



Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

A Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE
ON ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AUCTION!
AND
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE GCCG MEMBERS WHO WERE
TROPHY WINNERS AT THE RECENT POS SHOW!**

February 2017

Date: February 17, 2017

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 Robert Hamilton from Berkeley, CA speaking on “**Orchid Propagation In Vitro and Chromosome-Doubling**”.

Most orchid raising requires in vitro (glass and nowadays often plastic) culture for germination. This is the result of the family orchid's unique evolution among the flowering plants. Orchid seeds contain minuscule amounts of carbohydrates as compared to most flower plants. The advantage is lightweight which gives orchid embryos the ability of wide dispersal by wind. To accomplish germination in the wild, orchids evolved to harness fungal symbionts, which provide young orchids with the carbohydrates (sugars) they need during their early stages of life. Eventually the ability to photosynthesize obviates the need for a symbiont. Modern orchid propagation relies on sterilizing orchid embryos and then sowing them on a media that contains both salts (fertilizer) and sugar. Such propagation requires skill and equipment.

An aspect of such propagation is the ability to increase the ploidy of orchids, which, besides making flowers "porkier", has other benefits. Cymbidiums were among the first orchids to be "doubled-up" with stunning results. This talk will give his history and methods with other orchid genera; however, his methods apply to most all cultivated orchids.

Robert Hamilton's career began as a teenager at the University of California in a job reserved for students. He began as a scientific glassblower making experimental electron tubes and lasers. He currently manages the facilities and equipment for the Marvell NanoFabrication Lab, a semiconductor research lab used by more than 400 researchers. His hobby interest in orchids began in 1975 after meeting his partner, John Leathers. Together Bob and John have grown orchids for more than four decades. They operate a small glass greenhouse in Berkeley, CA and a larger, rented greenhouse in Pacifica, CA. Their primary orchid interest is in cool-growing Andean orchids.

Opportunity Table: The Opportunity Table will be provided by the Robert Hamilton and will include a variety of different cool growing genera.

Dinner at 5:45 PM with the Speaker: February 17th 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 February 16th to be included in the dinner reservation group.

Board Meeting: February 17th 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.

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 should 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 February 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; Orchiata bark (Classic, Power and Power+); and the Agdia dual test virus kits. If you have large orders for any of our usual supplies, please let Stanley or Trudy know in advance so they can bring a sufficient supply.

Refreshments for the February Meeting: As there was no raffle last month, remember to pick up your free raffle tickets at the February 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 treats to support the auction.

Carol Armendariz	Weegie Caughlan	Cora Gadduang	Lyn Gomes
Mike/Annie Green	Trudy Hadler	Marron Honigman	Florence Inerto
Carl Jukkola	Danny Stocks		

GCCG Show: The Show Chair for our April GCCG show is Sylvia Darr with Florence Inerto as Sales Chair. This year we will again be at The Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA. The show will be open to the public on Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday April 24th from 10AM to 4PM, and will include member plant sales both days. In addition to ribbon judging, we will have CSA and AOS judging. Complete information will be published in the abbreviated March Newsletter (no March meeting) as plans and committees are confirmed. Meanwhile, now is the time to offer your help in any way you can by signing up for a job. Remember that every helping hand will make the show and sale more successful! **Contact Sylvia to sign up if you wish a show display table.**

GCCG Sale: The deadline is April 7th, 2017 for all members wishing to sell plants at our show. Please email the Sales Chair, Florence Inerto at flojo1337@yahoo.com to reserve a table. If the tables are not filled by the deadline and a member would like a second table, they will be notified after the deadline. Each member must donate one plant to the raffle for each table requested. **All members reserving a table must enter plants (2 minimum) in the show. If two sales tables are requested, the member must put in a display.** Currently, we have 7 members who have signed up and there is space for 6 1/2 more tables. There will be a table for members who wish to sell 5 or fewer plants. Since this is a two-day sale, sellers are asked to volunteer at least 1 hour each day.

42nd Annual Cymbidium Congress: In conjunction with the Santa Barbara Orchid Show "**Orchids Mystique**" being held March 17th through March 19th, the CSA Congress will be held on March 18th, starting with the CSA Annual meeting at 8:30 AM followed by lectures, a luncheon, a panel discussion and the awards dinner banquet. The speakers for this year will be Cymbidium speakers Randal Robinson from Victoria University, Australia; Kobsukh Kaenratana, Pakkret Floriculture, Bangkok, Thailand; and Geoff Bailey, *Australian Cymbidium Scene* of Melbourne, Australia. The Paphiopedilum speaker will be Tim Culbertson, Irvine, California. A registration form is included in this month's Newsletter. **Again this year, GCCG will be reimbursing the Congress fee to any member who attends the full Congress events for the first time.**

GCCG Membership: Dues for those members wishing to receive their Newsletters electronically are \$15.00. Dues for those members wishing to receive the Newsletter by regular mail are \$20.00. We would still like to convert all members to receive the newsletter via email. Please give your membership fees to Richard Mangan, Membership Chair at any GCCG meeting, mail them to him at 2206 Covey Creek Court, Stockton, Ca. 95207-5367, CA, or contact him at 209-373-7852 or mangasz@att.net. As a convenience, you can now pay your \$15 e-membership renewal via PayPal www.paypal.com and send your renewal payment to goldcoastcymgrowers@yahoo.com

2017 Auction Wrap-Up:

Going .. Going.... Gone!!! We had another incredible auction this year! Congratulations to everyone for the 7th highest grossing auction event in the history of our society. There was excitement flowing in the air from the moment setup began to the second the last orchid was packed in the new owner's car. During this big event, 154 lots were sold in 1 hour and 30 minutes. That's one plant every 35 seconds! Whoa... Of the 35 register bidders, 30 bidders brought in a total gross of \$6,573. That's an average of over \$42.68 per entry! The final net proceeds to the club treasury were \$3,018. Lot presenting and bidding overseen by Weegie Caughlan, Ken Jacobsen, and "keep your paddle up" Jeff Trimble" was fast and furious for each orchid. This was especially true for the top 9 items sold:

- Lot# 139: Cym. (Via Fair Vista x Robert Rowe) 'Ruby Splash' for \$525 (A New Auction High!)
- Lot# 150: Laelia anceps var. lineata 'Clown' AM/AOS for \$310
- Lot# 039: Cym. Glorious 'Polly Puff' for \$190
- Lot# 153: Micro Humidifier Centrifugal Atomization Fogger Model TL-3600 and Thermostat Model TH415 for \$190
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- Four other Cymbidiums went for \$160 each!

Kudos go out to our top 3 donors who donated 10 plants each:

- Weegie Caughlan with \$297
- Barry Zimmerman with \$228
- Carl Jukkola with \$215

An auction of this high a caliber is always a result from hundreds of hours of work entering plants, virus testing, researching and editing the catalog text, and finding photos or links for as many of the lot entries as possible. Kudos goes out to:

- Auction Coordinator: Richard Mangan
- Catalog: Weegie Caughlan and Richard Mangan
- Photo Bucket and photos for plant stakes: Darrel Wong
- Video spread sheet and video projection: Lyn Gomes

Many "**Thanks**" to the generous donations received from the following:

- Agdia: Donation of 50 virus kits for testing our donated plants
- Santa Barbara Orchid Estate: Donation of a gift certificate
- Jerry Rodder: Donation of 2 Model TL-3600 Micro Humidifier Centrifugal Atomization Foggers and 6 Model TH415 Thermostats.

The night could not have been such a resounding success without a cast of talented, enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers. Thank You to:

Auctioneer: Jeff Trimble
Lot presenter: Weegie Caughlan and Ken Jacobsen
Financial advisor: Stanley Fuelscher
Membership: Richard Mangan
Tracking System: Lyn Gomes
Back-up Trackers: Stanley Fuelscher, Trudy Hadler, and Carl Jukkola
Table and Plant setup: Carol Armendariz, Jennifer Daine, Sylvia Darr, Stanley Fuelscher, Kevin Hill, Florence Inserto, Richard Mangan, and Darrel Wong
Runners: Carol Armendariz, Jennifer Daine, Sylvia Darr, Kevin Hill, Marron Honigman, Florence Inserto, Richard Mangan, Audrey Young-Tarter
Refreshments: Doug Cumming and Tony Gee

Finally, 100% of all 'Seller' plants were tested negative for the presence of CymMV/ORSV. Let's strive for this goal of 100% again at our 2018 auction! In addition, 91% of the auction items had an accompanying photo. Comparing data collected on those items sold with photos to those without in a 1 gal pot, it was clear again that an item with a photo created more excitement and sold for 95% more than one that didn't have one. Please take this under consideration when planning your 2018 auction entries. Take pictures now when your plants are in bloom! Richard, Darrel, Lyn, and Weegie need your help and support in continuing to make this auction so professionally presented. Again..... THANK YOU!

President's Message: From my first auction to the 2017 version? Amazing! Each and every year has been a special one for me. As I watched each participant look over the many exciting options ahead of time then looked out at all the "winners" after it was over, my take away was that this is what an auction should be! People were excited to buy from the best and thrilled with their acquisitions. I want to thank each of you for braving the elements and supporting our club with your "winnings". As you might imagine, endless hours of hard work go into something like this. We have the USA's best growers who give each of us the opportunity to acquire plants we might never have access to. This doesn't happen without endless hours in the greenhouse and incredible amounts of hard work! GCCG is so lucky so have access to these talented growers! Then there is the infrastructure of the auction: the Photobucket, the catalogue, the fact checking, the computer programming, the supplies, the food and drink, the auctioneer, the runners, the fine tuning of the checkout, the after auction accounting and the analysis. Hundreds of hours of time are needed to support this auction and to make it something unique and special and as a result it has become a real roll model for other clubs. My personal heroes in this year's auction are Richard, Darrel, Weegie, Lynn, the night of auction helpers, the growers, and all of YOU, the Members. Thank you for your support.

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 on the CSA website.

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 7:00PM and 7:30PM 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 6:15PM and 7:00PM. 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 on a Cymbidium or Paphiopedilum Alliance plant or a trophy at any show this season, please send the information to goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com

Recent AOS and CSA awards granted to Cymbidiums or Paphiopedilums grown by our members: January 13, 2017 Peninsula Orchid Society Show, Redwood City, CA.

Cym. *goeringii* 'Green Giant' (species) received an HCC/AOS of 77 points exhibited by Ken Jacobsen.
Cym. Sweet Melody 'Cinnabar' (Vanessa Amorosi x Flaming Pepper) received a B/CSA of 75 points exhibited by Weegie Caughlan.

Orchid Show Winners: Peninsula Orchid Society Show, January 13, 2017. Congratulations to the GCCG members who won trophies and awards at this show, Due to the incomplete judging records available from the POS Show, some members' awards from that show may not be listed.

Open Class:

Ken and Amy Jacobsen – Best Open Cattleya Alliance and Best Cattleya in show for Epicatanthe Volcano Trick 'Fireball' (Cattlianthe Trick or Treat x Epicatanthe *stamfordianum*)
Pierre Pujol - Best Open class Cymbidium, POS Trophy for Best plant grown by an Open grower for Cym. Kirby Lesh 'Cinnabar' AM/AOS, S/CSA (Pink Champagne x Red Beauty)

Advanced Class:

Carol Armendariz – Best Advanced Class Vandaceous for Aerangis Unreg. 'Mire' (*Aer. platyphylla* x *Aer. veridickii*) and the Anna Chai Trophy for Best plant grown by an Advanced Grower for Cym. Isle 'Flamingo' (Christmas Beauty x Pacific Pearl).

Weegie Caughlan – Best Advanced Class Cym. and Best Cym in show for Cym. Via Rincon-Vista 'OH!' HCC/AOS (Via Vista x Rincon).

Japheth Ko – Best Advanced Class Species for (Brassidium Shooting Star x Gomesa (syn. Baptistonia) *echinata*) 'Big Ben'; Best Advanced Class Oncidium Alliance and the Katherine Jason Trophy for Best Species in Show for Laelia *anceps* v. *lineata* 'Feathered Lady NDT' FCC/AOS.

Bill Weaver – Best Advanced Class Paphiopedilum Alliance for Phrag China Dragon (Grande 4n x *besseae*); Best Advanced Class Seedling for Cym. Unreg. (Red Cross x *tracyanum*)

Novice Class:

James Evenson – Best Novice Class Cymbidium and the Clar Hancock Trophy for Best Culture by a Novice Grower for Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' (*floribundum* x Sleeping Beauty)

GCCG Active Member! Reward Coupon Program: 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 and Sale to helping with the organization of club events.

The board would like to acknowledge the following members who have earned Active Member! Points.

1 pt: Terry and Margaret Boomer, Greg Corrales, Heather Drobus, Lyn Gomes, Mike and Annie Green, Marron and Stanley Honingman/Fuelscher, Florence Inserto

2 pts: Jennifer Daine, Trudy Hadler, Timothy and Ann Wells, and Audrey Young-Tarter

3 pts: Carol Armendariz, Ken and Amy Jacobsen, Carl Jukkola, Pierre Pujol, Kalan Toy, Jeff Trimble, Bill Weaver, and Darrel Wong

4 pts: Tony and Doug Gee/Cumming, and Kevin Hill

5 pts: Sylvia Darr

7 pts: Weegie Caughlan

For every three points, a member will receive a coupon worth \$5.

Each member may earn up to a total of \$30 in coupons each season.

The first set of Reward Coupons will be provided at the February GCCG meeting.

The Active Member! Program is designed to recognize those members who exhibit their orchids on the monthly show table as well as those who actively volunteer for GCCG events.

Plant Exhibition Points

Exhibiting at least one orchid plant, cut spike or flower at the monthly meeting show table will earn one plant exhibition point for that month.

Exhibition at GCCG Show.

Entering a plant in the Annual GCCG Show will earn 2 plant exhibition points.

Volunteer Points

The GCCG Show and Sale is coming up, April. 22-23! You will receive one volunteer point for every shift completed. For example, volunteering to be a show clerk, and then later for a security shift, will earn two volunteer points. (See Florence Inserto for details on how to volunteer for Saturday AND Sunday.)

CSA Membership

Becoming/Renewing your CSA Membership will earn 2 points. Let me know when you have paid your CSA Membership dues.

CSA Congress

Attending the 2017 CSA Congress will earn 3 points at the end of the congress.

Volunteers needed for POE: Volunteers are still needed for the Pacific Orchid Exposition to be held February 24-26 at the Hall of Flowers, San Francisco. All shift volunteers will get a badge giving unlimited entry to the show for all three days. The following volunteer opportunities are available and each shift is about three hours: Ticket Sales, Hospitality, Security, Plant Hotel, Front Display Setup on Tuesday Feb 22nd and Front Display Takedown after the show is over on Sunday. Sign up to volunteer at **Volunteer Spot** <http://vols.pt/c8kYyS> or email (dave@hermeyer.us) if you would like more information. There will be opportunities to meet fellow orchid enthusiasts who love to share their orchid experiences and knowledge in addition to meeting and chatting with orchid vendors and the people behind the scenes.

Upcoming Events:

February 10 – 12, 2017. - Malihini Orchid Society Show and Sale Main Street Cupertino 19459 Stevens Creek Blvd. Sp. #19369. Fri. 6 AM – 9 PM sales only. Sat. 10 AM – 6 PM. Sun. 10 AM – 5 PM.
Info: <http://www.malihini.org>

February 11, 2017. Open House - Bench Clearing Sale – Greg Corrales Orchid Collection.
Sat. 11: AM – 3:30 PM. 12511 San Mateo Drive, Half Moon Bay, Ca. 94019. For information or if you cannot make the 11th and wish a private appointment, call Greg at 650-714-4734 or email him: gjcorrales@mac.com

February 24 – 26 2017. - SFOS Pacific Orchid and Garden Exposition. Hall of Flowers, San Francisco.
Fri/Sat; 10 AM – 5 PM. Sun. \$14 advance, \$15 at the Door; Seniors – \$11 in advance, \$12 at the door. 3 Day Pass – \$25; Children 16 and under – Free. Lectures, demonstrations, tours, orchid displays and sales.
www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

March 4 & 5, 2017. – Annual Santa Cruz Orchid Society Spring Show & Sale. 10 AM to 4 PM Soquel High School, Soquel, CA. For Information. <http://santacruzorchidsociety.org/>

March 4 & 5, 2017. – Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Annual Show and Sale. 10 AM – 5 PM Volunteer Show Set-Up Friday 12 PM - 6 PM. Lakeside Garden Center 666 Bellevue, Oakland, CA. For Information: http://goldengatecymbidiumsociety.com/orchid_show_and_sale

March 11 & 12, 2017. Napa Valley Orchid Society Show and Sale. Sat. Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM. Napa Senior Activity Center. 1500 Jefferson Street, Napa Ca. 94559. Free Admission. For information call 707-738-4128. For details visit <http://nv-os.org/index.php/show-and-sale/2017-exquisite-orchids>

March 17 – 19, 2017. 72nd Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. “Orchid Mystique”
Friday – Sunday 9 AM to 5 PM. Earl Warren Show Grounds: Highway 101 and Las Positas Road. Contact information: <https://sborchidshow.com/> sborchidshow@gmail.com, P.O. Box 62154, Santa Barbara, CA 93160.

March 18, 2017. The Annual Cymbidium Society of America Cymbidium Congress will be held concurrently with the SBIOS event with lectures, banquet, and an auction. See attached flyer.

April 1 & 2, 2017. Sonoma County Orchid Society Show and Sale. Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM. Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM. Santa Rosa Veterans Building. 1351 Maple Ave. Santa Rosa, CA. Admission \$8.00.

April 22 & 23, 2017. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show & Sale. 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA. Set-Up and Plant entry Friday 10 AM – 6 PM. CSA and AOS judging. Show and Sale open to the public Saturday and Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. For information contact Sylvia Darr, show Chair syldarr@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