



## Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

A Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

**REMEMBER TO SIGN UP  
TO HELP AT OUR SHOW  
APRIL 21 AND 22!**

Date: March 16, 2018

**Time: 7:30 PM (Doors open and plant sales begin at 7:00 PM)**

**NEW THIS MONTH: 7:05 PM. Come early to learn how to groom a plant for show from one of our experts!  
This is more for Novice growers but everyone can benefit from this short demonstration.**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

**Program:** Our speaker this is month is **Dr. Randall Robinson** of Victoria University, Australia. He will be speaking on "**A search for Cymbidiums in the Wilds of China**". Where are these 'New' species coming from? Dr. Robinson developed a life-long interest in Cymbidium species and primary hybrids during his time as the Eric Young Orchid Scholar at the Royal Horticultural Society in the early 1980s. For those who attended the recent CSA Congress, he was one of the favorite, featured speakers with a program of ploidy and color under the microscope.

**Opportunity Table:** Santa Barbara Orchid Estate in Santa Barbara will provide The Opportunity Table. Unless we make the drive to SB, we seldom get the opportunity to purchase from their vast assortment of species and hybrids. Now, they are coming to us! Save your money for tickets for this table!

**Dinner at 5:45 PM with the Speaker: March 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Members and guests are welcome. Call Sylvia Darr at 650-450-1384 by Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> to be included in the dinner reservation group.

**Board Meeting: March 16<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 PM at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Call Sylvia Darr at 650-450-1384 if you **cannot** attend.

**Supplies for sale at the meeting:** Unprinted labels, single-edged razor blades, pens, Twist Ties, pots of assorted sizes, and 3' and 4' bamboo stakes,

**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 Spring sale remain the same as before.

**Refreshments for the March Meeting:** Remember to pick up your free raffle tickets at the 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 the February meeting.**

Carol Armendariz	Greg Corrales	Annie/Mike Green	Trudy Hadler
Florence Inserto	Janusz Warszawski	Chris Wells	

**New Member:** We welcome a new member who joined us in February:

S. Mint Pasakdee	Santa Clara, CA 95051	spasakdee@gmail.com
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**Display Tables for the Show**

Once again we will have displays put in by individuals or groups around the perimeter of our show room. Displays allow the exhibitor to keep their plants together and to create a pleasing and creative arrangement. Displays may contain any genera of orchids, although primarily Cymbidiums are generally preferred. They can also contain foliage plants and natural materials. Display tables are 8 ft. by 2-1/2 ft. Anyone wanting to have a display table should contact Sylvia Darr at [syldarr@gmail.com](mailto:syldarr@gmail.com), or call [650-450-1384](tel:650-450-1384).

**GCCG Sale:** The deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for all members wishing to sell plants at our show. Please email the Sales Chair, Florence Inserto at [flojo1337@yahoo.com](mailto: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 each day 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.** 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

**Vice President's Message:**

Let me begin by telling everyone that our president Marron is still in the hospital recovering from the systemic infection that she came down with 6 weeks ago. She seems to be through the difficult period now, and is slowly recovering. While we know that it will be a long recovery, we hope that she will be back to her regular activities before the summer is over.

We are now in the heart of the cymbidium blooming season! What a delight it is. Just walking through my growing area looking at the profusion of blooming spikes makes me so happy to be a cymbidium grower. I was just at the Pacific Orchid Exposition and in a week or two I'll be down in Santa Barbara for the SB International Orchid Show, the AOS Annual Spring Members Meeting, and of course the CSA Congress. It is all very thrilling, and this year's Congress is going to be another exciting and informative set of Cymbidium and Paphiopedilum speakers, George Hatfield as the dinner speaker, and the excellent Congress Auction. It isn't too late to register and come down for the Congress on Saturday March 10. And as we have said before, if this is your first time, the GCCG will reimburse you for your entire Congress registration fee. Check out the Congress and Register at [www.cymbidium.org](http://www.cymbidium.org), the CSA website.

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Our March speaker is a return visit from our Aussie friend, Randall Robinson. Fresh from the CSA Congress where he will be leading a demonstration called: "Cymbidium under the Microscope", he will join us with another of his informative and enlightening talks. I am certainly looking forward to it, and I hope that you are too.

I want to ask all of you to be involved with our club's annual show and sale this year, April 21 and 22, 2018. We will have display set up and plant entry on Friday, April 20. Judging will be Saturday morning before the show opens. Marron and Stanley will not be able to help us with the show this year; those two devoted countless hours to making our show the success that it has been for the last several years. As the show chair without my co-chair Marron, I am acutely aware that we are going to need EVERYONE's help to fill the gap this year. We need volunteers to take shifts for the following tasks: Show Set Up and Tear Down, Security, Plant Hotel, Cashier Assistants, Front Desk, Ways and Means Sales, Plant entry, and Ribbon Judges. The two show days are each divided into three two-hour shifts and each shift you work earns you an "Active Member!" point. Chris Wells is managing the sign up as described elsewhere in this newsletter. Please email her to sign up for as many shifts as you can manage. We all need to pitch in to make our show a success!

And finally, if you have never brought one of your plants into a show before, this is your year to do it. Watch your plants, and start planning for the ones that may be in bloom in April. We want to encourage everyone to enter plants in the show this year, no matter how inexperienced you may be. **There will be a short grooming session at the beginning of this meeting to help you learn the tricks of plant grooming and figuring out how to enter it.** Happy Blooming! – Sylvia Darr

#### **FRIDAY:**

12:00 PM to 6:30 PM – DISPLAY SET UP AND PLANT ENTRY. All plants MUST be in the judging room on the benches or in their displays with entry cards attached **by 6:30 PM or they will not be judged.**

#### **SATURDAY:**

8:00 AM - Ribbon Judging and CSA Judging; AOS judging to follow.

## **Volunteers Needed**

**SATURDAY and SUNDAY** - All shifts each day are 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM and 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Volunteers are still needed in all areas of the show and sale.** Any club member who would like to participate, please contact Chris Wells at 415-254-8939 or at [toomanybws@gmail.com](mailto:toomanybws@gmail.com)

#### **Set up:** (2 hour shift)

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

#### **Supply Sales:** (2 hour shifts – both days)

10 - 12

12 - 2

2 - 4 – one more needed

#### **Front Entrance Ticket Sales** (2 hour shifts – both days)

10 - 12 - one more needed

12 - 2 - one more needed

2 - 4 - one more needed

**Raffle Sales** (2 hour shifts – both days)

10 -12

12 - 2

2 - 4

**Cashiers:** (2 hour shifts – both days)

**Membership:** (2 hour shifts – both days)

**Plant Hotel:** (2 hour shifts – both days)

**Security at Exit door** (2 hour shifts – both days)

10 -12

12 - 2

2 – 4

**Take Down and Clean-up** – 3 more volunteers needed

4:00 PM – 5 PM

As you can see, we have lots of slots to fill and we need your time and effort. This is our club's weekend to shine and it requires all hands on deck. We have a large club and we are depending on each and every one of you to SIGN UP NOW!!!! Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

**Nominating Committee:** The Chair and Co-chair of the Nominating Committee were chosen at last month's Board meeting. The remaining members came from the Membership at Large. The Committee will be out and about in the next few weeks contacting members for positions. We have several "big feet" to fill this year in the absence of Marron and Stanley. We will be especially in need of a new Treasurer. If any member would like to volunteer in helping to lead our club activities without the arm-twisting, please contact Weegie Caughlan at [goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com) The Board Nominees will be published in next month's Newsletter. Chair – Weegie Caughlan, Co-chair – Trudy Hadler  
Members at large – Pat Olson, Martha Skalak and Janusz Warszawski

**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](mailto:goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com)

### Recent AOS and CSA awards granted to Cymbidiums or Paphiopedilums grown by our members:

February 22, 2018 Pacific Orchid Exposition San Francisco, CA

**Cym *sinense* v album 'Roshan'** species, received a S/CSA of 83 points exhibited by Ken Jacobsen.

**Laelia anceps 'Fran Weaver'** species, received a CCM/AOS of 88 points exhibited by Bill Weaver

### Orchid Show Winners:

February 22, 2018. Pacific Orchid Exposition, San Francisco, CA.

**Bill Weaver** - Best in Show; Paph *fairrianum* species

**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. Report all points earned for the month to Kevin Hill.

Active Member point tally Update:

1 pt: Greg Corrales, Jennifer Daine, Lyn Gomes, Carl Jukkola, Richard Mangan, Patricia Olson, Martha Skalak, and Chris Wells

2 pts: Chen-Hao Hsu, Cheryl Philipson. Pierre Pujol, Darrel Wong, and Barry Zimmerman

3 pts: Terry & Margaret Boomer, Richard Copeland, Bill Weaver, and Audrey Young-Tarter

4 pts: Trudy Hadler, and Ken & Amy Jacobsen

5 pts: Tony & Doug Cumming/Gee

6 pts: Marron & Stanley Honingman/Fuelscher, Florence Inserto, and Jeff Trimble

7 pts: Sylvia Darr

8 pts: Carol Armendariz, and Weegie Caughlan

9 pts: Kevin Hill

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 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.

#### **1 Point**

**a) 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.

**b) Volunteer Points:** The GCCG Show and Sale is coming up, April. 21-22! 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.)

#### **2 Points**

**a) CSA Membership:** Becoming/Renewing your CSA Membership will earn 2 points. Let Kevin know when you have paid your CSA Membership dues.

**b) Exhibiting** a plant in the Annual GCCG Show will earn 2 plant exhibition points.

**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. Dues are \$35.00 per year, which include a digital subscription to the *CSA Journal* and should be mailed to Membership Chair, Cymbidium Society of America, 5710 Hollister Ave., #270 Goleta, CA 93117. Membership payment may also be made through PayPal on the CSA website.

#### Upcoming Events:

**March 9 - 11, 2018. 73<sup>rd</sup> Santa Barbara International Orchid Show. "The World's Greatest Show - Orchids."** 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](mailto:sborchidshow@gmail.com), P.O. Box 62154, Santa Barbara, CA 93160.

**March 10, 2018. The Annual Cymbidium Society of America Cymbidium Congress** will be held concurrently with the SBIOS event with lectures, banquet, and an auction. Register online at [www.cymbidium.org](http://www.cymbidium.org)

**March 17, 18, 2018 Malihini Orchid Society Sale** Main Street Cupertino 19459 Stevens Creek Blvd. (Next to Philz Coffee). Sat. 10 AM – 6 PM. Sun. 10 AM – 5 PM. Info: <http://www.malihini.org>

**March 31 – April 1, 2018. 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 14 & 15, 2018. Five Cities Orchid Show and Sale. Sat. 9 AM to 5 PM, Sun 10 AM to 5 PM.** South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St. Arroyo Grande, CA. Admission \$6. [www.fcos.org](http://www.fcos.org)

**April 21 & 22, 2018. 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](mailto:syldarr@gmail.com)



**Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Orchid Show & Sale**  
**Saturday - Sunday, April 21-22 2018, 10 AM - 4 PM**

Community Activities Building  
1400 Roosevelt Avenue  
Redwood City, CA 94061

CSA and AOS Judged Event  
Blooming Orchids for Sale  
Potting Demos & Cultivation Talks  
\$5 Admission, REDUCED to \$3 SENIORS

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 **MALIHINI**  
ORCHID SOCIETY  
2018 ANNUAL  
**Orchid Sale**  
Culture Demonstrations

**FREE ADMISSION**  
Sat. Mar. 17 10am-6pm  
Sun. Mar. 18 10am-5pm

There will be lectures and demonstrations on orchids. Special purchased orchids will also be on sale

Info: [malihini.org](http://malihini.org)

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CUPERTINO

**Town Square**  
19419 Stevens Creek Blvd.  
Cupertino, CA 95014  
(next to Philz Coffee  
Between N. Tantau Ave.  
& N. Wolfe Road)

**GCCG**

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