



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 Seedling, Small division or Back Bulb.**

September 2019

Date: September 20th, 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 on Parkside Way.

Program: Our featured speaker to start off our new season will be **Pierre Pujol** with a topic of “**The Latest Observations on Plant Culture & Hybridizing**”.

Pierre has been growing orchids for the last 9 years, mixing his scientific background, natural curiosity and perfectionism, to get the best out of his passion. He is always keen on sharing his observations with fellow orchid lovers. He will engage members in an open format presentation based on his recent years of plant culture and hybridizing. Topics will include how to optimize color expression, identify dominant traits in breeding, estimate the cost of growing a plant from flask to bloom and dealing with unexpected events. Pierre, who holds degrees in Life Sciences (MSc. Agro ParisTech) and Business (MBA INSEAD), is a former Pharma/Biotech executive, a past competitive athlete and currently founder/advisor of several startups in the field of clean tech and biotech. He lives in Redwood City, CA. with his wife, Dana.

Plant Table: The plant table will be supplied by Pierre from his collection of high quality divisions and seedlings.

Board Meeting: September 20th at 5:00 PM at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Call Florence Inserto by Sept 19th if you **cannot** attend.

Dinner at 5:45 PM with the Speaker: September 20th 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, September 19th to be included in the dinner reservation group.

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 are for sale at cost plus tax. **Orders will be taken for Large orders of Orchiaata, Perlite, Coco chips, and pots in case lots.** Call Carol to order if you cannot attend the meeting. **Large orders will not be taken again until late spring.**

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.

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.**

GCCG Membership Renewal: GCCG Membership Renewal: It's that time of year again for membership renewal! A membership renewal form is enclosed in this newsletter. Dues are \$15.00 and newsletters are emailed to you (they are no longer sent via regular mail.) PayPal can also be used to pay your yearly membership fee and the email for this payment method is goldcoastcymgrowers@yahoo.com. If you pay via this method please inform one of the membership chairs so your account is credited. As an incentive to renew early, GCCG is offering a small free Cymbidium division, back bulb or seedling. 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!

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 after October, but you will not receive a plant. Plants not claimed in September or October may be made available later for sale.

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.

Auction Planning Time: It is not too early to be thinking about the GCCG annual fund-raising auction to be held Saturday, January 11th, 2020. 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 25% 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 again be tested for virus, as they were this year. More information on the auction will be posted in the upcoming months.

CSA Membership: Members are strongly encouraged to join the Cymbidium Society of America. The CSA is the parent organization of the GCCG and provides liability insurance for GCCG events. 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.

GCCG has a new Facebook page. Visit us at **Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers** and ask to join. The site is open to all who are interested in sharing information and photos of Cymbidiums and Cymbidium related events. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/488674388537627/>

Message from the President Welcome back Everyone! My summer break was busy dividing, repotting cymbidiums and other genera. Each cymbidium was virus tested prior to repotting. So far, I haven't thrown away more than 5 out of 100 cymbidiums. Many cymbidiums will be sending out spikes in the next few months. Time to get those stakes and ties out.

The board has many plans for the upcoming year. We are busy updating the Society's by-laws and constitution. It should be ready for member ratification by January 2020. We have set the dates for the auction, Saturday January 11th, 2020 and the show/sale April 18th and 19th with set up on Friday April 17th. We hope to have more members participate in our biggest fundraisers. The Society's Facebook page has been revamped. Please check it out and join the page. We are attempting to reach out to people via social media. Looking forward to meeting new members and renewing old friendships.

Members who earned **Active Member!** points will receive their reward coupon(s) at the September meeting. We will not be offering Active Member Points this year.

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 goldcoastcymb growers@gmail.com

A REMINDER FROM YOUR EDITOR

I cannot include 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 goldcoastcymb growers@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.

Plant Judging:

CSA Judging: Due to a lack of local Accredited judges in the Nor Cal area, there be **NO CSA JUDGING** at the Northern California Branch meetings this year.

AOS Judging: 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 of each month, and at Filoli the third Saturday morning of each month. For these judgments, plants need to be submitted between 6:15 PM and 7:00 PM in San Francisco or between 9:00 AM and 9:30 AM Saturday morning at Filoli. For further information and future show judging locations, call Sylvia Darr 650-450-1384.

AOS judging takes place at most of the local shows. A few shows may request CSA judging. Contact the show organizers for specifics regarding what judging will be offered and information on plant entry.

Recent AOS awards. To encourage our members who grow genera aside from Cyms. and Paphs., we will be publishing a link to all AOS awards granted to our members regardless of the orchid genera. To see recent AOS awards visit the AOS Pacific Central judging site. <http://paccentralajc.org/>

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

Upcoming Events:

October 5, 2019. Peninsula Orchid Society Auction. Saturday. Plant entry at 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, 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.

October 5 - 6: Napa Valley Orchid Society 26th Orchid Show & Sale "Explosion of Orchids". Saturday, 10am - 4 pm. Sunday, 10am - 3:30 pm. Las Flores Community Center, 4300 Linda Vita Avenue, Napa 94558. Purchase blooming orchids and supplies, orchid boutique, Art and Raffle, and Orchid Care Demonstrations. For more info, call 707.738.4128 or see their website at nv-os.org.

October 18 - 20: The Huntington International Orchid Show. The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. AOS judging on Oct. 17, 2019 at 1:00 PM. Website: Huntington.org

November 2 - 3: Cal-Orchids Fall Open House Sat - Sun 9 AM - 4 PM. 1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. "It's our chance to say hello and thank you to our long-standing, loyal customers. Please stop by and join in on the fun no matter whether you are a seasoned veteran or a brand new orchid grower. You'll love our cymbidiums with budding spike development and the spiking Mexican Laelia anceps and their hybrids you've all come to love, and many more." E-mail at calorchid@cox.net, see their website at <http://www.calorchid.com> or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Cal-Orchid-169676309716174/>.

The American Orchid Society Pacific Central Judging Center Is Judging at Filoli

The Third Saturday of Every Month

Plant entry: 9:00 AM

Judging: 9:30 AM

Where: Filoli

86 Cañada Road

Woodside, CA 94062

Bring a blooming plant to have judged.
Observe judging.
Stay for the educational presentation
following
judging.



For information: Contact Jim Heilig heiligja@msu.edu

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Membership Form (Please print clearly)

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