2017 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction

The GCCG annual fund-raising Collectors' Auction will be held January 20, 2017, with an entry deadline of 10:00 PM, Friday, December 16, 2016.

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 95207-5367.

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 pendent), 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 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.

2017 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 16, 2016, 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 2017 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%202017%20Auction?sort=4&postlogin=true&page=1