



NEWSLETTER

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

March 27, 2019

The General Meeting

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

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

We are holding our March Madness and Ice Cream Social for our March Meeting!

See our meeting page link on our website: [Golden Gate Cymbidium Society - Wednesday, March 27, 2019 Plant Show & Tell, Ice Cream Social 7:30 PM Lakeside Park Garden Center 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA .](#)

Please bring whatever nifty dessert compliments to Ice Cream you can think of - fruit, sprinkles, gummi bears, wafer cookies, chocolate cake, pickles (oops, who's thinking those?) !

AND, what's blooming at your place now - cymbidiums, species, paphs, sarcochilis, lycaste? Bring them all in for show and tell, and for all of us to see and photograph!

This is one of those great "meet and greet" meetings that we have too few of !! Come drop by and say hi for a few minutes, see what's blooming, beg a piece from someone's plant in the future, and nosh!!

And what to look forward to our April Meeting? Dr. Andy Cameron will be giving one of his very well researched botanical lectures on the wild life of cymbidium orchids!

Audrey, WebMaster



Ice Cream Social

President's Message

Happy Spring Everyone! First I wish to thank everyone who came out & helped make our show a good success this year! Nancy, the food was awesome! We had a lot of foot traffic & people were buying our vendors' plants and statues! As we know our cymbidiums have been slow to bloom this year & it seems like it's slower every year. Next year, we will have our show at the End of March.

How many of us are enjoying our very own cymbidium show right in our own backyards? They're blooming now ... LOL !

I would like our 2020 Show theme suggestion Now before our summer break. Please start submitting them to Sue NOW at heceta1056@yhoo.com or Audrey at goldengatecymbidiumsociety@yahoo.com.

Everyone come & enjoy the Ice Cream Social this coming meeting & celebrate our 2 Shows' Successes!

Spring is that time of renewal & the weather as I write this could not be more perfect! The time to start repotting & dividing our beauties is creeping up quickly. I don't know about any of you, but I don't look at mine & say "Oh Boy! I get to go repot & divide my cymbidiums!" I try & find something else to do – LOL ! You really gotta be in the mood ... I've discovered some slugs & snails looking for tender green leaves & flowers to munch on. It was mentioned there were not many around & now I think they had headed for higher ground with all the rain. Now they're coming back, time to put out that Snail bait!

We have elections coming up again now in May. **If anyone wishes to step up for an office let us know. We are looking for a Newsletter Editor by May** – Walter and Margaret Blake have kindly put up with it for 2 years. If no one will take this on, it will become part of the website, **and you will all have to start printing out your own copies** to get a printed copy. There you will find a link to it. Or some form of the Newsletter. Look forward to seeing everyone at the Social

And remember, this year, our Auction will be in May, our last month of the year this year.

Sue 😊

Educational:

Most cymbidiums enjoy good ventilation and moderate humidity. Though cymbidiums do not really enjoy high humidity, they need to remain moist at the root ball. It is important that the growing medium is well-drained, yet retains some moisture well. Cymbidiums should be grown in Medium to Large Orchid Bark and should be repotted once every two years.

Ideally, Cymbidiums should be repotted in the late spring after the plant has finished blooming. Cymbidiums do best when grown in pots that give them about 2" inches in diameter to grow.

*DO NOT use an overly large pot as this will hold more water/moisture, causing the plant to drown and the roots to rot. For more specific care, feed a high nitrogen fertilizer to help with vegetative growth during spring and early summer, 30-10-10. Feed a high phosphorus fertilizer in late summer and autumn 10-10-30. This helps the plant develop flower spikes and buds. Give it a break once all the flowers have bloomed as it has already obtained the nutrients it requires.

During winter months, feed lightly or not at all. I recommend flushing the media out once a month to prevent chemical burn to the roots due to salts and hard minerals building up. Plus you can flush out the pot about an hour after your usual water. By doing so the build-up of salts and minerals have time to dissolve and are easily rinsed out of the pot.



Keep your eyes open for problem pests, including spider mite, aphids, and slug and snail damage.



scale, mealybug, red

Upcoming Orchid Events

March 29 - 31, 2019 **San Joaquin Orchid Society Orchid Fest** Friday - Saturday 10am - 9pm, Sunday 11am - 5pm. Sherwood Mall, 5308 Pacific Ave., Stockton, CA. Orchid Judging, Sales, Repotting Demonstrations. For more info, contact Patty Reece, 209.931.3081- or patty@mynewyorkdiamonds.com. Their website is at www.sanjoaquinorchidsociety.org, or info@sanjoaquinorchidsociety.org, or find them on [Facebook](#).

March 30 - 31, 2019 **Sonoma County Orchid Society Presents Their 62nd Annual Spring Educational Orchid Exposition and Sale** Friday - Saturday 10am - 9pm, Sunday 11am - 5pm.

Sherwood Mall, 5308 Pacific Ave., Santa Rosa, CA. Admission \$5. A weekend full of fun, education and beautiful blooming orchids to admire, photograph and purchase! A great event for the whole family! Featuring: many orchid plant vendors, free orchid plant raffle, cultural demonstrations, and many more! They have many events scheduled such as: "Grow and Rebloom Your Orchids", "Repotting Cymbidiums", "Growing Orchids in your Backyard in the Bay Area", and more! For ore info, click on http://sonomaorchids.com/?page_id=5629. Their website is <http://sonomaorchids.com>.

March 30 - 31, 2019 Annual Central Coast Orchid Show & Sale "Let the Good Times Roll" 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>.

April 6 - 7, 2019 Malihini Orchid Society Orchid Sale & Cultural Demonstrations Saturday 10 am - 6pm; Sunday 10 am - 5pm. Their location has NOW been changed to Suite 110, 19479 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. (Behind the AT &T Building). They are in a different area from last year's location. Check their latest updates on [Facebook.com/ORCHIDinSANJOSE](https://www.facebook.com/ORCHIDinSANJOSE), or www.Malihini.org.

April 6, 2019 California Orchids Sale Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm. Bolinas. Rain or Shine, they have an indoor area where their orchids are! Call Mary Nisbet directly for more information (415) 868-0203-, and fill out their online form for directions to gt to their greenhouse in Bolinas, www.CaliforniaOrchids.com.

April 13 - 14, 2019 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](http://www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com) website page, www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com, or see their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers/. #flowers #orchids #OrchidShow #cymbidiums #sfbayarea #sanmateo #gardening #mastergardeners #gardening #growgrowgrow #orchiddeals #orchidraffles

April 13 - 14, 2019 Sacramento Orchid Society 72nd Orchid Show & Sale "Dreaming of Orchids" Saturday 10 AM- 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM. Scottiah Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street, Sacramento, CA. Free Parking, Orchid Plants for Sale, Demonstrations, Gardens, Seminars, Door Prizes, Show Tours! \$10 Admission (Children under 12 are free with accompanying adult). See them on the web at <http://SacramentOrchids.org>, or, [Facebook/sacramento orchids](https://www.facebook.com/sacramentoorchids). Or call 916.489.3263-.

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Next Board Meeting

April 24, 2019
@ 6:30 p.m.

Next General Meeting

April 24, 2019
@ 7:30 p.m.

Lakeside Garden Center,
Oakland, CA