



Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

A Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

**THE DATE FOR OUR AUCTION IS SATURDAY,
JANUARY 11, 2020. Entry forms with this Newsletter.
Entry Deadline - December 20th NO EXCEPTIONS**

November 2019

Date: Nov. 15th, 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 for November will be Weegie Caughlan of Los Altos, who needs little introduction to the members of GCCG. She will be speaking on “**Maintaining a Quality Orchid Collection**” and will conclude with photos of her recent successful crosses and her favorite Cymbidiums for 2019. Questions welcome.

Weegie is our Newsletter editor and currently on the GCCG Board as Past President of GCCG and one of the “go-to” persons for all questions on Cyms. She is a past President of GCCG, the Peninsula and the Malihini Orchid Societies and a founding member of both CSA branches in the Bay Area. She is a senior judge with the AOS Pacific Judging Center after over twenty years of active service. She claims to be slowing down, growing fewer orchids and exhibiting less, but few have seen real evidence of it, after her plant of Cym Elle Ronis ‘Loyola’ HCC/AOS, S/CSA won her 5th Reserve Grand Champion from her First Place “downsized” 50 sq. ft. display at the Santa Barbara International Orchid show this spring. Weegie has won many CSA and AOS awards on her Cymbidiums over the years as well as on her displays

Weegie is currently concentrating on bringing the modern, high quality of Australian Standard Cym. Breeding to the US in her small hybridizing program.

Plant Table: Weegie will supply the plant table from her recent award winning crosses, new crosses and divisions of awarded plants. Don't miss this opportunity from her always-generous table for the price of a few raffle tickets!

Board Meeting: November 15th at 5:00 PM at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Call Florence Inserto by November 14th if you **cannot** attend.

Dinner at 5:45 PM with the Speaker: November 15th at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Members and guests are welcome but please call Florence by Thursday, November 14th to be included in the dinner reservation group.

7:15 pm: New Rega Agitest Virus Kit Introduction and demonstration on how to use it. These new type virus test kits have arrived. Those who pre-ordered can arrange with Carol Armendariz for pickup at her house or wait until the November meeting to get them. Price \$150/kit. 50 tests/kit.

Supplies for sale at the November 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; and the new test virus kits. If you have large orders for any of our usual supplies, please let Carol Armendariz know in advance so she can bring a sufficient supply. For those who ordered pots in case lots, the 1&2 gal size are here. Call to arrange pick-up. **NOTE: The next general meeting with supplies for sale will be in February** due to no regular December meeting and the Auction in January, so buy this month if you need before then!

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 must be properly labeled, priced (preferably in even dollar amounts) and free of disease.

CSA Membership: Members are 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 an electronic 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 Membership Information: 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 Tom Waugh 650-291-9861 or at a meeting.

Refreshments for the November 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.**

Refreshment “Thank You” from Tony and Doug. We appreciate the great continuing support from our membership! Thanks to our members who provided refreshments for last month.

Carol Armendariz	Steve Chen	Mike/Annie Green	Trudy Hadler
Florence Inserto	Maria Stockton	Bill Weaver	

New Facebook page: Our new FB page is up and running under Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers. Come join the members who have already joined. Ask questions, see what is going on in the California Orchid scene, show off your blooming plants and participate in the comments. You must be a member of FB first. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/488674388537627/>

Plant 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, contact Jim Heilig heiligja@msu.edu

AOS judging takes place at most 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.

CSA Judging takes place on request. For information contact Andy Cameron andycameron@sbcglobal.net

* 2020 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction

The GCCG annual fund-raising Collector's Auction will be held **Saturday January 11, 2020**, with an entry deadline of **Friday, December 20, 2019** 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 Copeland at the November 15th GCCG meeting or sent to Richard at gccgphotos@gmail.com.

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 pot, and any other information available. Plants must be healthy, well established, and disease free (see rule #13). If available, a photo of each plant should be submitted to gccgphotos@gmail.com prior to the December 20th deadline.

A PDF and editable MS-WORD entry form is attached to this Newsletter.

This year, with our continuing emphasis 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. If you require virus testing assistance or test kits for your donated plants, please contact Richard at gccgphotos@gmail.com. As in the past, all DONATED* plants will be tested at the club's expense.

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.

Photos of the plants (if available) will 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.

NOTE: At this time, Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers is not a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization and donations to the club are not tax deductible.

2020 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 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 entered by December 20, 2019, 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 more than two divisions are received by the coordinator, the first two received will be entered; sellers/donors will be notified if their submission has exceeded the limit.
- 11) No plants will be allowed into the building the day of the auction unless entered by the 12/20/19 deadline 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 owners' or club's discretion.
- 14) Bidders may not check out until the last item is auctioned and the auction concluded. Receipts to bidders will include a printout of their successful bids.
- 15) Plants must be checked-in between 11 am to 12:30 pm on **Saturday January 11th**.
- 16) No pre-sales are allowed after the plant is originally entered and submitted to the Auction Coordinator.

Guidelines for Photo Submission for 2020 Auction Plants

Photos are definitely encouraged. They will be available to the public for viewing in advance of the auction, and will be shown with the plant on auction night. Please email all photos as attachments to gccgphotos@gmail.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. Submitted photos will be available for viewing from a link in the Auction section of the GCCG website. (<http://goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com/auction>)
7. If a photo is submitted the club will provide a photo-on-a-stick to be inserted into the pot during plant check-in.

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://pacentraljc.org/>

President's Message: It was so good to see everyone at our October meeting!! Thank you all for coming and a round of applause to Ken for his special presentation to our group. We have been so fortunate this fall to hear from some truly dedicated members in the orchid world. Both Pierre and Ken have provided us with a wealth of information that only adds to our success as individual growers. In November, we will be hearing from another important grower who also happens to be a member of GCCG: Weegie Caughlan. Weegie is a tireless worker on all fronts. She not only is an excellent grower but has been an invaluable asset to our annual auction and spring show and sale. We all need to be sure we are honoring her and GCCG with our presence on November 15th. I want to be sure that each one of our speakers knows how much we appreciate all their contributions on our behalf. One way to do that is to be sure we attend their presentations. I am acutely aware, as we begin to replace those members who are "retiring" from GCCG service, that there is often a feeling of doing a tremendous amount of work with little acknowledgment. We cannot hope to grow our club if this is a prevalent feeling! On that note: thank you to those who have stepped up to help us with the upcoming auction. You are invaluable!!

Obviously it "takes a village" to run a top quality orchid club and I feel privileged to be part of one of the very best. I look forward to November's meeting.

Upcoming Events

November 16, 2019 The American Orchid Society Pacific Central Judging Center Judging at Filoli
86 Cañada Road Woodside, CA 94062 Plant entry: 9:00 AM Judging: 9:30 AM

January 11, 2020. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Annual Collector's Auction. Preview Sat. 12:30PM – 1:00PM. Auction starts at 1:00PM. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. For info contact: Richard Copeland at gccgphotos@gmail.com

December 7, 2020: Casa de las Orquideas Annual Open House. Sat: 9AM - 4PM, 170 South Nardo Ave. Solana Beach, CA 92075. Parking is limited so please consider carpooling. Visit the WEBSITE at www.orquideas.com email casa@orquideas.com, or call Karl or Miki Batchman at (858) 755-7572.

January 26 & 27, 2020 Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sale. Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA Website: penorchidsoc.org

February 12 - February 24, 2020 "Orchids: Grand and Glorious". Filoli Estate & Gardens 86 Canada Road, Woodside, CA GCCG and POS are participating. Website: <http://www.Filoli.org>

February 21 – 23, 2020. Pacific Orchid Expo – “Orchids in Focus” 10:00am-5:00pm . County Fair Building ‘Hall of Flowers”, 9th Ave. at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.
<http://pacorchidexpo.org/>

Events for March and April. Mark your calendars.

March 13-15, 2020. The 75th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show – “Orchids - A World of Adventure”. 9:00am-5:00pm. Earl Warren Show Grounds, Santa Barbara, CA. <https://sborchidshow.com/>

March 14, 2020. The 45th Annual Cymbidium Society of America Cymbidium Congress will be held concurrently with the SBIOS event with lectures, banquet, and an auction. (*More information in upcoming Newsletters*).

April 18 & 19, 2020. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show & Sale. 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA. Set-Up and Plant entry Friday 10AM – 6PM; CSA and AOS judging Saturday 8:00AM. Show and Sale open to the public Saturday and Sunday 10AM to 4PM. For information contact Bill Weaver, Show Chair.

Editors Note To all club newsletter editors: If you want your event publicized in the GCCG Newsletter, I need to receive your flyers and information well in advance of the event. I cannot include what I do not get and I am not a mind reader.

Newsletter Information: The deadline for submission of information for the newsletter is the **fourth Friday of the month, no exceptions.** The next deadline for inputs is the fourth Friday of November but there is no official meeting. The newsletter will only publish announcements of upcoming events for other orchid societies as space permits. Please submit your inputs to goldcoastcymbidiegrowers@gmail.com

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

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