



Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

A Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

November 2015

Date: Nov. 20th, 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 speaker this month will be another of our very knowledgeable members, Kevin Hill from San Francisco. His topic will be "**An Australian Orchid Tour**" showing photos from his recent 5-week jaunt down under where he visited not only one of their foremost orchid shows but also had the privilege to visit some of the most highly respected Cymbidium hybridizers in the world. Kevin has been growing Cymbidiums since 1995. He is a probationary AOS judge, has served as President of the National Capitol Orchid Society and is currently serving a second term as a Director on the GCCG Board of Directors for the 2015-16 year. Kevin has a PhD in genetics and works as a biotechnology patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His perspective on growing orchids is strongly influenced by his scientific background in developmental biology and genetics. He finds thinking about the genetic basis for controlling color patterns and shapes of the petals, sepals and lips of orchid flowers to be a fascinating challenge.

Plant Table: The Plant Opportunity Table will be supplied by Weegie Caughlan and will primarily contain seedlings and some divisions from Australian breeding but some American breeding as well. Many are in spike.

Board Meeting: Nov. 20th 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. 20th 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 19th to be included in the dinner reservation group.

Plant Sales Begin at 7 PM: 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, buyers should 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.

Freeze Cloth: Freeze Cloth will be available this month while supplies last. The freeze cloth is 12' wide, heavy-duty, white polyester, providing 6 - 8 degrees of frost protection. Price is \$1 per foot in minimum lengths of 20'. Place your order with Sylvia Darr either by phone or email for pick-up at this last meeting before chance of freeze. (No December meeting) 650-450-1384 or syldarr@gmail.com

Supplies for sale at the November meeting: The standard supplies will be for sale this month:
Unprinted labels in white and several colors; single-edged razor blades; pens and Twist Ties; pots of assorted sizes: 5 inch, 1, 2, and 3 gallon; 3' and 4' bamboo stakes; MSU (Romeo blend fertilizer), 1lb & 2lb jars; Orchinata bark (Classic, Power and Power+); Millennium Soils medium Coconut Chips; and the Agdia dual test virus kits. If you have large orders for any of our usual supplies, please let Stanley or Sylvia know in advance so they can bring a sufficient supply.

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 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	Weegie Caughlan	Noble Emery	Clint & Judy Evans
Trudy Hadler	Marron Honigman	Elizabeth Storti	Kalan Toy
Chris Wells			

Free Culture and Research Books: The Pacific Central AOS Judging Center has generously donated to GCCG the Culture and Research Books which they no longer use. These will be available **for free** on a "first come, first served" basis to all members at the November meeting. Be there when the Garden Center doors open for best choice. Even if you do not grow some of the genera illustrated in these books, they will make great Holiday gifts for your hobbyist friends who do.

Link to Orchid Pests and Diseases: For those with a serious in the identification and control of the pests and diseases which may affect our plants, download this excellent article from the Saint Augustine Orchid Society: [OrchidPestsandDiseasesbySueBottom.pdf](#)

Message from the President: It is hard to believe that November is here already!!!! If you missed last month's "Stump the Experts" program, you missed something special. After listening to many panels over the years, I have to say that this was one of the best panels we have had. A big thanks you to **Weegie** as moderator, with **Ken, Pierre and Barry** as panelists for making the evening both entertaining and informative and for providing us with an amazing plant table. We can be really proud of these growers who help put GCCG on the orchid world map.

The 2016 GCCG AUCTION will be here before you know it. We again want to make this event an evening to remember. Start putting divisions of your BEST orchids aside for auction and take a careful look at the rules in this newsletter, some of which are new this year, and the Auction entry form with a deadline of 10 PM on December 18th if the limit of 150 plants is not reached before then.

This month **Kevin Hill** will be speaking to our group about his trip to Australia. Be sure to make his presentation a priority. I hope to see everyone on November 20th. Remember that the strength of our club depends on *each* of you!

2016 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction

The GCCG annual fund-raising Collectors' Auction will be held January 15, 2016, with an entry deadline of **10:00 PM, Friday, December 18, 2015** if the total number of plants entered for the auction has not reached the limit of 150 prior to that date. **Plant lists may be handed to the auction coordinator, Richard Mangan at the November GCCG meeting, sent to Richard at mangasz@att.net or mailed to 2206 Covey Creek Court, Stockton, CA 95207.**

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 #13). 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 at bacyms@yahoo.com or Richard Mangan at mangasz@att.net. As in the past, the club will reimburse testing of all DONATED plants by the owners. **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 #12 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.

2016 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) All plants entered for sale must be owned and grown by the seller for a minimum of 6 months.
- 3) DONATED plants will be accepted from members and non-members.
- 4) All plants must be pre-entered by December 18, 2015, complete with all known information.
- 5) Auction entries will be limited to 150 items/plants, except that all entries from the same seller / donor included in the same plant submission as the 150th plant will be accepted.
- 6) No entries will be accepted after the limit or deadline has been reached, whichever occurs first.
- 7) **A member may enter no more than 10 plants for sale.**
- 8) **A limit of 10 plants per donor is requested.**
- 9) It is suggested that all sellers consider donating at least 1-2 plants when entering 10 plants for sale.
- 10) In order to provide more selection, **no more than two divisions of any one cultivar will be allowed in the auction.** If the coordinator receives more than two divisions of the same plant, the first two received will be entered; sellers will be notified if their submission has exceeded the limit.
- 11) No plants will be allowed into the building the night of the auction unless pre-entered or as a preapproved substitute for one damaged.

- 12) 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.
- 13) 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 owner's or club's discretion.
- 14) 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 2016 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%202016%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:

October 19, 2015. Orchid Society of California, Oakland Monthly AOS Judging.
Cym. *tracyanum* var. album 'Woodside' received a JC/AOS, exhibited by Pierre Pujol.

Upcoming Events:

November 11-15, 2015 AOS Members Meeting Hosted by the Northern Nevada Orchid Society
Atlantis Casino & Resort 3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada 89502. www.nnvos.org

November 13 & 14, 2015 Carmel Orchid Society Fall Orchid Festival Fri - Sat 9AM - 4PM
Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel. Gorgeous Orchids,
Tons of Stuff, Silent Auction, Wine Barrel Raffles, Potting Demonstrations, Answers to Orchid
Questions. Email for more info to johnconnell19@att.net. See their newsletter for more info at
www.carmelorchidsociety.org

November 14 & 15, 2015 Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale Sat 9AM - 5PM, Sun 10AM -
4PM. Soquel High School, 401 Old San Jose Road, Soquel, CA 95073. Presented by the Santa
Cruz Orchid Society and Soquel High School FFA/ROP. Admission is free with plenty of free
parking! AOS and Trophy Judging. View unique and endangered orchids. Purchase orchids for
your own collection as well as potting supplies, orchid Books and prints. Society members provide
culture and growing tips to the general public and skills sessions for new orchid enthusiasts. For
more info click on info@SantCruzOrchidSociety.org, or <http://www.santacruzorchidsociety.org>

November 21 & 22, 2015 – Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Fall Show and Sale. Saturday and
Sunday Hours: 10-5 Saturday, 10-3:30 Sunday. “Orchid Obsession”, Fleishman Auditorium, Santa
Barbara Museum of Natural History (just north of the Old Mission), featuring Laelia anceps at their
peak and fall-blooming Cymbidium and Cattleya species. AOS and CSA judging. Select vendors.

December 6 & 7, 2014: Casa de las Orquideas Annual Open House Sat - Sun 9AM - 4PM. 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 the WEBSITE at
www.orquideas.com email casa@orquideas.com, or call Karl or Miki Batchman at (858) 755-7572

PREVIEW OF IMPORTANT MARCH EVENTS

**March 4-6, 2016 Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. 71st Santa Barbara International
Orchid Show. “Wild World of Orchids”** Friday - Sunday 9AM to 5PM. Earl Warren Show Grounds:
Highway 101 and Las Positas Road. Contact information: www.sborchidshow.com,
sborchidshow@gmail.com, P.O. Box 62154, Santa Barbara, CA 93160.

March 5, 2016. The Annual Cymbidium Society of America Cymbidium Congress will be held
concurrently with the SBIOS event with lectures, banquet, and an auction. (More information in
subsequent Newsletters).

March 18 & 19, 2016. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show & Sale. 1400 Roosevelt Avenue,
Redwood City, CA. Set-Up and Plant entry Friday 10:00AM – 6PM; CSA and AOS judging at 7PM.
Show and Sale open to the public Saturday 10AM to 4PM.

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

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
meeting. The newsletter will publish announcements of upcoming events for other orchid societies
as space permits.. Please submit your inputs to goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com

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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