



NEWSLETTER

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

September 2016

The General Meeting

September 28th, Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.

Lakeside Park Garden Center



WAKEUP, WAKEUP, Summer is gone and Fall is here!

Time to get back in the groove and meet up with your friends at the next GGCS meeting.



September guest speaker will be Jonathan Robbins. Owner of Calwest Tropical Supply, located outside of Sacramento. Jonathan will also supply the plant table raffle with cymbidiums.

TOPIC: "How to be your own orchid expert - asking the right questions and finding the right answers."

Jonathan Robbins Brief Biography

Jonathan has been growing orchids since about 1994. His family moved to Sarasota, Florida while he was in high school and Jonathan ended up volunteering at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens one summer. He mulched, weeded out in the garden and fell in love with tropical plants, especially tropical fruits. He decided to apply for a horticultural internship at The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and was accepted. Selby Gardens has one of the largest orchid collections in

the world and starting out around such diversity and rare specimens had him instantly hooked. Jonathan was offered a full time position managing the Plant and Gift Shop at the gardens. Jonathan eventually moved to Sacramento and ended up buying Calwest Tropical Supply. So all together he has been growing orchids for over 20 years between Florida, NW Washington, and here in the Sacramento Valley. He now spends his time selling Orchid and Tropical plants

and supplies all over the US. Jonathan is a great speaker and has presented talks at the Sacramento Orchid Society where he is on the Board of Directors.

Calwest has also been a huge hit at the Orchid shows such as Pacific Orchid Expo, Sacramento Orchid Show, and the Santa Barbara Orchid Show. We are very lucky to have such a great resource right in our backyard.

Excerpt of Bio by Mylane Hastings

FYI - Upcoming GGCS Programs

Mark your calendar for these future speakers and topics:

October - Janet Lamborn Account Manager specializing in:

Ornamental and Field Crop Diagnostics Agdia, Inc. /Agdia Testing Services. Presentation Title and Description: **“Don’t put on the virus blinders, your collection is depending on you”**. We’re going to look closely at each viral pathogen, what it looks like and how it’s transmitted. Will also talk about sanitation practices, testing options and what to do with those results. You don’t want to miss this one!

November - TBA

December - Auction, Annual Holiday Party Potluck!!

President’s Message

Looks like fall is here, time for all of us to start thinking about our show in March of 2017. It may seem a long time off, but there is so much that we need to do. Our last show got off to a bad start. Sue and I did not know what it took to put on our show. This year we are off to a good start with a list of things to do in a timely manner.

First we will need a theme for the show. We will need to vote on the name of the show at our October meeting. Please send your ideas for a theme to me at Valleyridgelt@aol.com When we have a theme for our show, Sue and I need to create a flyer, get it printed, then send our request for CSA Judging and a show advertisement to the CSA Journal by November.

Along with all this we need to send

vendor letters out much earlier. Last year the vendor letters went out so late the vendors had already scheduled the shows they were going to attend. There are a lot of things that need to be done over the next six months before our show. If you would like to volunteer to be on the show committee please let me know. I need all of our members to be at our September 28th meeting to help get our next show off to a good start. We want your ideas on how to make our show better.

I hope everyone got all their cymbidiums re-potted over the summer. I am still re-potting; too many plants and not enough time. I hope to see more of our members showing their beautiful Cymbidiums at the next show in March.

This will be the first meeting of the newly elected officers and board. We will be

meeting before our regular meeting at 6:30pm. Our Vice President has been working hard to get new speakers that we have not seen before at our meetings. Not to forget, we also have an auction coming up in December. Please start setting aside great divisions to donate to the auction. The auction is one of the main events we have to raise money to pay for

speakers and to support the purchase of plants for the raffle table.

Please don't forget to bring in your blooming Cymbidiums for the Show-and-Tell Table at our meeting. There is nothing nicer than seeing several tables full of blooming Cymbidiums plants from our members.

— Cheryl

Perpetual Award Announcement ...



**CONGRATULATIONS
To Helga Mahlmann**

**Our esteemed Treasurer,
Refreshment coordinator, and so
very much more!**



**Winner of the 2016
Leland Williams Trophy
For
Service to the Golden Gate Cymbidium
Society**



Calendar of Orchid Events

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

October 21, 2016 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Monthly Meeting Friday, 7:30 PM. San Mateo Garden Center, **605 Parkside Way**, San Mateo. Meetings are the 3rd Friday of the Month. For Speaker info, go to www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com.

October 15, 2016 **Diablo View Orchid Society Show & Sale "Celebrate the Beauty of Orchids"** Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM at the Willow Pass Recreation Center, 2748 E. Olivera Road in Concord. The event includes Ribbon Judging, Sale of Orchids and Supplies, Workshops, Repotting Service & Raffle! \$5 or \$3.00 with card (available online) at www.dvos.org. Children under 12 Years are Free.

October 15 - 16, 2016 **Orchid Forum of Sacramento Fall Show** Shepard Garden and Art Center, Sacramento, CA. For more info, email cgaxquai@gmail.com, or go to their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Sacramento-Orchid-Forum-Fall-Show-2015-Saturday-Oct-17-Sunday-Oct-18th-1470712339851012/timeline/>. October 15 - 16, 2016 Diablo View Orchid Society

October 22 - 23, 2016 **D & D Flowers Annual Fall Open House** Saturday-Sunday 9am - 3pm. [169 1st Avenue, Daly City, CA 94014](#). Dennis Olivas's D&D Flowers is not open to the public except during his spring and fall scheduled open houses. Greenhouse is on the right hand side of the 3rd house with the red garage and a sign reading Demattei Nursery. Enter the gate of the chain link fence with red lattice on the left hand side of the red garage.

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