



NEWSLETTER

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

September 27, 2017

The General Meeting

September 27, Wednesday @ 7:30p.m.

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, C

Speaker – Dr. Kevin Hill

Topic – American Orchid Society
Judging of Standards
Cymbidiums

Brief Biography -- **Kevin Hill, PhD**

Kevin has a PhD in genetics and works as a biotechnology patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His perspective on growing orchids is strongly influenced by his scientific background in developmental biology and genetics. He finds thinking about the genetic basis for controlling color patterns and shapes of the petals, sepals and lips of orchid flowers to be a fascinating challenge. He has been growing Cymbidiums since 1995. And is also an accredited AOS judge from the California Sierra Nevada Judging Center.



President's Message

Welcome back everyone!!

2017/2018 welcomes a new board and Officers. I believe we all wish to thank Cheryl for her time as President & the outgoing board members for their commitment to the club! I want to give an extra thank you to Nikki as she takes leave as editor of our newsletter. Your commitment month after month for so many years has been a blessing! Now we wish you well. And thank you Walter for stepping into her shoes!! Our treasurer Helga, will be helping as well!

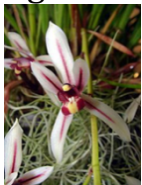
I will be the society's new President. Yes It was a weak moment.. Audrey is coming in as our new Vice President and Ed with his enormous commitment to the club, will continue as our secretary, while taking over some of the website duties! Thank you Ed!!

We have a fantastic line up of speakers coming this season!! Right out of the gate is Kevin Hill - AOS Judging of Standard Cyms! Be sure to come to your meetings!! Being a member you can mingle with fellow members from beginners to experienced growers, who are very willing to share their knowledge and experience in a friendly and casual environment!!

Speakers!! Refreshments!! Raffle!! Friends!! Fun!! All of this on a Wednesday night!!

Unfortunately I will not be at our first meeting back. I will be out of town. I do need everyone to think about a show name! We will vote on a name at the October meeting.. winner will receive a 1 year subscription to the CSA!! Please email me your suggestions. heceta1056@yahoo.com

Again Welcome Back!!



Cymbidium dayanum Also known as the Phoenix Orchid or Tree Orchid.

Now for some culture..

Summer can be the most rewarding season for cymbidiums. Growths should be coming strong now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The color should be a light green to nearly yellow. Early flowering varieties should be showing flower spikes, so move the plants into a cooler area with lower light. For mid-season varieties, lower the dosage of nitrogen to assist in spike initiation.

Despite the shortening days and lowering angle of the sun, September can still be one of the hottest months. Water and fertilizer need to be in balance with heat and light. The alert grower will notice, however, that his or her plants are beginning to slow down a bit. Growths are maturing, and some are developing their spikes, giving the promise of the next six-eight months' bloom. Check plants for potting needs for the last time this season. Any in dire need should

be potted, even some that may be on the cusp, as there is just enough of the growing season left to allow the plants to establish before the days start to get really short and cold.

*Cymbidium, or boat orchid, is a genus of 52 evergreen species in the orchid family Orchidaceae. The new Latin genus name is derived from the Latin cymba meaning boat. Its first known use was in 1815.

FYI – Upcoming GGCS Programs

Sept - Kevin Hill - AOS Judging of Standard Cyms

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

Nov - Dave Sorowkowsky - Paphiopedilums, Maudiae Breeding (I think)

Dec - GGCS Holiday Auction / Potluck

Calendar of Orchid Events

September 15, 2017 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers - 1st Meeting of the Cym Growing Season ! Friday, 7:30 PM. San Mateo Garden Center, **605 Parkside Way**, San Mateo, CA. Meetings are the 3rd Friday of the month. For more info, see www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com.,

September 16, 2017 Peninsula Orchid Society Auction Saturday, 12:30 pm Previews, Auction starts at 1 pm. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo CA. Call Paul Reeve at (650) 366-3251-, or call Chaunie Langland at (510) 494-8850-, www.penorchidsoc.org.

September 16, 2017 California Orchids Fall Sale Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm. Bolinas. Please verify with them if this is to be held, as I have had no confirmation from them that this is happening. Call (415) 868-0203-, Email info@CaliforniaOrchids.com, <http://www.californiaorchids.com>.

September 27, 2017 Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Monthly Meeting, Season Opener Wednesday, 7:30pm. Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merrit, 666 Bellevue Dr., Oakland. Meetings the 4th Wednesday of the Month. Speaker Kevin Hill, on American Orchid Society Judging of Standard Cymbidiums - for more Speaker info, see the [Next Meeting Page](#).

September 23 - 24, 2017 Fascination of Orchids Sat - Sun 10 AM - 5

PM. South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 West Sunflower (x Bear), Santa Ana, CA 92704. Exhibits, Seminars, Sales. Admission & Parking Free. Call (949) 735-2930-, <http://fascinationoforchids.com> for information and directions. Sponsored by the Orange County Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America.



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Next **Board Meeting**
October 25, 2017
@ 6:30 p.m.

Next **General Meeting**
October 25, 2017
@ 7:30 p.m.
Lakeside Garden Center,
Oakland, CA