



NEWSLETTER

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

April 2018m

The General Meeting

April 25th, Wednesday @ 7:30p.m.

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

Our April Meeting Speaker will be Ken Jacobsen. The title of his talk is "The American Orchid Society Cymbidium Awards, and Why We Should Care About Them."

Ken Jacobsen, was first introduced to orchids by his uncle in the 1960's and has been growing Cymbidiums himself for over 40 years. An AOS and CSA judge, Ken is an avid cymbidium grower for over 40 years, with a commercial greenhouse for his out of control plants, and his own extensive hybridizing program. Ken has registered and originated over 24 cymbidium orchid hybrids.

Over time, Ken has added plants of the Odontoglossum alliance and several other genera. He is a regular contributing author for the Cymbidium Society of America (CSA) Journal, and the past Awards Judging Chair for the CSA. Ken is also a past president of the Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers and the Peninsula Orchid Society, 2 other local SF Bay Area Orchid Societies

President's Message



Hello Everyone!

I have a child-like trust that you will all **read your newsletter**, so this will be quick.

I hope our April showers are bringing beautiful blooms to your gardens, as well as those Cymbidiums we dote over all year long! My Cymbidiums are blooming like crazy.. Maybe we should move our show to April.. hmmm. Something to ponder. As soon as we did that, they'd all be blooming again in March. We had a great turn out for our Ice Cream social! Thanks to everyone that helped & came!

It's **Virus Testing** time again!

Having a virus-free collection requires testing. Yes, you can go through your plants and throw out the obvious victims, but what about those with no symptoms, just waiting to infect their neighbors? Agdia test strips that detect CymMv and ORSV, the two most prevalent baddies. The strips are accurate and easy to use. You can order through Agdia.com. Or contact Audrey, as she may have some. It's time to start fertilizing our orchids to.

We have elections coming up and everyone now except for 1 will remain as we are if uncontested. There will be 1 board seat open. Hopefully one of you out there will join us for a year. Audrey has been working hard to get some great speakers & plant tables! Please come! It's always great to see everyone!

Sue D....

Bit o' Education....

Cymbidium sanderae, FCC/AOS



Common Name: Sander's

Cymbidium

This species has only been collected a couple of times and all plants arise from these early collections. It was originally thought to be a variety of parishii but now is seen as quite different. Some authorities argue that it is not a true species, but none can argue with its natural beauty or importance in hybridizing. The flowers are blush white with lips heavily marked with a pattern of dark red, and are produced on an arching inflorescence. (syn. *Cymbidium parishii* 'Sanderae') Found in Myanmar (Species from Burma) in open, humid, evergreen, montane forests on trees as a medium sized, cold to warm growing (Temperature Tolerant) epiphyte with clustered, ovoid, lightly bilaterally compressed pseudobulbs enveloped basally by several imbricating leaf bases carrying 9 to 15, linear-elliptic, thin textured, tapering to an acute, entire apex leaves articulated to a broad sheathing base, 3.6" [9 cm] from the pseudobulb that blooms on a 12 to 20" [30 to 50 cm] long, suberect to arching, 3 to 15 flowered inflorescence with very fragrant flowers blooming in the winter and late spring. For more information check out

http://www.hoalanvietnam.org/2A_es/1ad/Cymbidium-sanderae.pdf

FYI – Upcoming GGCS Programs

Our May 23, 2018 speaker will be Pierre Pujol, local orchid grower and hybridizer.



Calendar of Orchid Events

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

April 13, 2018 Malihini Orchid Society Meeting Friday, Setup starts at 7pm, Meeting starts at 7:30pm. San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95112, Room #120. Meetings are the 2nd Friday evening of the month. Monthly meeting with a Show and Tell of members' blooming orchids, interesting orchid Speaker and slideshow, members snacks and a Raffle table of the speaker's nursery's of plants! **Ernersto Sandoval, Professor at UC Davis speaking; and Fred Clark of Sunset Valley Orchids providing the Raffle Table.** More info, see www.Malihini.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ORCHIDinSANJOSE. #flowers #orchids #sanjose #mastergardeners

**#sfbayarea #gardening
#growgrowgrow #orchidlecture**

April 14 - 15, 2018 Annual Central Coast Orchid Show & Sale "A Sea of Orchids" Friday Preview Benefit, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm. Regular Show Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday 10am - 5 pm. South County Regional Center, 800 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande. Five Cities Orchid Society, will feature exhibits from the show vendors and local orchid societies. General Admission is \$5. Children 12 and under are free. Door prizes, Demonstrations, Plant Doctors. A weekend opportunity drawing will benefit the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center. An Orchid Show Preview Benefit for the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center will be held Friday evening, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm www.dunescenter.org or by calling 805-929-5749- or <http://www.fcos.org/index.php/2013-five-cities-orchid-society-annual-orchid-show>.

April 14 - 15, 2018 Sacramento Orchid Society 71st Orchid Show & Exotic Plant Sale "The World of Orchids" Saturday 10 AM- 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento. \$10 Admission - Kids under 16 are free when accompanied by Adult. Free parking. Info, call 916-489-3263- , <http://sacramentoorchids.org/orchidshow> , or, Facebook/sacramento orchids.

April 20, 2018 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers "Volunteers Come and Help Show & Sale Set-Up" Friday, 12 Noon. Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA. We need as many members to help volunteer to set up benches, lights, plants and displays. http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumgrowers.com/orchid_show__sale . Your help is much appreciated.

April 21 - 22, 2018 Annual Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Show and Sale 10 am to 4pm. Redwood City Community Activities Building, **1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA.** Free Parking, \$5 Admission. The MOST Beautiful Cymbidiums & Extensive Orchid Displays that can be seen in Northern California! Fantastic Orchid Plant Purchases! Super Raffle Prizes. **Classes** like "Learn How to Repot Your Overgrown Orchid"! See details on the **Annual Orchid Show** website page, www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com.

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AmericanOrchid Society Cymbidium Awards and Why We Should Care About Them". He will also provide the Raffle Table, usually awesome cymbidiums and sometimes other species. For more speaker info, see the [Next Meeting Page](#) of www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com, or FB at [GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers](#). #flowers #orchids #cymbidiums #sfbayarea #oakland #mastergardeners #gardening #growgrowgrow #orchidlecture

Editors Remarks: At OUR MARCH MEETING THE BOARD EXPRESSED OUR GRADITUDE AND THANKS TO OUR PAST OFFICERS WHO HAVE LABORED UNTIRINGLY TO GET THIS SOCIETY TO THIS POINT IN TIME. BY NO MEANS HAVE YOU BEEN FORGOTTEN.

The current Board is in the process of making a concerted effort to reach out to the general population to increase our numbers.

Many members have expressed concern that they can't download their newsletter from their in-box. The reason the content is so large, is that I don't edit the material that is sent to me, I want the material to remain intact as is. When the newsletter exceeds (8) pages I will send you a hard copy, if you are unable to download it. Your computer is lacking memory

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