



Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

A Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

November 2014

Date: Nov. 21st, 2014

Time: 7:30 PM (Doors open and plant sales begin at 7:00 PM)

Place: The San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo

Take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit off Highway 92. Turn south. The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th Avenues.

Program: Our program this month will take us into the world of AOS judging, a system different from that of the CSA with which many members are more familiar. An AOS judging team will judge plants as they would at any monthly meeting, but this time the audience will be able to watch and ask questions as to what they are discussing. As the AOS judges all genera, members are encouraged to bring an orchid plant of any genera, which they think may have the qualities necessary for an award. **Bring your plants to the show and tell table by 7:15 PM.** Forms will be available. Sylvia Darr, the AOS Clerk will help you fill out and enter any plant you wish to have judged. If you just want your plant to be looked at by the judges and perhaps selected to judge, place your plant as usual on the Show and Tell Table. However, **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE PLANT** for show and tell and **do not ask a judge for their opinion** at anytime prior to judging as it will disqualify that judge from judging your plant. *(Further information on the AOS Outreach program is given later in this Newsletter.)*

Plant Table: The Plant Opportunity Table will be supplied by Hatfield Orchids of Ventura California.

Board Meeting: Nov. 21st at 5:00 PM at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Please call Marron Honigman 408-807-9124 or email her, **whether you plan to attend or not.**

Dinner at 5:45 PM with the Speaker: Nov. 21st at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Members and guests are welcome. Call Marron Honigman at 408-807-9124 by Thursday November 20th to be included in the dinner reservation group.

Plant Sales Begin at 7 PM: NEW PROCEDURES FOR MEMBER PLANT SALES: Each member bringing in plants to sell will be solely responsible for selling their own plants at the table with no lists or percentage going to the club. Each seller will take home 100% of their sales proceeds and is responsible for reporting their own sales tax to the State. Since each member will be selling separately, be sure to bring sufficient change for all transactions. Each buyer will need to buy separately from each seller and will not be able to make one check covering all purchases. As in the past, all plants brought for sale by members must be properly labeled, priced (preferably in even dollar amounts) and free of disease. Sale rules for our annual April sale remain the same as before.

Supplies for sale at the September meeting: Unprinted labels, single-edged razor blades, pens, Twist Ties, pots of assorted sizes, 3' and 4' bamboo stakes, MSU 1# and 2# Romeo blend fertilizer, Orchinata Bark (Power only) and dual virus testing kits are for sale at cost plus tax as usual.

Time to pick up Freeze Cloth: Freeze cloth orders will be available for pick up at the November meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, have someone pick it up for you but do not forget to give them payment for the order. GCCG does not meet in December, when freeze protection is most likely to be needed. For the last chance to order if you forgot last month, call Trudy Hadler at 510-483-1277.

Virus Testing: We will have the dual virus testing kits available at the meeting. The tests are for Cymbidium Mosaic Virus (CymMV) and Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus (ORSV), which is also known as Tobacco Mosaic Virus – Orchid Strain (TMV-O). The cost for this double test is \$6 with results available in 10-15 minutes. Be sure that your leaf sample is correctly harvested and safely sealed in a Ziploc bag when presenting it for testing.

CSA Membership: Members are strongly encouraged to join the Cymbidium Society of America. The CSA is the parent organization of the GCCG and not only provides liability insurance for GCCG events but allows us to operate under the umbrella of their 501(c)(3) tax status. Contact Stanley Fuelscher, CSA Membership chair at any of the GCCG meetings for CSA membership information. Dues are \$35.00 per year, which include a subscription to the *CSA Journal* and should be mailed to Stanley Fuelscher, Cymbidium Society of America, 5710 Hollister Ave., #270 Goleta, CA 93117 or handed to Stanley at one of our meetings.

FLASH 2014 GCCG Show Photos now on the website. <http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com>

Refreshments for the November Meeting: Be sure to pick up your free raffle tickets for providing refreshments. No need to sign up, just bring your refreshments. Five free raffle tickets will be given to each person who provides refreshments. **Please ensure that all items are labeled with the name of the provider so that Tony can record the names for the next newsletter and provide the 5 free raffle tickets prior to the draw.**

Refreshment Thank you for October from Tony and Doug. We appreciate the great continuing support from our membership! Thanks to our members who provided refreshments for October.

Carol Armendariz	Gloria Bygdnes	Betty Chinn	Sylvia Darr
Noble Emery	Annie Green	Trudy Hadler	Marron Honigman
Florence Inserto	Mel/Val Jones	Elizabeth Storti	Kalan Toy
Chris Wells			

Message from the President: November and orchids, what could be better?! Plants are spiking, orchid clubs are busy planning shows and our Annual Collectors' Auction is two months away. (*see Auction information to follow*). GCCG is so fortunate to have members who have a unique and amazing wealth of information, background and dedication. I am certainly biased but I think we have an unparalleled club. If you missed last month's presentation from Weegie, Ken and Barry you missed something special. As I listened to each grower, there were different perspectives and a wealth of knowledge to be gained. I hope you all plan to take advantage of November's presentation by the AOS. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to take advantage of another level of expertise.

April Show and Sale planning is off and running. Thank you to those who offered to help in any capacity necessary. We will need everyone on board to make this a success. The dates are April 17 and 18. Please add these to your 2015 calendar and let me know if you can help. I can promise you that it will be both fun and rewarding.

On another front, the next issue of the CSA Journal is at the printers. We are always looking for new and interesting articles and have added an editorial board to help our editor, Heidi Kirkpatrick, implement the ideas from our membership. Please let me know your thoughts.

See you all at the November meeting and do not forget to set those plants aside for our 2015 Annual Collectors' Auction!

2015 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction

The GCCG annual fund-raising Collectors' Auction will be held January 16th, 2015, with an entry deadline of **10:00 PM, Friday, December 19th, 2014** if the total number of plants entered for the auction has not reached the limit of 200 prior to that date. **Plant lists may be handed to the auction coordinator, Carl Jukkola at the November GCCG meeting, sent to Carl at cjukkola@aol.com or mailed to 1015 Windermere Ave. Menlo Park, CA. 94025.**

Lists should include as much information as possible for each entry, including full name and parentage, type (Standard, Novelty, Miniature, or species), habit (upright, arching, or pendulous), color, size of plant (specifically the number of BBs and green bulbs), size of pot, and any other information available. Plants must be healthy, well established and disease free (see rule #12). A PDF and editable MS-WORD entry form is attached to this Newsletter.

This year, with our emphasis as always on better growing, including eliminating virus from all collections, we are asking all sellers to test and clear all the plants they submit for sale. In order to claim your plant as 'CymMV/ORSV Negative', you must have successfully tested your plant within 3 months of the time of submission and received virus negative test results from using Agdia's self-test kit or the services of Critter Creek Laboratory. If you require virus testing assistance, please contact Darrel Wong @ bacyms@yahoo.com or Carl Jukkola at cjukkola@aol.com. As in the past, all DONATED plants will be tested at club expense. **Owners of sale plants will be responsible for reaching an acceptable accommodation with the buyers for any sales plant testing positive for virus within 7 days of the auction.**

Minimum bids may be stated, however Auction rule #11 described below will apply. It would be wise to be realistic in setting minimum bids. A "suggested value" is an alternative to stating a minimum bid but is not binding on the seller or the auctioneer.

Successful bids and bidders will be tracked on a projector screen. Photos of the plants (if available) will also be projected on a screen as they are presented for auction.

Payment to sellers and acknowledgement to donors will include a printout of each of their entries with the sales amount.

2015 Auction Rules

- 1) **Only members may enter sale plants.** For the member sale plants that are auctioned, the club retains 25% of the proceeds, and the member receives the remaining 75%.
- 2) DONATED plants will be accepted from members and non-members.
- 3) All plants must be pre-entered by December 19th, 2013, complete with all known information.
- 4) Auction entries will be limited to 200 items/plants, except that all entries from the same seller/donor included in the same plant submission as the 200th plant will be accepted.
- 5) No entries will be accepted after the limit or deadline has been reached, whichever occurs first.
- 6) A member may enter no more than 10 plants for sale.
- 7) A limit of 10 plants per donor is requested.
- 8) It is suggested that all sellers consider donating at least 1-2 plants when entering 10 plants for sale.
- 9) An individual seller/donor may not enter more than two divisions of the same plant in the auction.
- 10) No plants will be allowed into the building the night of the auction unless pre-entered or as a pre-approved substitute for one damaged.
- 11) If a plant carrying a minimum bid does not sell at the declared minimum bid, the seller will still be responsible for paying the club 25% of the listed minimum bid unless the auctioneer is notified before the start of the auction the seller agrees to reverse bidding if the minimum bid was not met.
- 12) Plants must be healthy, well established and disease free or they will be withdrawn from the auction prior to the start of bidding at the owners' or club's discretion.
- 13) Bidders may not check out until the last plant is auctioned and the auction concluded. Receipts to bidders will include a printout of their successful bids.

Guidelines for photo submission for Auction Plants

Photos are definitely encouraged and will be posted with the plant on auction night. **Please email all photos as attachments to Darrel Wong at bacyms@yahoo.com**

1. Use photo image formats of bmp, gif, jpg, jpeg, or png.
2. It is acceptable to insert watermarks.
3. Do not insert the plant's name/variety into the photo image.
4. Identify each attached image file (photo) by properly assigning the plant's name/variety as the file name.
5. If you are not the legal owner of the photo, obtain permission before use. Credit should go to the owner by inserting a title (i.e. Photo Courtesy of xxxx) into the photo.
6. Your photos will be added to photo-bucket within 10 days of submission. The photo-bucket may be viewed <http://s489.photobucket.com/user/goldcoastcymgrowers/library/GCCG%202015%20Auction?sort=4&postlogi n=true&page=1>

A REMINDER FROM YOUR EDITOR

I cannot print what I do not receive. If any member receives an AOS or CSA award on a Cymbidium or Paphiopedilum Alliance plant or a trophy at any show this season, please send the information to goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com

The same is true for any member or Orchid Society wishing to publicize an event in the Newsletter as a calendar item or as an attached flyer. The deadline is the 4th Friday of the preceding month.

Plant Judging: The CSA will be judging Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, and Phragmipediums at our regular monthly meetings **on request**. To have a plant judged, call Sylvia Darr at 650-450-1384 at least one day in advance to ensure that the CSA judges know that plants will be submitted for judging. Plant entry is between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM the evening of the meeting. Clerks can advise you in filling out the plant entry form on your arrival. If you have a plant that will be ready for judging at another Branch meeting, please contact Sylvia Darr for more information.

The AOS judges all genera of orchids in San Francisco at the SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers) in Golden Gate Park on the first Tuesday, and in Oakland at the Lakeside Garden Center on the third Monday, of each month. For either judging, plants need to be submitted to the clerks between 6:15 PM and 7:00 PM. For more information contact Sylvia Darr.

CSA and/or AOS judging takes place at most of the local shows. Contact the show organizers for specifics regarding plant entry for judging.

Recent AOS Judging Results:

November 4, 2014. San Francisco Monthly Judging. Paph. (Telstar x Stone Lovely) 'Montara Morning' received an HCC of 75 points, exhibited by Jeff Trimble.

Outreach AOS Judging Program. Does this sound familiar? You go to an orchid show and see two lovely orchids side by side which look the same to your eye and wonder why one got an American Orchid Society award and one didn't? Did you ever go to an orchid meeting and see folks in another room peering intently at one orchid on the table, sometimes using a magnifying glass and talking about things like texture, substance, arrangement on an inflorescence, floriferousness, etc.? Do you wonder just what an AM or an HCC is anyway?

Now is your chance to 'demystify' the happenings in that room with the odd lingo and behavior. The AOS judges and students of the Pacific Central Judging Region will be judging our plants during the November meeting. We will be able to ask questions of the judges as they do their evaluations. They will be projecting the database OrchidsPlus, which is consulted during the judging process.

AOS judging will be slightly different from ribbon judging, which compares plants within a section to each other, and CSA judging, which judges to a standard of perfection. All evaluate flower quality, however the AOS judges and awards to a national/international AOS standard that has been developed throughout the AOS history of judging and awarding orchids. Judges take into account parentage characteristics as well as the general impression of the orchid in question. Not only are awards given for flower quality but also they can be given to the owner of the orchid for spectacular growth. Do judges know everything there is about orchids? Absolutely not. Do judges disagree with each other? Certainly. Do personalities come into play? - Yes, unfortunately they can.

The emphasis during this program will be judging as it happens and the questions that are asked as assessments are generated and balanced against prior awards for that particular orchid. Please bring in your plants for evaluation. Every plant entered for judging will be considered.

Because AOS judging is supposed to be an anonymous process, there are a couple things we'll need to do for this meeting that are different from usual, as stated in the meeting announcement. First, please bring in plants to the judging/show and tell table. An AOS student judge or clerk (Sylvia Darr is one of them) will give you a form to fill out and help you if you want to enter your plant for judging. Alternatively if you want to just put your plant on the show and tell table and let the judges evaluate it for judging, that is acceptable too. **Please do not personally show your plant to any of the judges or put your name on the show and tell tag if it is for that purpose only.** If a judge knows who owns a plant, they must recuse themselves from judging that plant.

The meeting will commence at 7:30 this month as usual, but after announcements we'll start the judging process immediately. Since the judges will be evaluating the show and tell table for awardable plants, we will not discuss it until after the program is complete. Once judging is finished, we will have a short break, introduce the awarded plants and discuss the show-and-tell table.

If the judges award your plant, that's wonderful. If you don't get an award, that doesn't mean your plant isn't exceptional, only that the judges are looking at attributes of a plant and flower which may be different from what you see when you look at the flower. Especially with orchids, beauty is very much in the eye of the beholder. This is a great opportunity to get our plants AOS judged without having to go to San Francisco or Oakland. Hopefully, we'll all learn more about AOS judging, see some special plants, and have fun in the process!

GCCG Website: Check out the GCCG website at <http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com> for information on upcoming shows, photos of previous shows, meeting information, and copies of back newsletters. If you have any news we can put on the site, please email the GCCG Webmaster, Audrey Young-Tarter, goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers@yahoo.com

GCCG Membership Information: As a convenience, you can now pay your \$10 e-membership renewal via PayPal www.paypal.com and send your renewal payment to goldcoastcymgrowers@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events:

December 6 and 7, 2014: Casa de las Orquideas Annual Open House Sat - Sun 9 AM - 4 PM. 170 South Nardo Ave. Solana Beach, CA 92075. Lots of new cymbidium seedlings and meristems are waiting to make their debut! Parking is limited so please consider carpooling. Visit them at www.orquideas.com email casa@orquideas.com, or call Karl or Miki Batchman at (858) 755-7572

Classified Section: We started a Classified Section in the Newsletter last month for the use of our members. Looking for a certain plant? Have a division list to make available? Need help in setting up an orchid bench or putting up seasonal protection? Need a ride to the meetings? This column is for you. Send your ad/request to the editor at goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com

FREE - 250+ Used 5", 1 gal & 2 gal quality black pots. *Need to be sterilized for orchids.* Contact weegieca@gmail.com to arrange for pick-up, or reserve for delivery to the November meeting.

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Newsletter Information: The deadline for submission of information for the newsletter is the fourth Friday of the month. The next deadline for inputs is the fourth Friday of December as there is no official . The newsletter will publish announcements of upcoming events for other orchid societies as space permits. Please submit your inputs to goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com