



NEWSLETTER

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

October 25, 2017

The General Meeting

October 25, 2017, Wednesday @ 7:30p.m.

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

Meeting Topic: What Grows Great With
Your Cymbidiums?

Speaker – Jeff Trimble

Jeff started growing orchids in 1972 when his mother gave him two flowering Cymbidiums she did not want.

He joined his first orchid club in 1975. By 1978 Jeff was show chairman for the Peninsula Orchid Society, a member of the Santa Clara Valley Orchid Society, and president of Malihini Orchid Society. In 1980 he was asked to be the VP and then President of the San Francisco Orchid Society. Jeff took on the task of Show Chairman of the Pacific Orchid Exposition one year and later was a co-founder of Orchids in the Park at Lakeside Garden Center.

He is currently past president of the Cymbidium Society of America, a past president of the Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers, a CSA judge, and the judging chairman for Northern California for CSA. Long time member of GGCS as well as many other orchid societies.

Jeff grows Cymbidiums, Odontoglossums, Cattleya alliance and many different species in an unheated greenhouse in Pacifica.



Raffle Table will be provided from Jeff's personal collection of divisions & seedlings.

Notes from the Board Meeting

(1) The need to revise our society Bylaws to comply with the Internal Revenue Code, section 501(c) (3) requirements, will be voted on at our November Meeting, Please be present. (2) Dr. Hill presentation on judging Cynbidium Standards was an extraordinary breath of information. Kevin holds a PhD in genetics and as a scientist he presented his lecture from that perspective, to grow award winning plants, you need to have that kind of information. (3) All thanks to Ms. Weegie Caughlan for an extraordinary plant table. Thanks Ms. Caughlan! (4) Sue Davis, Madam President in your absence, your vice president conducted an amazing first meeting of the year. This is going to be an outstanding year. (5) The Snack Table was Full, and harmony prevailed.

President's Message

October message:

Hello All,

October and fall are here! Warm days and chilly nights! It would be pleasant if the air had that aroma of a neighbor's chimney, but sadly the air is thick with smoke from the many wildfires burning our neighbors in the North Bay! We have many Orchid folks living in the area and I'm sure many of you may know someone in the area. I ask all, to send thoughts & prayers to everyone affected by such tragedy & devastation. It is nowhere near over! Soon little goblins & ghost will be walking our streets looking for candy not orchids. Be safe & careful while out & about! 🎃

This is also the time of year to look for those little bloom spikes starting, to begin staking & grooming for our show in March. Cleaning, debugging & getting our plants ready for winter. Everyone please take care in your time outdoors checking your plants, because of the air quality!

I have not received any suggested names for our show!? This coming meeting we have to come up with a name so postcards can be designed & printed in time for POE, CSA newsletter etc.. I really do hope in the coming years we gain more members & continue to participate, invest the time & effort into our club! Without you the members, there is no club!

Sue Davis.....



Cymbidium devonianum

is unlike most Cymbidiums in that it that prefers less water and feeding in winter to bloom well. It has been used extensively as a parent and figures into the background of several hundred modern hybrids. The pendent inflorescence is inherited to some degree, but not always apparent since nursery raised plants sold in bloom are staked to economize on space. If you have the room to allow the spikes to arch out naturally, the presentation will be more graceful as each flower 'tiles' beautifully down the stem and faces outward and slightly upward. Any hybrid with this species in the background is more susceptible to browning of the leaf tips caused by salt buildup in the media, so be sure and thoroughly flush the plant with clean water periodically. New growth occurs from June to November. Cymbidium devonianum tends to not produce new growths until the flowers have finished. Blooms from spring to summer .

Plant is found growing on trees and mossy rocks in Assam and Meghalaya India, eastern Himalayas, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam at elevations of 1450 to 2200 meter or 4500 to 7500 feet

History

Cymbidium devonianum was first flowered in the collection of the Duke of Devonshire Chatsworth, Britain in 1843. It was first collected by Gibson in the Khasia Hills of North India in 1837. The

species was later described by Paxton in the Magazine of Botany in 1843. In 1983, the species was discovered growing in the scrublands containing *Rhodendron lyi* and *Agapetes saxicola* Northern Thailand by Du Puy and Seidenfaden.

FYI – Upcoming GGCS Programs

Oct - Jeff Trimble - What Grows Great with Your Cymbidiums?

Nov - Dave Sorowkowsky - Paphiopedilums, Maudiae Breeding

Dec - GGCS Holiday Auction / Potluck



Calendar of Orchid Events

October 20, 2017 **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. Weegie Caughlan will be speaking on "US vs Australian Cymbidium Breeding Standards". For more info, go to www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com.

October 20 - 22, 2017 **The Huntington Botanical Gardens 3rd Annual International Orchid Show** Friday - Sunday 10 am to 5pm. 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino, California 91108. Celebrate the amazing diversity of orchids—a vast family of more than 22,000 species in 880 genera—as hundreds of exotic blooms compete for honors at The Huntington's 3rd annual International Orchid Show and Sale. The event will showcase lush displays by local and regional orchid societies and international growers, and vendors will have a wide range of orchid plants and related merchandise for sale. Fee. www.facebook.com/events/462109490811525/

October 24, 2017 **Marin Orchid Society Fall Silent Auction** Tuesday at 6:30 PM, followed by live auction at 7 PM, with Alan Koch as Auctioneer. Congregation Kol Shofar, 215 Blackfield Drive, Tiburon. Wine, cheese and other refreshments provided! Auction paddle Fee. [Website http://www.marinorchidsociety.com](http://www.marinorchidsociety.com).

October 25, 2017 **Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Monthly Meeting** Wednesday, 7:30pm. Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merrit, 666 Bellevue Dr., Oakland. Meets 4th Wednesday of the month. Speaker, Jeff

Trimble, on "Ten Great Orchid Genera to Grow Alongside Your Cymbidiums". See our website at www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com .

October 28 - 29, 2017 **D & D Orchids Open House** Saturday - Sunday 9am - 3pm. Location is [169 1st Avenue, Daly City, CA 94014](http://1691stAvenue.com). 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. Attached are better directions: [PDF of Dennis' directions](#). d.olivas@comcast.net

November 4 - 5, 2017 **Cal-Orchids Fall Open House** Fri - Sun 9 AM - 4 PM. 1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. "It's our chance to say hello and thank you to our long-standing, loyal customers. Please stop by and join in on the fun no matter whether you are a seasoned veteran or a brand new orchid grower. You'll love our cymys with budding spike development and the spiking Mexican Laelia anceps and their hybrids you've all come to love, and many more." E-mail at calorchid@cox.net, see their website at www.calorchid.com or their facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Cal-Orchid/169676309716174.

November 4 - 5, 2017 **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Fall Open House & Annual Silent Auction** Sat 8 AM - 5 PM, Sun 9 AM - 4 PM. 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. Laelia anceps Parade. Mexican laelias. Beginning of the budding cymbidium season, especially the tracyanum species and hybrids. Then their Annual Silent Auction is held every year in conjunction with the Fall Open House. This gives the opportunity to bid on first-releases of select and newly awarded cultivars, rare plants, and glorious specimens. The auction list should become available the beginning of October, so make sure you are signed up ahead, call them at (800) 553-3387 or email sboe@sborchid.com, or check their website at <http://www.sborchid.com/events.php>.

November 10 - 11, 2017 **Carmel Orchid Society Fall Orchid Festival** Friday - Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel. Gorgeous Orchids, Tons of Stuff, Silent Auction, Potting Demonstrations, Answers to Orchid Questions. Email for more info to johnnoconnell19@att.net. See their newsletter for more info at www.carmelorchidsociety.org .



Editors Remarks:

As the society ended its 2017 growing season and summer vacation commenced, it appeared our member participation had dwindled considerable, the thought occurred to me that a new focus should be made to increased membership. I have an idea that I'll share with you in the coming months.

Golden Gate Cymbidium Society – Officers and Directors – 2016/2017

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Next **Board Meeting**

November 15, 2017

@ 6:30 p.m.

Next **General Meeting**

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**Lakeside Garden Center,
Oakland, CA**