



# Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

A Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

**March 2015**

**Date:** March 20, 2015

**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 Speaker this month is **Greg Bryant DVM**, proprietor of Bryants Orchids based in Sydney, Australia. His topic will be "**Show Winners and New Hybrids From Bryants Orchids**". Originally founded by Greg's father Alvin in the late 1950's, Bryants Orchids grew and exported cut flower Cymbidiums for many years and operated an orchid tissue culture laboratory. Today, Bryants Orchids is working solely on the hybridization and production of new and improved Cymbidium hybrids for the discerning grower.



**Greg Bryant with 'Seta', a caramel tiger patient.**

Greg is a practicing Veterinary Surgeon working for Greyhound Racing NSW and serves on the Executive Board of the University of Sydney's Veterinary Faculty Alumni Association. He is also a committee member and a Past President of the Cymbidium Club of Australia (NSW), of which he has been a member since 1986.

This will surely prove to be one of our most exciting programs of the year! Seldom do we get to see the top Cymbidiums in Australia, and Greg Bryant is notably one of the top hybridizers in the world in the area of Standard exhibition Cymbidium breeding.

**Opportunity Table:** The opportunity table this month will be provided by Dr. Kevin Hill of San Francisco and should provide some exciting plants.

**Dinner at 5:45 PM with the Speaker:** March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 March 19<sup>th</sup> to be included in the dinner reservation group.

**Board Meeting:** March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Call Marron Honigman at 408-807-9124 if you **cannot** attend.

**Supplies for sale at the February meeting:** Unprinted labels, single-edged razor blades, pens, Twist Ties, pots of assorted sizes, 3' and 4' bamboo stakes, MSU Romeo blend fertilizer, freeze cloth (by pre order), and dual virus testing kits are for sale at cost plus tax as usual.

**Plant Sales Begin at 7 PM:** Each member bringing in plants to sell is 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.

**Refreshments for the March Meeting:** 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. Much appreciation to our members who brought in treats at the last meeting:

Carol Armendariz	Gloria Bygdnes	Weegie Caughlan	Jennifer Daine
Noble Emery	Cora Gadduang	Annie Green	Marron Honigman
Christine Kradjian	Kalan Toy	Janusz Warszawski	Chris Wells

**GCCG Membership:** Dues for those members wishing to receive their Newsletters electronically are \$10.00. Dues for those members wishing to receive the Newsletter by regular mail are \$15.00. We would still like to convert all members to receive the newsletter via email. Please send your membership fees to Darrel Wong, Membership Chair at any GCCG meeting, mail them to him at 6601 Bowie Way, Castro Valley, CA 94552-5038, or contact him at 510-582-5896 or [bacyms@yahoo.com](mailto:bacyms@yahoo.com). As a convenience, you can also pay your \$10 e-membership renewal via PayPal [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) and send your renewal payment to [goldcoastcymgrowers@yahoo.com](mailto:goldcoastcymgrowers@yahoo.com)

**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. Membership payment may also be made through PayPal and on the CSA website.

**GCCG Show:** Our Show is only a month away and everyone should be keeping an eye on those special plants they plan to enter. The Show Chairs for our April GCCG show will be Sylvia Darr and Marron Honigman, with Florence Inserto as Sales Chair. This year we will again be at The Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA. The show schedule will be detailed in the April newsletter with the schedule and sales forms posted on the GCCG website. Entry cards will be available at this month's meeting. Set-up will take place on Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> during the day, with judging Friday night. The show will be open to the public on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM, and will include member plant sales. We will not have our members' Potluck Dinner on Friday night but will save it for our final May meeting as we did last year.

If you wish to reserve a display table for the show, contact Sylvia Darr at [syldarr@gmail.com](mailto:syldarr@gmail.com) or 650-450-1384. To reserve a sales table, contact Florence Inserto at [flojo1337@yahoo.com](mailto:flojo1337@yahoo.com) or 415-640-7025. Many members signed up last month to help in various areas of the show, but there is always room for more members in all those little tasks that help make a show successful. There will still be another opportunity to sign-up at this meeting.

**Calling all Members:** We will need boxes for plant purchases for the plant hotel at our show in April, preferably boxes which hold 2 1-gallon pots. We also need volunteers to staff the plant hotel. Please contact Florence Inserto to volunteer for this easy, mostly “sit-down” job.

**Plant Judging:** The CSA will be judging Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, and Phragmipediums at our regular monthly meetings on request. To have a plant judged, call Jeff Trimble 650-368-8260 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.

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

### **A REMINDER FROM YOUR EDITOR**

I cannot print what I do not receive. If any member receives an AOS or CSA award or a trophy at any show this season, please send the information to [goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com)

#### **Recent AOS and CSA awards granted to Cymbidiums or Paphiopedilums by our members:**

##### **February 19, 2015 Pacific Orchid Exposition**

**Cym. Autumn Lady 'Stars & Stripes'** (Autumn Crisp x Electric Ladyland) received an HCC/AOS of 76 points, exhibited by Japheth Ko.

**Cym. (Memorial Amelia Earhart x Khai Tango) 'Fires of Spring'** received a provisional HCC/AOS of 79 points and a provisional B/CSA of 75.91, exhibited by Ed Dumaguin.

**Paph. Fanaticum 'Green Tara'** (*malipoense* x *micranthum*) received an AM/AOS of 80 points, exhibited by Japheth Ko.

#### **Recent Show Winners:**

##### **February 19, 2015 Pacific Orchid Exposition.**

**Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' HCC/AOS** (L. *anceps* x Lc. *Ancibarina*): Best Adv. Cattleya, Best Cattleya in Show, Best Specimen Plant in Show and a Cultural Rosette, Exhibited by Bill Weaver.

**President's Message:** It's hard to believe that March is upon us and I am getting ready to drive down to Santa Barbara for the annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show (March 13-15). If you haven't attended this show before, you have missed a famous event. The displays are something to behold and the array of vendors impressive. In conjunction with the show, the CSA Congress will be taking place on Saturday. This is an all day event with 5 amazing speakers, one of whom (Greg Bryant) will be speaking to our club in March. I encourage everyone to attend both of these “not to be missed” orchid events.

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Cymbidium Congress:** In conjunction with the Santa Barbara Orchid Show "**Celebration of Orchids**" being held March 13<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>, the CSA Congress will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, starting with the CSA Annual meeting at 8:30 AM followed by lectures, a luncheon, a panel discussion and a dinner banquet with a surprise speaker. The speakers for this year will be Greg Bryant of Bryant's Orchids, Australia; Jim Cootes of the Center for Australian National Biodiversity Research, Canberra Australia; Jason Fischer of Orchids Limited, Minnesota; Dr. Yasushi Hirano from Japan; and Randal Robinson from Victoria University Australia. A registration form is included in this month's Newsletter. **Again this year, GCCG will be reimbursing the Congress fee to all members who attend the full Congress events for the first time. In addition, Tony Velardi may lead a special, informal Friday morning walk-through of the show at 8:00 AM for any interested full Congress registrants. Special plants and displays will be pointed out, including both CSA and AOS awards.**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**March 13 – 15, 2015. 68th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, "Celebrate With Orchids".** Earl Warren Show Grounds, Exhibit Hall, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA. (Highway 101 at Las Positas Road). **9:00 AM – 5:00 PM each day.** For information, E-Mail: sborchidshow@gmail.com or visit: <http://www.sborchidshow.com/>

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**March 14 – 15, 2015. Napa Valley Orchid Society 22nd Annual Festival of Orchids Show and Sale "Got Orchids?"** 10 AM – 4 PM. Free admission. Napa Senior Activity Center 1500 Jefferson St., Napa. More information: 707-252-4050 <http://www.nv-os.org> email: [info@nv-os.org](mailto:info@nv-os.org)

**March 20 – 23, 2015. Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society 62nd Annual Show & Sale.** Friday, (sales only) 10 AM – 9 PM; Saturday, 10 AM – 8 PM; Sunday, 11 AM – 4 PM. Westgate Shopping Mall, 1600 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose. Free Admission. Website: [www.santaclaravalleyorchidsociety.org](http://www.santaclaravalleyorchidsociety.org) or call (408) 229-2747.

**March 28 – 29, 2015. 20<sup>th</sup> Annual 2015 Central Coast Orchid Show and Sale.** Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM. South County Regional Center, 800 West Branch Street, Arroyo Grande, CA. Admission \$5. For more information visit the website at [www.fcos.org](http://www.fcos.org) or call 805-343-2455.

**March 28 – 29, 2015. Sonoma Orchid Society Show & Sale "A Symphony of Orchids".** Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM – 3 PM. Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa Rosa. Sales, Lectures, Judging. Admission \$8. Website [www.sonomaorchids.com](http://www.sonomaorchids.com)

**April 18, 2015. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Orchid Show & Sale. 10 AM – 4 PM.** Redwood City Community Activities Building 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City 94061 Sales, Demos, Judging. For more info: <http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com/>

**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 website, or if you notice any website problems, please email the GCCG Webmaster, Audrey Young-Tarter [goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers@yahoo.com](mailto:goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers@yahoo.com)

**Special Flask:** Greg Bryant is donating a flask of his alba yellow mericlone Cym. Purely Dreaming 'Phoenix' (Dream Temple x Pure Envy) to the club with a value of \$100+. There are about 35 plantlets in the flask. It is best described as a sparkling, alba gold, six inch, flat Standard flower that will carry up to 17 flowers on a long stem, sure to be a standout in any collection or on the show bench. The small mericlones will be sold at 2 for \$8 with pre-orders welcome and a limit of 2 plantlets. If anyone wishes more, these additional orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis after all other orders are filled. Send requests for pre-orders to [goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com)



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**Newsletter Deadline:** The deadline for submission of information for the Newsletter is the fourth Friday of the month. The Newsletter will publish announcements of upcoming events for other orchid societies as space permits. Please send all Newsletter related items to [goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com)