



NEWSLETTER

Golden Gate Cymbidium Society
A branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

January 2016

The General Meeting

January 27th, Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

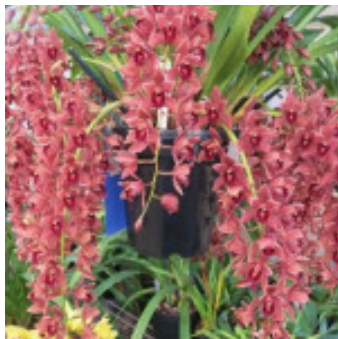
Meeting Topic: Deflasking and Growing Seedlings

Speaker – Pierre Pujol



Pierre has been growing orchids since 2010. He is a self-described orchid geek with a background in life sciences and engineering. Pierre immersed himself into understanding orchid needs in order to give the best possible care to his rapidly expanding collection. Several cultural awards and quality awards later, he is happy to share his findings with his fellow orchid growers.

(Note - Pierre's plant *Cym. tracyanum* var. *album* "Woodside" received a JC/AOS at the 10/19/2015 Oakland AOS judging).



Pierre grows his orchids in his backyard and in a greenhouse in Half Moon Bay. His collection includes about 70% cymbidiums and 30% other genera. He is a member of several orchid societies in the Bay Area. Pierre will share his findings with us in a presentation mixing sciences, humor and lot of pictures. Plants for the Raffle table will be supplied by Pierre.

FYI – Upcoming GGCS Programs

Mark your calendar for these future speakers and topics:

February – Jeff Trimble – *Cymbidium parishii*

March – Our Spring Show, theme is "**Fifty Shades of Cymbidiums**"; and the monthly meeting celebration is an Ice Cream Social.

President's Message

"Happy New Year Everyone"

At our last meeting in December, 19 titles were submitted for the theme of our show in March. The membership worked hard to select the best four names. The winner and theme for our show will be "Fifty Shades of Cymbidiums". The theme was submitted by Musia S, and it received 16 votes. For her winning theme Musia will receive a year's subscription to the Cymbidium Society of America and the CSA Journal.

The board made a decision at the last board meeting to have the summer potluck and auction in **June** along with the election of officers.

The February 24 meeting will find us setting up early in the day at the Pacific Orchid Exposition and Show in San Francisco. We have a large display area, so we need lots of plants for display at this

show. Paphiopedilum and Phragmiediums are also part of what can be included in our display. There will be AOS and CSA judging. Please let Jim Donoso know if you are going to enter plants or if you can help with set up or help with take down. Contact Jim at 510-562-9006 or you can e-mail him at jamesdonoso@att.net

At the next meeting we will have sign up sheets for our spring show. We will need help with plant hotel; security, show set up and show take down. For those of you that received a trophy at the 2015 show, please return them at our February meeting to show chair Nancy Starr or e-mail her at starrnl@Comcast.net to make sure she has them before our show on March 18 2016. Please note you must be a member in good standing, having paid your 2016 dues in order to participate at our show.

— Cheryl P

President's Cultural Corner

I have noticed that my cymbidiums are not spiking the way they should be at this time of year. This year my spikes reached 6" to 8" and seemed ready for the flower show. But sadly they shriveled and fell off when I touch them. Remembering last year at this time, I had over 100 cymbidiums to choose from to enter at the Pacific Orchid Exposition show and our show. All hope is not lost, I do have a handful that may be ready for the upcoming shows. We are getting a lot of rain where the days and nights are warm, but between rainstorms the days and

nights are very cold. I have had several nights that were down to 28 degrees. The only thing I can think to do now is to pick the plants with good spikes and put them in the garage or a greenhouse to keep them warmer. I hope this will be enough time to get the blooms open and ready for the upcoming shows. If you have a grow-lite you can extend the daylight time, and this may help with their growth. I have put up a T5 light in my greenhouse; it goes on at 3pm and goes off at 11 pm. In this way I am extending the daylight hours to 16 hours per day. Cheryl P.

Members requested this recipe at our Winter Potluck...

David's Butternut Squash Soup

Ingredients:

2 Tablespoons butter, oil or any combination of the two
2/3 Cup rough-cut onions
½ pound mushrooms, sliced
2 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 teaspoons curry powder
3 cups chicken or vegetable broth

1 cup of water
1 pound butternut squash cut into 1-inch chunks
1 Cup evaporated milk, whole or 2%
Sour Cream or Greek yogurt
Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

Melt butter or oil in soup pot. Add the onion with pinch of salt, sauté until translucent.
Add mushrooms, sauté until soft.
Add flour and curry. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes
Add broth and squash, bring to a boil
Simmer until squash is soft stirring occasionally
Blend to a smooth consistency.
Return to pot, add evaporated milk
Heat to just below boiling
Season to taste
Serve with sour cream or Greek yogurt

ENJOY!



**ONCE AGAIN,
MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE**



Please renew as soon as you can. The cost remains at **\$20** this year.
Checks made out to **G.G.C.S.** can be given to Helga our Treasurer at the meeting, or sent to:
GGCS Membership, 26973 Patrick Ave., Hayward CA 94544



Thank you for your support!



Calendar of Orchid Events

If you have online access please see the event calendar on our website:
<http://goldengatecymbidiumociety.com/calendar/>

February 19, 2016 – Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Meeting Friday, 7:30pm.
San Mateo Garden Center, San Mateo. Guest Lecturer, interesting lectures, sales & raffles. www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com.

February 24, 2016 – Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Meeting Wednesday, 7:30pm. Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merritt, 666 Bellevue Dr., Oakland. Speaker. Meets 4th Wednesday of the month.

February 25 - 28, 2016 – 62nd Annual Pacific Orchid Exhibition of the San Francisco Orchid Society at Fort Mason Festival Pavilion, San Francisco. 415-665-2468, flarose@prmagic.com, or www.orchidsanfrancisco.org

March 4 - 6, 2016 – 70th Annual Santa Barbara International Orchid Show at Earl Warren Show Grounds, Santa Barbara, CA. (805) 969-5746- or www.sborchidshow.com.

March 5, 2016 – The 39th Annual Cymbidium Society of America Congress Santa Barbara, CA Saturday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. International Speakers on cymbidium & paphiopedilum subjects!

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ORCHID SOCIETY
64TH ANNUAL
PACIFIC ORCHID
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FESTIVAL PAVILION
Fort Mason Center, San Francisco

SHOW & PLANT SALE
February 26-28, 2016
9:00am-6:00pm (Fri/Sat)
10:00am-5:00pm (Sun)

TICKETS & INFORMATION
orchidsanfrancisco.org
650.548.6700

GENERAL: \$14 advance online
\$15 at the door
SENIORS (65+): \$11 advance online
\$12 at the door
3 DAY PASS: \$25
Children 16 and under are FREE.



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