

* 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 you 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.

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.

* 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.

- 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 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.