



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 Plant!
Check out the new Active Member! Reward Program on Page 4**

September 2016

Date: September 16th, 2016

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 theme of this year's 2016-2017 SPEAKER PROGRAM will be "Learning to Make Hybrids". With the overwhelming turn to mericlones on the market and the inability of many commercial Cymbidium hybridizers to include show and unusual hybrids in their inventories, we want to encourage more of our members to start breeding and hybridizing Cymbidiums, growing seedlings, and creating new plants for the enjoyment of all. Our speakers this year will address subjects ranging from how to actually make a cross, how to germinate orchid seedlings in flasks, and how to successfully grow seedlings to first flower.

Our first speaker this year will be our own Pierre Pujol on the topic "**Growing Seedlings From Flasks**". Pierre will briefly present his experimental efforts at making crosses and will give an overview of the flasking process. But the main focus of his presentation will address the final and often dreaded step of growing seedlings from flasks. Pierre will share his own experience with us in a presentation mixing simple science principles, humor, and a lot of pictures.

Since starting growing orchids in 2010, Pierre has tried to leverage his background in life sciences into understanding orchid needs in order to give the best possible care to his rapidly expanding collection. Several cultural and quality awards later, he is happy to share his findings with fellow orchid growers. Pierre grows his orchids in his backyard and in a greenhouse in Half Moon Bay.

Plant Table: The Plant Opportunity Table will be supplied by Pierre. He has promised it will contain many interesting new seedlings from his promising crosses.

Dinner at 5:45 PM with the Speaker: September 16th 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 15th to be included in the dinner reservation group.

Board Meeting: September 16th at 4:30 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. **NOTE EARLY START!**

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) in 1lb & 2lb jars, Orchinata bark (Precision, 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.

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. We accept payments via PayPal to goldcoastcymgrowers@yahoo.com. As an incentive to renew early, GCCG is again providing a free Cymbidium seedling from a flask donated by Bob Harris of the Orchidpeople and grown out by GCCG, a small Cymbidium division from the Pat Proctor collection, or a Laelia anceps/dendrobium from Darrel Wong's Collection. This is GCCG's gift 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 free plant. (no, your friend can't pick it up for you). You can, of course, renew later, but you will not receive a plant. Plants not claimed in September or October may be made available later for sale.

Lifetime members. The Lifetime Membership option is no longer offered. For all current Lifetime members with an email address listed in our membership directory but who have chosen to receive their newsletter via snail mail, you must pick up your free membership plant at the September or October meeting or personally contact Richard Mangan, 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. **Any Lifetime member currently receiving their newsletter by snail mail who has no email address on file and who does not check in or notify Richard will be removed from the Newsletter mailing list starting 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 free plant. 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 plant monitor, who will give the member access to the plants.

New Member: Welcome to our new member who joined GCCG in May:

Dennis Olivas

Pleasanton, CA 94523-1100

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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.**

Message from the President: Welcome to the GCCG 2016/2017 orchid year. Your Board of Directors has been hard at work since June developing several new ideas and programs. We are excited to share these with you at our first meeting and discuss several changes to our calendar. A new and exciting **Active Member! Reward Program** will be rolled out starting in September. This program will give all members an opportunity for both recognition and special awards. Please take a minute to read about it in this newsletter on page #4. A big thank you to Sylvia Darr and Kevin Hill for their hard work to bring this to fruition. We have also worked on a theme for the year, Membership, the GCCG Auction and the annual GCCG Show and Sale. We will be discussing each of these programs and events at our first meeting so you don't want to miss a minute of it!

The Cymbidium Society of America (CSA) has also been busy this summer and as its President, I will be sharing our progress at our meeting. We have made changes to our By Laws, the CSA Journal and the upcoming CSA Congress to be held in Santa Barbara in March 2017. Several members of GCCG sit on the Executive Board and Editorial Board of the CSA and have been instrumental in the revitalization of the entire organization. A big thank you to Stanley Fuelscher, Sylvia Darr, Florence Inserto, Kevin Hill, Jeff Trimble, and Ken Jacobsen for their dedication and hours of hard work on our behalf.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you on September 16th. Come early, renew your membership, pick out your membership plant, bring your checkbooks just in case you find something you need or can't live without on the sale table, be ready to learn something new from our speaker and very own Pierre Pujol and most importantly, support your club with your presence.

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 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

GCCG Active Member! Reward Program

The board is pleased to announce a new program to recognize Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers' members who demonstrate active participation in the society's events. This new **Active Member! Reward Program** will recognize those members who actively volunteer for GCCG events as well as exhibit their orchids on the monthly show table. Kevin Hill will be the manager of the program, so turn your activities in to him each month. He will maintain the spreadsheet of points accrued, and create award coupons.

Plant Exhibition Points

If a member contributes at least one plant, cut spike or flower to the monthly meeting show table, they will receive one plant exhibition point for that month. The goal is to increase the number of our members who participate in the 'Show and Tell'.

Volunteer Points

If a member volunteers in a GCCG event, i.e. the GCCG Show and Sale, the January Auction, the December Holiday Party, the May Potluck, etc. then they will receive one volunteer point for every shift or task completed. For example: If one volunteers to be a show clerk and also for a security or cashier shift, then they would receive two points.

Exhibition at GCCG Show.

If a member enters one or more plants in the Annual GCCG Show, then they will receive two points.

CSA Membership

If a member is a CSA Member then they will receive 2 points, upon renewal or initiation of their membership.

CSA Congress

If a member attends the 2017 CSA Congress then she/he will receive 3 points at the end of the congress.

AWARDS

1) For every three points, the member will receive a coupon worth \$5. Each member may earn up to a total of \$30 in coupons each season.

2) Award coupons will be given out the month after three points are earned. They are redeemable for purchases from member plant sales, ways and means, and plant sales at the GCCG Show.

3) The coupons expire in June, at the end of our annual season (September thru June), in the year **after** the coupon is earned. For example, a reward coupon dated November 2016 will expire June 1, 2018, just after the GCCG Members Potluck, which is the last event of the September 2017 to June 2018 season. Also, it is not redeemable for cash, and no change will be given. Use the coupon in its entirety in your purchases.

The GCCG is a society of people, not orchids. This means that the vitality of the club is what you make of it, the skills you bring to mentor another grower, and most importantly, your spirit and friendship. The success of the club as a whole depends upon your participation, from seemingly unrecognized acts of bringing water bottles for volunteers and vendors at the Show to helping with the organization and support of club events.

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

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.

Auction Planning Time: It is not too early to be thinking about the GCCG annual fund-raising auction to be held January 20, 2017. Consider setting aside a plant or two (as many as ten) 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. Next year, it is hoped all sale plants will be tested for virus as they were this 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

Ken Jacobsen: List available by email k_p_jacobsen@yahoo.com

Carl Jukkola: 650-326-4465. List available by email cjukkola@aol.com

Pierre Pujol: List available by email pierrepujol@aol.com

Barry Zimmerman: 408-515-0968 (cell). List available by email 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

Upcoming Events:

September 17, 2016 Peninsula Orchid Society Auction. Saturday. Plant entry at 10:30 AM to 12:45PM, Bidder registration and Preview begins at 12:00 PM. Auction starts at 1:00 and runs to 5:00 PM or until all plants sold. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo CA. Contact chaunie.langland@earthlink.net for information.

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