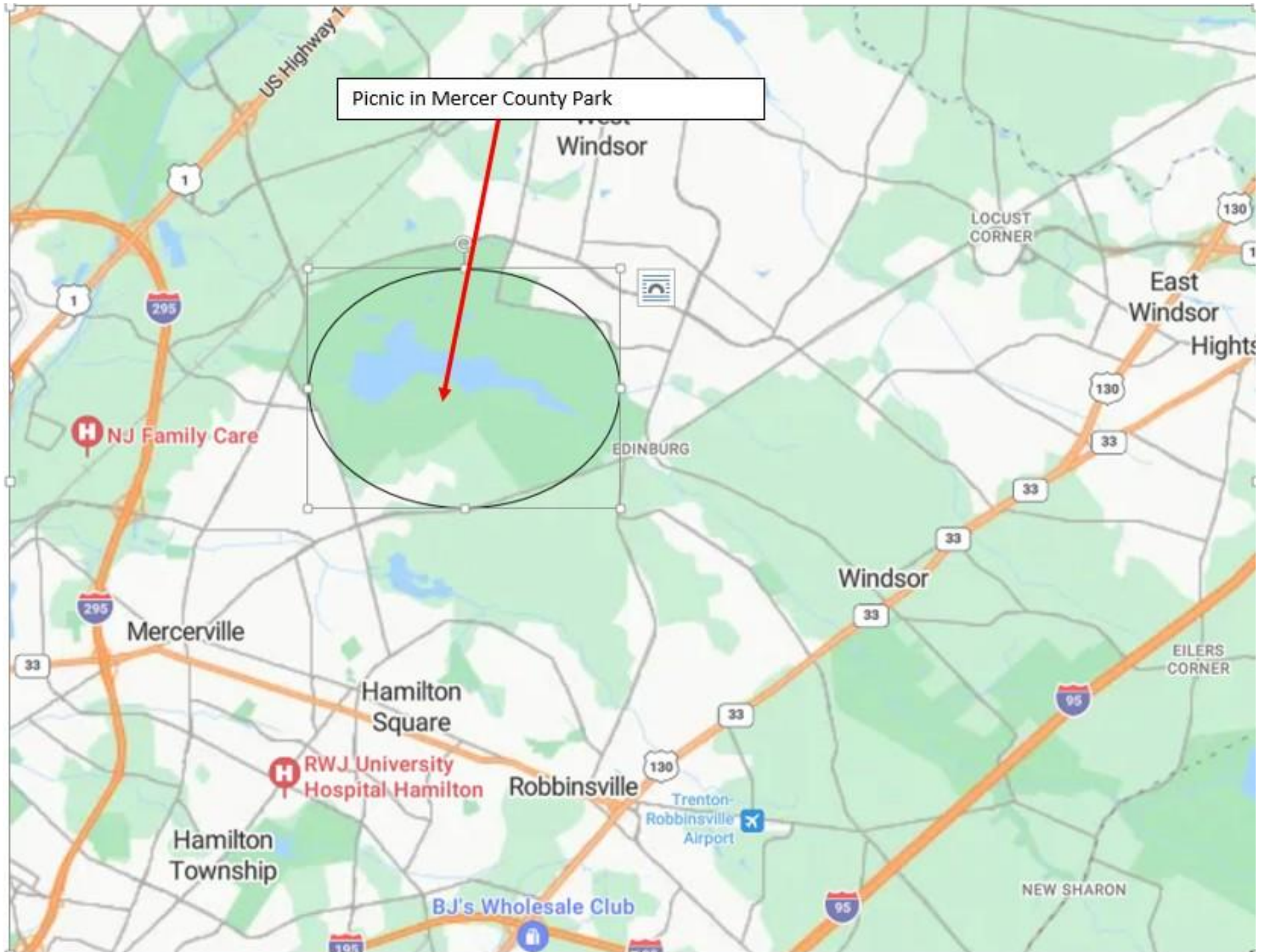
Glass containers (of any kind) are strictly prohibited in picnic areas.

**Please let us know if you can attend or if you need help with the
location**

edsharkf@yahoo.com or 609-902-7293 – Ed

The maps and pictures that follow should lead you to the picnic location.

The maps start out wide then guides you to the picnic spot.



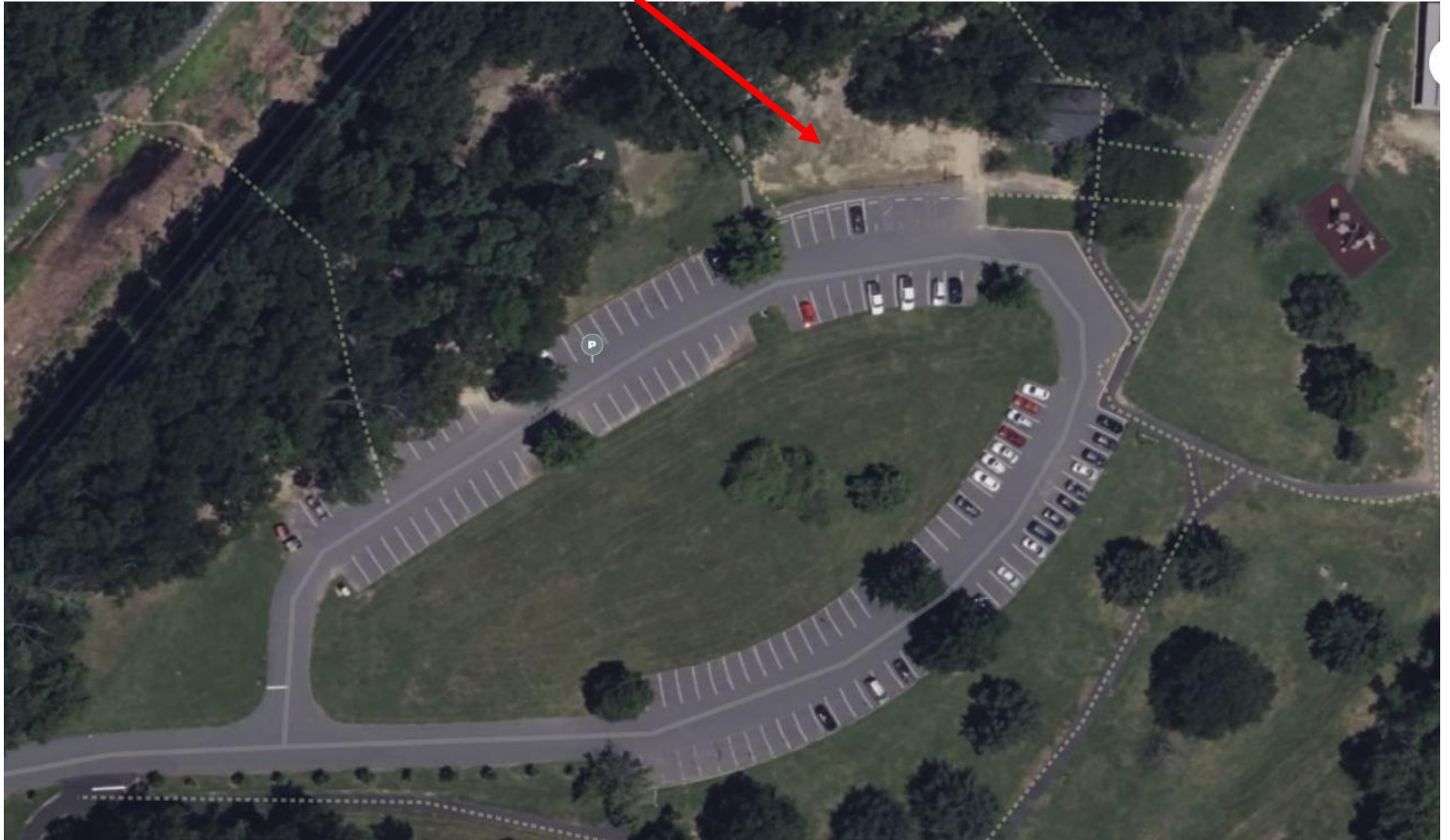


Turn to picnic





Picnic site



CJOS Annual Auction June 27th











Upcoming Webinars



The Fascinating Flora of the Greek Island of Kythira – Including Many Orchids!

Alexander Kocyan



Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026
8:30 PM EDT EST

Discover Kythira's rich Mediterranean flora, from nearly 1,000 plant species to 55+ orchids, including highlights of the stunning Ophrys genus.



Greenhouse Chat October 2026

Ron McHatton



Wednesday, October 7th, 2026
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 October 5, 2026.

Please support this worthy organization

Go to [AOS.org](https://www.aos.org) for Webinar links and information on orchid culture and care. While you are visiting their site, please join AOS. They have many things that will benefit you and your plants.

Lehigh Valley Orchid Society - Outreach Judging

MidAtlantic Judging Center together with judges from Northeast Judging Center will hold Outreach Judging at Lehigh Valley Orchid Society during their monthly meeting Sunday September 13 at 1 pm.

This is official American Orchid Society judging and if you have plants for AOS judging please bring them to this event.

Location:

Passer Community Center, 2580 Richlandtown Pike, Coopersburg, PA 18036.