



NEWSLETTER

Golden Gate Cymbidium Society

March 24, 2019

A branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

The General Meeting

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

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA

Our Speaker

Our speaker this month is **Andrew Cameron PHD.** He will be speaking on “The Genes that Make an Orchid Flower; or the Dirty Little Secrets that Mendel Never Told You About”.

We will explore how a basic set of genes tells flowers their fate, and how this knowledge is elaborated in the exotic flowers of orchids.

Horticulturists breed plants, to make new and interesting hybrids all the time. This is a practice as old as the domestication of plants. Indeed plant breeding was used to illustrate the principles of genetics by Gregor Mendel in the 1860's.

Orchidists came to this practice as soon as exotic plants came to the greenhouses of Europe. In the last 30 years, plant scientists have learned how genes influence flower formation. The story became even more interesting as the studies moved into new groups of plants such as orchids.

Opportunity Table: The Opportunity Table will be provided by Andy from his own collection. There will be some great Cymbidium seedlings, as well as many quality divisions of other cool growing and exciting plants.

Dinner at 5 PM with the Speaker: February 24th at the Ikaros Greek Restaurant, 3268 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610, just on the other side of the Grand Theatre from the freeway. Members and guests are welcome. Meal and drinks will be on yourselves. Call Audrey Young-Tarter, for reservations to be included at 408.316.0677. Yiasso !!

President's Message

Hello Everyone!

I trust everyone will [read your newsletter](#), so this will be quick.

I hope our 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.. Since every year our Cymbidiums are blooming later, 2020 we will be moving our show to early April.. I need theme suggestions!! 1 year CSA membership for winner!

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 too.

We are looking at one more month before summer break. Reminder we voted to take June, July & August off. We normally have elections in May & auction in June. Officers will continue for another year unless someone wishes to run for office.

****All officers will stay one more year. After that there may not be anyone to conduct business for the society.**

Auction TBA. That will be decided at our board & general meeting on the 24th. Audrey has been working hard to get some great speakers & plant tables! Please come! It's always great to see everyone!

Sue D....

http://www.aos.org/AOS/media/Content-Images/PDFs/Detecting_Virus.pdf

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cymbidium_mosaic_virus

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odontoglossum_ringspot_virus

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Thank you, Everyone for agreeing to stay in your positions for 2019-2020. You are all such Big Hearted Lugs!

A. I will remain as VP, Speaker Coordinator, Webmaster, and I think I will Offer to take over Walter's job as Newsletter Editor / Designer. I already do the Website, which has the monthly Speaker Page, and the Calender of Monthly Events! So, I think, with just the adding in the photos of the other shows, and whatever, other stuff, we can do this! And I can even email them out to anyone with email addresses.

(And Walter has been so tolerant this year of me, because I was so bad this last year about getting the speaker info to him on a timely basis! Thank you again Walter - You are a Saint!!)

Calendar of Orchid Events

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

April 24, 2019 Golden Gate Cymbidium Society

Meeting Wednesday, 7:30 PM. Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of the Month. Monthly meeting with a Show and Tell of lovely cymbidium and other orchids, interesting orchid Lecturer and slideshow, members snacks and a Raffle table of the speaker's nursery's of plants! Our April Speaker

will be Dr. Andy Cameron. He will also provide the Raffle Table, usually awesome cymbidiums and sometimes other species. For more speaker info, see the **Next Meeting**

Page on www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com, or Facebook at [GoldGateCymbidiumSociety](https://www.facebook.com/GoldGateCymbidiumSociety). #flowers #orchids #cymbidiums #sfbayarea #oakland #mastergardeners #gardening #growgrowgrow #orchidlecture

May 10, 2019 Santa Cruz Orchid Society Monthly Meeting Friday 7:30 pm, The Live Oak Grange, 1900 - 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz. There will be Orchid Plants Show and Tell, interesting Orchid Lecturer and Slideshow ordemonstration, member brought in snacks and an awesome Raffle table of the speaker's nursery's of plants! Check out their upcoming meeting, Email look at their website

at www.SantaCruzOrchidSociety.org, or Facebook at www.facebook.com/Santa-Cruz-Orchid-Society-317014525104872. #santa cruz #orchids #lecture #beach gardening

May TBD (11 - 12, 2019) Orchid Society of California Mother's Day Show and Sale Sat & Sun 10 AM - 5 PM, Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Dr, Lake Merritt, Oakland. Should be a gorgeous Spring Day to take Mom out for a Day for Orchids. Display of all sorts of incredible Species and hybrids! Orchid Sales! Plant Raffles, a great way to get started in orchids. Cultural Classes on repotting and orchid re-growing! FREE ADMISSION! After the Show, there is SO MUCH TO DO HERE AT LAKE MERRITT! You can take Mom and the kids to the **Gardens at Lake Merritt** where the Show is being held, **Children's Fairyland**, the **Lake Merrit Wildlife Sanctuary Center** and watch everyone's eyes light up at all the birds!), and try the www.OrchidSocietyOfCA.org. #orchidshow #orchidsale #sfbayarea #oakland #mastergardeners #gardening #growgrowgrow #buyorchids

May 17, 2019 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers - Last Meeting for the Cymbidium Season, Speaker and Potluck Dinner! Friday, 5:30 PM. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. Members will be celebrating a very successful Orchid Show and Sale with an awesome Member Potluck Dinner, and Pierre Pujol will be speaking! See the **Next Meeting Page**. If you are interested in cymbidiums, dont be shy, come anyway, bring a dish to share with 8-10 people, meet some intersting people and maybe you will have enought to drink you'll sign up and JOIN AS A MEMBER !! More more info, see them on **Facebook**, or

their website www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com . #orchids
#flowers #cymbidiums #SFBayArea
#SanMateo #orchidfriendspotluckdinner

New Year Greeting from Val and Mel Jones

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAZE!!



Season's greetings from the Joneses! 2018 sure seemed to slip by fast.

Val continues her recovery at the Mercy Care Center in Oakland where she receives 'round the clock care. Val has shown a recent interest and talent in painting modern art images of things she likes.

Mel continues to spend as much time with Val as he can - keeping her up-to-date on news from her friends, and her spirits up. Mel has been attending aquatic therapy classes to keep his knees moving, and also goes to SIRS meetings from time to time to keep up with his buddies. But needless to say, staying by Val is his number one priority (as usual).

The Jones Boys are as busy as ever. Greg and Kathy try to escape whenever possible in their new camper. Kathy has been recovering from double knee replacement surgery and is making excellent progress.

Andy and Yumiko continue commuting into the City for their jobs. Their cats provide them with cheap therapy just by being their crazy and adorable selves.



Well, that's all for now—we'd like to express our sincere appreciation for the well wishes received throughout the year, and we wish you all a joyous holiday and peaceful New Year.

Val and Mel Jones (and family)



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Next Board Meeting

May 22, 2019
@ 6:30 p.m.

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Oakland, CA

