



**GCCS WILL BEGIN VIRTUAL MEETINGS WITH ZOOM STARTING THIS MONTH 7:00 PM September 18**

**Speaker  
R. Andrew Cameron  
“Growing Sarcophilus”**

**The Zoom invitation for all members will be sent out the Wednesday before the meeting**

**September 18, 2020**

**SPEAKER: Our first speaker of this year and the first who will be presenting his program on**

**Sarcophilus to us on Zoom.** R. Andrew Cameron is a retired research biologist. He 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, and an Accredited Judge for the CSA. He sometimes writes the Duffer’s Corner column for the Journal. He also tries to convince cymbidiums, sarcophilus and other cool-growing orchids that Elkhorn 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.

**“Sarcophilus Orchids: Species, Hybrids and Awards”**

In recent years there has been a local upsurge in interest in orchids of the genus Sarcophilus. This group from Australia is a member of the Aeridinae subgroup in the Vandeeae 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.

**RAFFLE TABLE:** Plants will be handled differently as long as we are meeting on Zoom. This month, six member’s names will be drawn at random from the members attending the Zoom meeting. The plants will be allocated to the members still present at the time of the drawing in the order in which the member’s names are drawn. Pick-up will be at Weegie’s home in Los Altos Hills from 1:00PM to 4:00PM on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. (Address will be announced at the meeting.) Plants cannot be shipped.

**BOARD POSITIONS STILL OPEN:** We are still looking for two people to fill the positions of Vice President and Treasurer. Weegie Caughlan and Tom Waugh are acting in these positions temporarily until volunteers step up.

**WANTED:** Website designer to work up a new website for Gold Coast as well as a new Newsletter logo and look. Contact Florence Inserto or Tom Waugh. (*contact information at end of the Newsletter*)

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Our first meeting of the 2020-21 year will be virtual. The board has worked throughout the summer to prepare for the upcoming year. The most obvious change is our name: We will incorporate as **Gold Coast Cymbidium Society**. This was brought about in main part because The Cymbidium Society of America is going dormant and may be dissolved in the future. The current officers of the CSA were unable to continue and despite their efforts, no one volunteered to fill the leadership roles. Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers was under the CSA Group Exemption 501(c) 3. With the possible dissolution of the CSA, Gold Coast has needed to apply for its own 501(c) 3 tax Federal and State exemptions and a new name. With the name change come other changes and general updating of our Bylaws and Constitution. These two documents are attached to this newsletter. This includes the name change and an amendment to allow for electronic meetings among other updates. Please read them. They will be voted on during the October meeting. We will have a show and tell at the end of our meeting. Most cymbidiums will not be in bloom, but members are welcome to show other orchid genera as well. The Society will also sponsor a small raffle.

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBERS**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is unknown when the club may meet again in person. Since we are not renting the San Mateo garden center at this time, the expenses of the club are low. As a result, the board has decided to waive the dues for the coming year for all existing members. There will be no free club renewal plant. We will let all of you know when it is safe to meet in person again. In the meantime, keep safe, stay well and I hope to see you all on Zoom in September. -Tom Waugh, Membership Chair

**GENERAL SUPPLIES:** Supplies, (other than Bulk orders) including all sizes of pots, razor blades, 3' stakes, labels, pens, etc. will be available starting September 18th. The Ways and Means 'Store' has new hours. They are as follows: **The Third Friday and Saturday of each month. 10AM to 3PM** both days. Please make Cash/check out to GCCS. Those months when we don't have a meeting the store is closed. **Call Caroi ahead for an appointment** at 408-806-1969 as she does not want too many people at once in an enclosed space. You are also welcome to browse thru her sale plants.

**BULK SUPPLIES:** Ways and Means will have a new look. All large items as Orchiata, Perlite, coco husk and Virus Kits by email or text only. At present, only virus kits are available to order at \$150/kit of 50 tests. As many have found out, one kit is generally not enough for a collection so order accordingly. There will be only one large order submitted for sale. Email or text with the following information: Carol [Armendariz@comcast.net](mailto:Armendariz@comcast.net) or 408-806-1969 Orchiata, Coco husk and Perlite will be ordered in bulk in the spring in the same manner.

**Name: First and last:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Club: (POS or GCCS ON** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Order:** \_\_\_\_\_ -

**ORCHIATA BARK:** Orchiata bark will be delivered in the spring but BULK ORDER now to be assured you will get what you need. Contact Carol at 408-806-1969 or email at [carolarmendariz@comcast.net](mailto:carolarmendariz@comcast.net) to place your order. For those running out in the next months, **Brookside Orchids** 2718B Alpine Rd. Menlo Park, CA 94028 has most sizes. Call for an appointment. 650-854-4156.

**MSU FERTILIZER:** Contact Bill Weaver at [theplantgeek@gmail.com](mailto:theplantgeek@gmail.com) to place your order **ASAP**. He has to have orders of exactly 40 bags, no more, no less, to put in an order. Reserve yours now!

**PERSONALIZED LABELS:** <https://hortcatalog.integracolor.com/en/horticultural-marketing-and-printings-bundled-pot-stakes-are-made-of-strong-durable-plastics-select-from-a-wide-variety-of-shapes-and-sizes-2005w> Orders must be placed in 1,000 label unit minimums and are available in white only.

**GCCS WEBSITE:** Check out the GCCS website at <http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com> for information on status of the shows, photos of previous shows, meeting information, and copies of back newsletters. If you have any news we can put on the website, or notice any problems, please email Audrey Young-Tarter, GCCS Webmaster, at [goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers@yahoo.com](mailto:goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers@yahoo.com).

**GCCS FACEBOOK PAGE:** For all FB members, sign in and visit us at **Gold Coast Cymbidium Society, Inc.** and ask to join. The site is open to all who are interested in sharing information, asking questions, sharing photos of Cymbidiums, and getting information of Cymbidium related events. We encourage all our members on FB to sign up. To date we have 110 members and growing daily from all over the world, so what better place to ask questions and get information?  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/488674388537627/>

**ORCHIDS FOR SALE:** The following advanced members will allow private sales of orchid divisions on an **appointment only** basis. Please contact each grower personally for more information and to request lists where available. Masks and social distancing required.

Carol Armendariz	<a href="mailto:carolarmendariz@comcast.net">carolarmendariz@comcast.net</a>	List available
Weegie Caughlan	<a href="mailto:weegieca@gmail.com">weegieca@gmail.com</a>	New Fall list of divisions/seedlings available
Greg Corrales	<a href="mailto:mklkhoo@gmail.com">mklkhoo@gmail.com</a>	List of Cym. divisions available..
Dean Haas	<a href="mailto:dh3botanico@gmail.com">dh3botanico@gmail.com</a>	Multi-genera List available.
Japheth Ko	<a href="mailto:japhethko@gmail.com">japhethko@gmail.com</a>	Divisions of awarded Cyms, cattis, and other genera.
Carl Jukkola	<a href="mailto:cjukkola@aol.com">cjukkola@aol.com</a>	New fall list of Cym. Divisions/BBs available
Pierre Pujol	<a href="mailto:pierrepujol@aol.com">pierrepujol@aol.com</a>	Cym. Seedlings and Divisions
Audrey Young-Tarter	<a href="mailto:cymserelyyours@yahoo.com">cymserelyyours@yahoo.com</a>	Peloric and spotted Cym. divisions & seedlings

**Orchid Sale: August 15 – September 30, 2020. Orchid Design – Summer/Fall Sale**  
<https://orchidesign.myshopify.com/> Please call for appointment: (408) 476-7153 or email your order to: [Services@orchidesign.com](mailto:Services@orchidesign.com) 1361 Plum St. San Jose, CA 95110 **15% discount for Bay Area Orchid Societies' members.**

#### **Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Board of Directors for 2020-21**

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#### **Other Duties:**

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Refreshments	Open	



*Cym. sigmoideum (Barrie)*



*(Mem. Amelia Earhart x Pacific Sparkle)*

**Two winners from Australia's current 2020 season**



*Cym. Coraki Glowing 'Kentlyn' AM/AOC*



*Cym. Vanity Fair 'Hollywood' AM/AOC*