

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

Date: February 15, 2019

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 is Andrew Cameron PHD speaking on "The genes that make an orchid flower or the dirty little secrets that Mendel never told you". We will explore how a basic set of genes tells flowers their fate and how this knowledge Is elaborated in the exotic flowers of orchids Horticulturists breed plants to make new and interesting hybrids all the time. This is a practice as old as the domestication of plants. Indeed plant breeding was used to illustrate the principles of genetics by Gregor Mendel. Orchidists came to this practice as soon as exotic plants came to the greenhouses of Europe. In the last 30 years plant scientists have learned how genes influence flower formation. The story became even more interesting as the studies moved into new groups of plants such as orchids.

Andrew Cameron is a semi-retired member of the research faculty at the California Institute of Technology. He studies how the genomes of marine creatures like sea urchins and sea stars dictate the form of these animals. He is past president of the San Gabriel Valley Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, current Vice President of CSA International, an Accredited CSA Judge, the new editor of the "CSA Cymbidium Journal" and a member of our club. He writes the Duffer's Corner column for the *CSA Journal*. He also tries to convince cymbidiums and other cool-growing orchids that Elkhorn, CA is a good place to live! One of his major goals is to introduce orchid hobbyists to the wonderful body of biological information that underlies their pursuits.

Opportunity Table: The Opportunity Table will be provided by Andy from his own collection. There will be NEW Cymbidium seedlings as well as many quality divisions of known plants.

Dinner at 5:45 PM with the Speaker: February 15th at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Members and guests are welcome. Call Florence Inserto at 415-640-7025 by Thursday February 14th to be included in the dinner reservation group.

NO MEETING IN MARCH DUE TO THE CONFLICT WITH THE SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW.

- **Board Meeting:** February 15th at 5:00 PM at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Call Florence Inserto before February 14th at 415-640-7025 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.
- The usual Orchid Supplies will be for sale at the February meeting. Call Carol if you wish case lots or large numbers of items. This is the last opportunity to buy before our April sale as we will not meet in March.
- 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 Greg Corrales Stan Fuelscher
Lynn Gomes Trudy Hadler Florence Inserto Janusz Warszawski

- GCCG Show: The Show Chair for our April GCCG show to be held April 13th and 14th is Bill Weaver with Florence Inserto 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 13th and Sunday April 14th from 10AM to 4PM, and will include member plant sales both days. In addition to ribbon judging, we will have CSA and AOS judging Saturday morning starting at 8:00AM. Complete information will be published in the March and April Newsletters as plans and committees are confirmed. This year we will need more help than ever to see the show runs smoothly. Remember that every helping hand will make the show and sale more successful! Contact Bill to sign up if you wish a show display table.
- GCCG Sale: The deadline is April 5th, 2019 for all members wishing sale tables at our show. Please email the Sales Chair, Florence Inserto 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 each day. 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.
- 44th Annual Cymbidium Congress: In conjunction with the Santa Barbara Orchid Show "Orchid Mystique" being held March 15th through March 17th, the CSA Congress will be held on March 16th, 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 Dr. Randall Robinson from Victoria University, Australia; Carol Butcher from New York; and Ken Cameron, PHD. from the University of Wisconsin. The Paphiopedilum speakers will be Wenqing Perner of Sichuan, China and Dave Sorokowsky from California. A registration form is included in this month's Newsletter.

President's Message: I hope you are enjoying your first cymbidium blooms in a late season, as shown by November blooming *tracyanums* and their hybrids which are finally in bloom.

The Society is in the thick of our busiest time of year. We began in January with our incredible annual auction. It was the first time we held it on a Saturday and it was a smashing success! (*Please see Richard's report in the newsletter*). Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and entered auction items. Richard and Martha, deserve my heartfelt thanks. And as deserved, a big thank you to those who worked so hard before, during and after the auction! Volunteers are the backbone of any club, group or society. To all the buyers, thank you for supporting GCCG. We had some wonderful cymbidiums on the table and the bidding for some of the more coveted plants went for a pretty price. It would be great to see some of these at our next meeting when they bloom!

Filoli in Woodside, CA is having their first orchid show from January 31st to February 17th. We have agreed to exhibit some of our cymbidiums in the urns located in the foyer from February 7th to February17th. Again, volunteers are needed to assist bringing cymbidiums for the display. Please contact Sylvia Darr (syldarr@gmail.com) for more information. Happy Valentine's Day. XOXOXO

2019 Auction Wrap-Up: We had an incredible auction this year! Congratulations to everyone for one of the most successful auctions in the history of our club. During the event, 128 lots were sold in about 2 hours. We had 29 bidders which is a significant increase from the 16 bidders in 2018. The bids produced a total gross of over \$5850 and a final net to the club treasury of over \$3,650. Bidding, overseen by Jeff "keep your paddle up" Trimble and Weegie "what you see is what you get" Caughlan, was fast and furious for each orchid. This was especially true for the top 3 orchids sold:

Lot 115	Cym. <i>tracyanum v. album</i> 'Woodside' JC/AOS	\$200
Lot 26	Cym. Elle Ronis 'Cinnabar' AM/AOS, S/CSA 4n	\$190
Lot 43	Cym. Howard Cobb 'Feathered Zita'	\$160

Kudos go out to our top 3 donors: GCCG items from the Marron Honigman Collection with \$1603, Weegie Caughlan with \$604, and Carl Jukkola with \$253. In addition, we thank all members who entered plants for the auction: Annie Green, Audrey Young-Tarter, Carol Armendariz, Carl Jukkola, Darrel Wong, Elizabeth Storti, Greg Corrales, Japheth Ko, Pierre Pujol, Richard Copeland, and Weegie Caughlan. We also want to thank Kevin Hill for donating 3 AOS Cymbidium books to the club. Each plant sold generates 25% of the winning bid for the club and for each donated item 100% goes to the club.

The auction was a result of many hours of work preparing plants, virus testing, researching and editing the catalog text, and finding photos or links for as many of the lot entries as possible. Thanks go out to: Auction Coordinator: Richard Copeland. Catalog creators: Weegie Caughlan, Martha Skalak and Richard Copeland. Photos: Richard Copeland and Martha Skalak. Award verification: Kevin Hill and Weegie Caughlan. Auction Bid Recording, Payments, and Billing: Lyn Gomes, Stanley Fuelscher, and Carl Jukkola. Auctioneer: Jeff Trimble. Plant Presenter: Weegie Caughlan. Set-up and Plant Check In: Florence Inserto, Martha Skalak, Carol Armendariz. Tom Deetz and Richard Copeland. Runners: Florence Inserto, Carol Armendariz, Sylvia Darr, Kevin Hill, Pat Olson, and Janusz Warszawski. Clean up: Sylvia Darr and Florence Inserto. Refreshments: Doug Cunning, Tony Gee and members.

A special Thank You to the generous donations received from the following:

Agdia - Donation of 50 virus kits for testing our donated plants and 5 kits each for individual auction. **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate** - Donation of a gift certificate for 50% off any purchase totaling \$150 or less. **OrchidPeople of Hawaii** – Plant Donation.

Finally, from the data collected comparing plants with photos to those without, it was clear that an orchid with a photo created more excitement and sold for a higher price than one without a photo. Please take this under consideration when planning your 2020 auction entries. **Take pictures now when your plants are in bloom so they will command higher prices if put in the auction next year!** Again......THANK YOU!

- **GCCG Membership**: Newsletters are no longer sent by regular mail. Dues for electronic mailing are \$15.00. We accept payments via PayPal to goldcoastcymgrowers@yahoo.com or contact Chris Wells at 415-254-8939.
- 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©(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 online version of 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 at GCCG: The CSA will be judging Cymbidiums, Paphiopedilums, and Phragmipediums at our regular monthly meetings on request. To have a plant judged, call Weegie Caughlan at 650-4948-2342 or email goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com 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 Weegie Caughlan 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, in Oakland at the Lakeside Garden Center on the third Monday, of each month and now at Filoli in Woodside at 9:00 AM the 2nd Saturday of each month through 2019. For judging, plants need to be submitted to the clerks between 6:15PM and 7:00PM in SF or Oakland and between 9:00AM and 9:30AM at Filoli. Contact Japheth Ko at 650-704-6832 or email japhethko@gmail.com . CSA and/or AOS judging takes place at most of the local shows. Contact the show organizers regarding plant entry for judging.

CSA Judging: Ever thought about applying to be a judge? Now is the time to see if it is for you. CSA is looking for people interested in joining the judging program. For information or to apply contact Weegie Caughlan at any meeting or email her at goldcoastcymgrowers@gmail.com

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. The deadline is the 4th Friday of the preceding month.

Recent AOS and CSA awards granted to our members:

December 4, 2018 - San Francisco

Cymbidium Ken Siew 'Santa Barbara' (Cym. *erythraeum* x Cym. *tracyanum*) HCC/AOS of 77 pts, exhibited by Sylvia Darr

January 12, 2019 Filoli, Woodside

Cymbidium *tortisepalum* 'Yellow Lotus' species HCC/AOS of 76 pts (provisional), exhibited by Ken Jacobsen

Oncidium Zappii 'Sunshine' (Natural Hybrid) received an HCC/AOS of 76 pts, exhibited by Ken Jacobsen

Oncidium Zappii 'Bentley (Natural Hybrid) received an HCC/AOS of 77 pts, exhibited by Ken Jacobsen

Phragmepedilum Lutz Rôllke 'Phoenixô (*besseae x boissierianum*) received an AM/AOS of 80 pts, exhibited by Japheth Ko

January 25, 2019 POS show, Redwood City

Laelia *anceps* frm. veitchiana 'Jennifer Joyce' received an HCC/AOS of 76 pts, exhibited by Japheth Ko

Zygopetalum Mishima Goddess 'Midnight' (B.G. White x James Strauss) received an AM/AOS of 81 pts, exhibited by Weegie Caughlan

January 25, 2019 POS CSA Award

Cymbidium Fair Delight 'Polar Bear' (Downs Delight x Poetic Fair) received a B/CSA of 78 pts, exhibited by Weegie Caughlan

Peninsula Orchid Society Show Trophy Winners, January 25, 2019

Cymbidium Khan Fury 'Black Plum' (Khan Flame x Blazing Fury) Best Open Cymbidium. Exhibited by Angelic Nguyen.

Cymbidium Death Wish 'Speckled Spectre' HCC/AOS (Pywacket x Disney Girl) Best Advanced Cymbidium; Best Cymbidium in Show; Anna Chai Trophy for Best plant grown by an Advanced Grower. Exhibited by Weegie Caughlan.

Cymbidium Hanburyanum 'Keefe' (*erythrostylum x tracyanum*) Best Intermediate Cymbidium; Clar Hancock Trophy for best plant grown by an Intermediate grower. Exhibited by Richard Copeland

Phragmepedium sedenii (species) Best Advanced Paphiopedilum; Kay Rinaman Trophy for Best Cypripedium Alliance in Show. Exhibited by Bill Weaver.

Sophrolaelia Dorothy Elliot 'Red Hot' (Cattleya Psyche x Laelia *anceps* Marble King) Best Advanced Cattleya; Best Cattleya Alliance in Show. Exhibited by Bill Weaver.

Upcoming Events:

January 6 - February 24, 2019. "Orchids, Grand and Glorious". Filoli Estate & Gardens. 86 Canada Road, Woodside, CA. Website https://filoli.org/

February 22 - 24, 2019. The Pacific Orchid Exposition. 'Orchids of The Enchanted Forest'. Gala Night: February 21, 2019. Show: February 22-24, 2019. San Francisco County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. www.pacorchidexpo.org

March 2 & 3, 2019. Santa Cruz Orchid Society Show and Sale. Sat. 9AM -5PM, Sun. 10AM to 4PM. Cabrillo College, Horticultural Center. 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003. Admission Free. For information: http://santacruzorchidsociety.org

March 2 & 3, 2019. 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 15 - 17, 2019. 73rd 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 16, 2019. 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.

March 30 & 31, 2019. 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 www.sonomaorchids.com

April 13 & 14, 2019. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show & Sale. 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA. Set-Up and Plant entry Friday April 12 - 10:00 AM – 6 PM. Saturday: CSA and AOS judging 8:00 AM. Show and Sale open to the public Saturday and Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. For information contact Bill Weaver, show Chair: 408-245-7179. http://www.goldcoast.com

The American Orchid Society Pacific Central Judging Center

Is Judging at Filoli!!

When: Plant entry 9:00 am
Judging 9:30 am

Saturday 9 February 2019 Saturday 9 March 2019

Where: Filoli 86 Cañada Rd

Woodside, CA 94062

Bring a blooming plant to have judged Observe judging.

Stay for the educational presentation following judging.

Questions: Contact Jim Heilig, heiligja@msu.edu
There is no cost to attend judging. To visit the gardens and house at Filoli, admission fees apply.

Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Board of Directors for 2019-20

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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

The 44th Annual Cymbidium Congress Saturday March 16, 2019 Lectures, Auction, and Banquet

Carol Butcher The Road to Red Cymbidiums



Carol Butcher is a lifelong native of upstate New York, where she became an orchid hobbyist after moving to the Rocheter area. She has served as both Show Chair and Program Chair for the Genesee Region Orchid Society, which meets in Rochester, New York. Carol is an accredited American Orchid Society Judge with the Toronto Judging Center. Her orchid collection consists of about 150 plants in a mix of both species and hybrids,

grown on windowsills and under lights in the home she shares with her husband and their two retired racing greyhounds.

Dr. Ken Cameron **Systematics of Cymbidiums**

Ken Cameron serves as Chair of the University of Wisconsin at Madison's Department of Botany and as Director of the Wisconsin State Herbarium, a collection of over 1.4 million specimens. His primary laboratory research interests focus on the systematics, evolution, structure and conservation of orchids. He was



the first biologist to use DNA sequence data to reconstruct the evolutionary history of the orchid family and is considered the world authority on the systematics of Vanilla. In 2014, he was recognized by the American Society of Plant Taxonoists with the Peter Raven Award for Exceptional Botanical Outreach.

More info on the reverse side. Register online at www.cymbidium.org or use the mail-in form

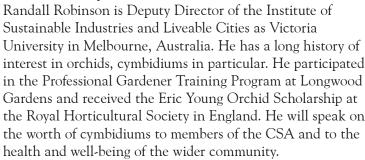
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Cypripedium in China and Their Cultivation



Wenging Perner is owner and co-founder of Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology Ltd. located in Sichuan, China. Since 2001, the company has focused on laboratory propagation of slipper orchids and many other orchid genera, in addition to food crops such as blueberries. Fluent in four languages, Wenging is an internationally recognized speaker on on orchids. She leads botanical tours in search of rare orchid and plant flora in western China.

Dr. Randall Robinson What is a Cymbidium Worth?





Dave Sorokowsky Paphiopedilum rothschildianum



Dave Sorokowsky holds a degree in biochemistry from the University of Toronto and a degree in enology and viticulture from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. Winemaking and a passion for orchids prompted Dave to seek a warmer climate in California. He is an accredited American Orchid Society judge and has been hybridizing paphiopedilums for the past 10 years. His paphiopedilums have received over 75 awards todate from the AOS and the CSA, and many of those

awarded plants have played important roles in his breeding program.

Register online at www.cymbidium.org

or by mail using the form below. Mailed registrations must be postmarked by March 2, 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Registration includes: Lectures, Continental Breakfast, Luncheon Awards Banquet, Auction, and Dinner Sp	
Registration CSA members Non-members Reception, Auction, & Banquet only	\$135 \$175 \$60
Registration fee \$	
CSA Membership fee \$35 per year \$	
Tax Deductable Donation to support the Congress \$	
Total Enclosed \$	

Send registration to:

2018 Cymbidium Congress 10919 Northshore Square Cupertino, CA 95014

Please make checks payable to "CSA Congress"

CONCURRENT ACTIVITIES

CSA & AOS Judging: Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the Earl Warren Show grounds; register online at sborchidshow.com/register-to-judge.

74th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show: March 15 - 17, 2019 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Congress Registrants have unlimited entry to the show during show hours. Your CSA Congress Badge will serve as your pass for admission.

CONGRESS SCHEDULE

Continental Breakfast Begins: 8:00 AM CSA Annual Members Meeting: 8:45 AM

Lectures begin: 9:15 AM

Lunch served to Registrants: 11:30 AM

Lectures end: 3:00 PM

Reception & Auction Preview begin: 5:30 PM

Auction begins: 6:30 PM Banquet begins: 7:30 PM

ON SITE REGISTRATION

Friday: March 15, 2019 from 9 AM – NOON at the ENTRANCE to the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show.

Saturday: March 16, 2019 from 8 – 9 AM at the Congress.

BADGE PICKUP

All early registrants can pick up name tags Friday morning (9 am to noon) at the show entrance table (to gain entrance to the show on Friday) or on Saturday morning at the Congress.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Refund of registration fees for written cancellations received before February 28, 2019 will be made in full less a processing fee of \$15 per person.

For information Email: orchldy1@mac.com

Annual CSA Cymbidium Congress

Saturday March 16, 2019

Lectures, Breakfast, and Lunch 8:00_{AM} - 3:00_{PM}

Reception, Auction and Banquet 5:30 PM - 9:00PM

NEW LOCATION - on grounds of location of Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

Earl's Place at
Earl Warren Showgrounds
3400 Calle Real (Hwy 101 at Las Positas)
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

FULL REGISTRATION ENTITLES YOU TO:

- Outstanding Lectures
- Continental Breakfast
- Luncheon
- Evening Reception
- Auction of Unusual Orchids
- Gala Awards Banquet
- Dinner Speaker
- Unlimited Entry to Santa Barbara International Orchid Show, March 15-17, 2019