



# Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

A Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

**Welcome to all the GCCG New and Returning members.  
Please remember to check in, pay your dues and get your  
Free Cymbidium Back Bulb!**

## September 2015

**Date:** September 18<sup>th</sup>, 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:** The speaker for September will be Jeff Trimble, one of our members, speaking on “**What I Have Learned From the Cymbidium Species**.” This is a most appropriate topic for our first meeting of the new season as the species are the beginning of all hybrids. Jeff started growing orchids in 1972 with two Cymbidiums given to him by his Mom. He then jumped into the hobby with both feet! He has been President of GCCG, San Francisco, Malihini and the Cymbidium Society of America, our Parent organization. He has been the show chair for Santa Clara Valley, Malihini, Peninsula, and San Francisco orchid societies. He was the originator of Orchids in the Park in San Francisco and managed it for several years. He currently is the Regional Northern California Judging Chair for the CSA judging program. Jeff has also been active with a toothpick for several years in making his own hybrids and he expects to see several flowering this season. He currently grows in an unheated greenhouse in Pacifica.

**Plant Table:** The Plant Opportunity Table will be supplied by Jeff and he has promised it will contain many interesting divisions of hybrids and species and new seedlings from promising crosses.

**Dinner at 5:45 PM with the Speaker:** September 18<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 September 17<sup>th</sup> to be included in the dinner reservation group.

**Board Meeting:** September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Call Marron Honigman 408-807-9124 if you **cannot** attend.

**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 the 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.

**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 (Romeo blend fertilizer), 1lb & 2lb jars, Orchid bark (Classic, Power and Power+) and dual virus testing kits are for sale at cost plus tax.

**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 \$5 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.

### **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)

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.

#### **Message from the President:**

It's orchid season!!! As I write this, I am looking forward to our first meeting of the year and all the excitement it brings. I want to welcome our new GCCG Executive Board member, Chris Wells who has jumped in with both feet to help our club be better than ever. I also want to thank Richard Mangan and Kevin Hill for taking on additional responsibilities as we make a few changes in the workload for the GCCG Auction in January as well as our Show and Sale. I also want to comment on our hard working board. Over the last 10 years, I have served in many capacities in a variety of organizations. I rarely am witness to the level of dedication that I see from those I work with in Gold Coast. As you all know, this is a volunteer organization. What gets accomplished is solely the responsibility of those who step up to the task. This work is often done in spite of criticism, short time constraints and complicated tasks. I thank everyone for the help and dedication you have brought to the table. We need YOU too! Please don't hesitate to volunteer your much-needed services. Our club is only as strong as we all are collectively.

We have many new plans for the forthcoming year, which we will be sharing at our first meeting. This is always a BIG event. I am looking forward to an incredible speaker, Jeff Trimble, renewing memberships, a fantastic plant table, new seedlings for sale and a chance to stock up on much needed supplies. Be sure to mark September 18<sup>th</sup> on your calendars and get ready for an amazing year!

**New Lifetime Members:** Welcome to our new member who has joined GCCG as a Lifetime Member and the members who converted to a Lifetime membership in May:

Florence Inserto	San Francisco, CA 94127-2733	flojoinsert@yahoo.com
Leo Kusber	Woodside, CA 94062-3663	leo@kusber.com
Elizabeth Storti	Redwood City, CA. 94062-2044	elzbietawasowska@aol.com

**New Email address** Marron Honigman [marronhonigman@gmail.com](mailto:marronhonigman@gmail.com)

**GCCG Membership Renewal:** It's that time of year again for membership renewal! A membership renewal form is enclosed in this newsletter. 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. As an incentive to renew early, GCCG is providing a free Cymbidium Back Bulb of high quality to be chosen from the collection of Carol Armendariz or Pierre Pujol to everyone who renews no later than the October meeting (please note that **new** members who joined GCCG in April or May of last season are considered to have renewed already, as are lifetime members). Renew early! Again, we would like all members to receive the newsletter via email.

**You must be present at the meeting to receive your Back Bulb** (no, your friend can't pick it up for you). You can, of course, renew later, but will not receive a Back Bulb. Back Bulbs not claimed in September or October may be made available later for sale.

**Lifetime members** As of this month, the Lifetime Membership option will no longer be offered. For all current lifetime members with an email address listed in our membership directory but have chosen to receive the newsletter via snail mail, you must pick up your free membership Back Bulb at the September or October meeting or personally contact Darrel Wong, the membership chair, in order to continue receiving your newsletter via snail mail. If you do not choose one of these options, you will receive all future newsletters via email beginning in November.

**To ensure fairness to all members, the following process will be observed.**

1. There will be one (1) line for signing up for membership renewal and getting your Back Bulb. Members may not hold a place in line for someone else.
2. New and renewing members (non-lifetime) will pay dues.
3. All renewing members (and lifetime members) will verify that the information on the membership roster is correct (or correct it if not), and then initial the roster. New members will fill out the membership form (or bring a filled-out form to the meeting).
4. After verification of the membership information, the member will receive a receipt, which will be taken to the Back Bulb monitor, who will give the member access to the Back Bulbs.

**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.

**Refreshments for the September 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.**

**Plant Judging:** The CSA judges Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, and Phragmipediums at our regular monthly meeting on the third Friday of each month September through May, or at the Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland on the fourth Wednesday of each month except November and December, when it is on the third Wednesday. To have a plant judged at GCCG, contact [goldcoastcymbidiegrowers@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastcymbidiegrowers@gmail.com) at least one day in advance, to ensure that the CSA judges can be notified that plants will be submitted for judging. Plant entry is between 7:00 PM and 7:15 PM at the GCCG meeting and between 6:30 PM and 7:00 PM in Oakland. Clerks can advise you in filling out the plant entry form on your arrival.

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 at various other locations, each month. For these judgments, plants need to be submitted between 6:15 PM and 7:00 PM. For further information and other judging locations, call Sylvia Darr 650-450-1384.

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

**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 at [goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers@yahoo.com](mailto:goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers@yahoo.com)

**Auction Planning Time:** It is not too early to be thinking about the GCCG annual fund-raising auction to be held January 15, 2016. Consider setting aside a plant or two to donate to the club for the auction. Members may also sell up to ten of their own plants at the auction. For your sale plants that are auctioned, the club will retain a percentage of the proceeds. PLEASE keep your club in mind and save some of those special plants for this event. This year, it is hoped all plants will be tested for virus as they were last year. More information on the auction will be posted in the upcoming months.

**Cymbidiums for Sale:** At this time of year, several of our advanced hobbyist growers have quality orchid divisions and seedlings for sale. Although they will not have official open houses, the following members will be available by appointment and will have a list of their plants on request.

Weegie Caughlan: 650-948-2342. List available by email [goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com)  
Ken Jacobsen: List available by email [k\\_p\\_jacobsen@yahoo.com](mailto:k_p_jacobsen@yahoo.com)  
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Barry Zimmerman: 408-515-0968 (cell). List available by email [bz12345@comcast.net](mailto:bz12345@comcast.net) Photos, if available, will be on Photobucket. <http://S687.photobucket.com/albums/VV232/bz12345/>

**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 September. The newsletter will publish announcements of upcoming events for other orchid societies as space permits. Please submit your inputs to [goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com)

#### Upcoming Events:

**September 19, 2015 Peninsula Orchid Society Auction.** Saturday. Plant entry at 11:00 AM, Bidder registration and Preview begins at 12:00 PM. Auction begins at 1:30 PM. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo CA. Contact Mike Drilling at [mike.drilling@gmail.com](mailto:mike.drilling@gmail.com) for information.

**November 21 and 22, 2015.** Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Orchid Show, "Orchid Obsession". (Weekend before Thanksgiving). Saturday 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Sun. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The show is free but there is a charge for non-museum members on Saturday - \$12 Adults, \$8 Seniors and Teens, \$7 Children under 12. Free admission on Sunday. AOS and CSA judging at 10:00 AM Saturday. For information: e-mail [fmorchids@hotmail.com](mailto:fmorchids@hotmail.com)

**Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Board of Directors for 2015-2016: A warm welcome to these energetic members who have volunteered to guide GCCG on to greater success for the coming season.**

President:	Marron Honigman	408-807-9124
Vice President:	Weegie Caughlan	650-948-2342
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Director at large:	Kevin Hill	202-294-3255
Director at large:	Richard Mangan	209-373-7852
Director at large:	Chris Wells	415-254-8939

#### Other Duties:

CSA Delegate:	Stanley Fuelscher	408-257-4855
CSA Membership:	Stanley Fuelscher	408-257-4855
Newsletter Editor:	Weegie Caughlan	650-948-2342
Refreshments:	Tony Gee	415-286-8812

**GCCG SEEDLINGS FOR SALE – FALL 2015**  
**5" AND 1-GALLON POTS**

**\$10.00 for 5"**

**\$12.00 for 1-GAL**

**This fall**, instead of buying seedlings directly from one of the remaining major Cymbidium commercial hybridizers in California, GCCG has chosen to again turn to our own members who are growing out superior foreign crosses or are developing a positive record for their own high quality crosses. Choices range from colorful, unusual and floriferous hobbyist plants, to show bench plants with high expectations of awards or perhaps as steps to future breeding - something for everyone!

**RO 48/12 (5) Elle Ronis (Khan Flame 'Raquel' x Kabuki Moon 'Royale')** As Kevin Hipkins stated of his remake: "Simply the finest pink Standard cross that I have made. Plenty of show winners in this exact remake." Expect large, pink to deep rose Standards with excellent form and 14-16 flowers carried well above the foliage on self-supporting stems. 1 gal. pot. *Hybridizer: Royale Orchids of Australia.*

**BZ20 (5) [(Highland Advent x May Hopcraft) 'Park Victoria' x Tower of Gold 'Stirling']** Expecting shapely clear yellow Standards on medium length spikes for mid-season bloom. 1 gal. pot. *Hybridizer: B. Zimmerman*

**GB 205 (5) (Lunar Blaze 'Dural' x Flaming Vulcan 'Cleo')** Top form and color on these reds and dark pinks from two outstanding Australian Standard parents. Show bench and awards in the early to mid season. Bryant's Orchids is currently at the forefront of Cymbidium hybridizing in Australia and this cross will be no exception for keeping that reputation. 1 gal. pot. *Hybridizer: Bryant's Orchids of Australia*

**RO /10 (5) (On the Prowl x Electric Ladyland)** Expect shapely, high color Intermediate sized Standards in the red to brown shades on upright inflorescences for exhibition or pure enjoyment. Browns, or reds in the brown shades are a standout in any collection but not easy to find. Proven parents for high quality seedlings. 1 gal. pot. *Hybridizer: Royale Orchids of Australia.*

**BZ23 (10) (Procol Harum 'Afterglow' x Tower of Gold 'Stirling')**. Expecting easy growing Standards in a range of colors from cream to yellow with an occasional red for mid-season bloom. 5" pot. *Hybridizer: B. Zimmerman.*

**(5) PP1203: (Psychotic 'Cream Puff' x Highland Advent 'Trinity' FCC/RHS)**

This cross was made to increase form, yellow color intensity and flower size. Cym. Highland Advent 'Trinity' FCC/RHS is one of the parents of the well-known Cym. Icho Tower 'Trinity' AM/AOS, S/CSA. Expected from the cross is a 50% chance of peloric lateral sepals with better shaped flowers showing a nice contrast between the yellow base color and the bright red lip and peloric markings. (*Hybridizer: P. Pujol*)

**(10) PP1202: (Psychotic 'Cream Puff' x Karen Hawaiian 'Hatfield' B/CSA)**

Cym. Karen Hawaiian 'Hatfield' B/CSA, the stunning orange Standard 2008 Grand Champion at the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show was used in this cross to try to expand the peloric patterns of Psychotic into the orange shades. Karen Hawaiian has been successful at imparting deep color and a strong shine to its progeny's flowers. Orange peloric Cymbidiums are rare and this cross should be interesting to bloom. Expect yellow to orange flowers with a 50% lateral sepal peloric probability. (*Hybridizer: P. Pujol*)

**GCCG**

C/o Weegie Caughlan  
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Los Altos Hills, CA. 94024-6541

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**Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers**  
Membership Form

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check box to receive the GCCG Newsletter via email:**

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_; **\$10 for email delivery**  
**\$15 for hard copy delivery**

**(Please make check payable to GCCG)**

**Mail To:** Darrel Wong  
6601 Bowie Way  
Castro Valley, CA 94552-5038

If you have already renewed,  
pass this form on to a friend.

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