



# Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers

A Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

## NOTICE

### GCCG IS AMENDING ITS BYLAWS AND CONSTITUTION.

**PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED COPIES. THEY WILL BE READ AND  
A 1ST VOTE WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING.**

Date: March 20, 2020

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

**Program:** Our Program this month will be presented by **R. Andrew Cameron**, a retired research biologist, speaking on **“Sarcochilus as a Cool Growing Genus”**. Andy studied 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, Vice President of CSA International, Editor of the CSA Journal, an Accredited Judge for the CSA and a member of GCCG. He sometimes writes the Duffer's Corner column for the Journal. He also tries to convince cymbidiums, sarcochilus 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.

**“Sarcochilus orchids: species, hybrids and awards”**. In recent years there has been a local upsurge in interest in orchids of the genus *Sarcochilus*. This group from Australia is a member of the *Aeridinae* subgroup in the *Vandaeae* tribe. They are small monopodial plants with a variety of flower shapes and colors. They have been extensively hybridized since the mid-1900's and a wide variety of hybrids are now available here. The original species of the genus will be described including distribution and growth conditions. Some awarded hybrids and species will be described to show favorable characteristics. The pedigrees of popular hybrids will be examined to infer the dominant features each species carries into the mix.

**Opportunity Table:** Andy will provide the plant table from his collection of Cymbidiums and other cool growing genera, supplemented by seedlings from other advanced growers.

**Dinner at 5:45 PM with the Speaker:** March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 March 19<sup>th</sup> to be included in the dinner reservation group.

**Board Meeting:** March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at the Silver House Restaurant, 2224 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo, CA, 94403. Call Florence Inserto before March 19<sup>th</sup> at 415-640-7025 if you **cannot** attend.

**Supplies: All Pre-ordered Orchid bark has been picked up. All remaining bark will be at our Show and Sale and will go at the show price.** The usual pots, razor blades, 3' stakes, labels, pens, etc. will be available at this month's meeting but then not until the show in April. **No supplies can be picked up at Carol's from March 22<sup>nd</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Nominating Committee:** Every year elections are held in May. Several of our stalwart, longtime Board members who have been serving for many years wish to retire. The Nominating Committee will be calling members to ask if they would consider serving, but better yet, call or email Weegie Caughlan or Tom Deetz, Committee Chairs, (see page #4) and let them know you would like to be a member of the Board. Positions needed are VP, Secretary, Treasurer and one Board Member at Large. No real orchid experience necessary.

**GCCG Show:** The Show Chair for our April GCCG show to be held **April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>** is Bill Weaver with Carol Armendariz 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 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 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 April Newsletter 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 Weaver to sign up if you wish a show display table.**

**GCCG Sale: The deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for all members wishing sale tables at our show. To reserve a table please email or call the Sales Chair, Carol Armendariz** 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 one 2-hour shift **each day.**

**Volunteers needed for the GCCG Annual Show & Sale April 18-19, 2020:** Show starts at 10AM and ends at 4PM both days. There are many opportunities to help with this important event and each work shift is in two-hour increments: 10AM to noon, noon to 2PM, 2PM to 4PM on Saturday and Sunday. The following areas need volunteer help:

- Raffle & Entrance table
- Door Security
- Plant Hotel
- Ways & Means (supply sales)
- Cashier (tally sales)
- Saturday Ribbon Judging teams: Saturday 8am to 10am.
- Sunday show tear-down 4-5pm

**Email Carol Armendariz** and let her know what shift(s) you would like to work.

**Much appreciation to our members who brought treats to support the February meeting:**

Weegie Caughlan      Florence Inserto      Carl Jukkola      Janusz Warszawski

**45<sup>th</sup> Annual Cymbidium Congress:** In conjunction with the Santa Barbara Orchid Show "Orchid Mystique" being held March 15<sup>th</sup> through March 17<sup>th</sup>, the CSA Congress will be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, starting with the CSA Annual meeting at 8:30 AM followed by lectures, a luncheon, an auction and the awards dinner banquet. The speakers for this year will be three of our own members: Andy Cameron, Ken Jacobsen and Pierre Pujol. A registration form is included in this month's Newsletter.

**CONGRATULATIONS to our members who have received recent AOS and CSA awards:**

**President's message:** It has been a busy year to date starting with our very successful auction. All volunteers deserve another round of thanks especially Richard Copeland, Martha Skalak and Weegie Caughlan. In February, the Society displayed cymbidiums and companion orchids at Filoli Historic House and Gardens with the design by Weegie. Carol Armendariz, Weegie and I contributed plants. Additionally in February, POE brought success to one of our members, Pierre Pujol with Best Cymbidium in show. Also AOS awards to Bill Weaver and an AOS and a CSA award to Ken and Amy Jacobsen.

March brings the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show along with the CSA Congress on Saturday. Three GCCG members will speak at the Congress - Andy Cameron, Ken Jacobson and Pierre Pujol. Our Society will again reimburse first time attendees the cost of a full Congress enrollment.

Cymbidium flowering season is late this year but this should bide well for our annual Show/Sale which hopefully will bring in many plants. Start the initial preparation of your plants now! Once again volunteers for all areas are needed so please sign up at the March meeting.

**Plant Judging:** The AOS judges all genera of orchids in San Francisco at the SF County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers) the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month and at Filoli in Woodside at 9:00 AM the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. For judging, plants need to be submitted to the clerks between 6:15PM and 7:00PM in SF or between 9:00AM and 9:30AM at Filoli. Contact Jim Heilig at [heiligja@msu.edu](mailto:heiligja@msu.edu) AOS judging also takes place at many of the local shows. CSA judging takes place at a few selected shows. Contact the show organizers regarding plant entry for judging.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**March 13 - 15, 2020. 73<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:sborchidshow@gmail.com), P.O. Box 62154, Santa Barbara, CA 93160.

**March 14, 2020. 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Cymbidium Congress:** In conjunction with the Santa Barbara Orchid Show "Orchids – A World of Adventure" the CSA Congress will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>, starting with the CSA Annual meeting at 8:30 AM followed by lectures, a luncheon, an auction and the awards dinner banquet

**March 21, 2019. 9:00AM. AOS Judging at Filoli.** 86 Canada Road, Woodside, CA 94062. Starting in April this judging repeats on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. For information, contact Jim Heilig [heiligja@msu.edu](mailto:heiligja@msu.edu)

**March 21&22, 2020. Malihini Orchid Society Annual Orchid Sale.** Sat. 10AM – 7PM; Sun. 10AM – 5PM. Main Street Cupertino 19479 Stevens Creek Blvd. (Suite #110 behind AT&T) - inside the shopping complex. Cupertino, CA 95014 [malihini.org](http://malihini.org) Website: [mainstreetcupertino.com](http://mainstreetcupertino.com)

**March 28 & 29 2020 Sonoma County Orchid Society Annual Show and Sale, "Exploring Orchids,"** Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: 10am-4pm. Santa Rosa Veteran's Bldg. 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa. Free parking. \$10 admission, children 12 and under free. <http://www.sonomaorchids.com/>

**April 4 - 5, 2020 Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Orchid Show & Sale.** Sat. 9AM – 4PM, Sun. 10AM – 4PM. **Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland.** Free Admission. Includes special plants from the Collection of Asuka Orchids: Den. orchids, including speciosums, delicatums and variegated edge kingianums! Raffle Prizes and educational classes. FB [www.facebook.com/GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety](https://www.facebook.com/GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety)

**April 4 & 5, 2020. Five Cities Orchid Society Central Coast Orchid Show & Sale.** Sat 9 – 5; Sun. 10 – 4. "Celebrating 25 Years". South Co. Regional Center 800 W. Branch St. Arroyo Grande, CA. [FCOS.org](http://FCOS.org)

**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 the Show Chair: Bill Weaver [photobybillweaver@gmail.com](mailto:photobybillweaver@gmail.com)

**Filoli Display:** Thank you to the members who participated in the Filoli display. Keeping our name in front of the public is all good publicity for the club, especially with our show and sale coming up. Weegie designed the display with plants donated by Weegie Caughlan, Carol Armendariz and Florence Inserto.



**GCCG 2020 Filoli Display**

**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, [goldcpastcymbidiumgrowers@yahoo.com](mailto:goldcpastcymbidiumgrowers@yahoo.com)