



# GGCS Newsletter

**Golden Gate Cymbidium Society**  
A Branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.

**October 23, 2019**

## The General Meeting

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**Wednesday @ 7:30 PM**

Lakeside Park Garden Center  
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland



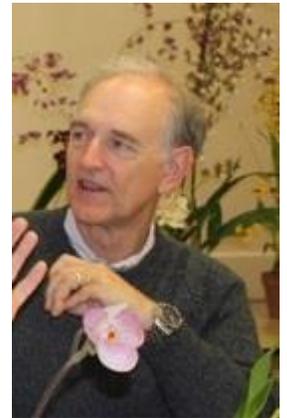
American Orchid Society  
Education, Conservation, Research



## Our October Lecture

**Ken Jacobsen**

### “Asian Cymbidiums”



Rarely seen, and much misunderstood, there has been a re-awakening in orchid connoisseurs' interests in Asian Cymbidiums. Used as a parent in hybridization, some for adding in fragrance in some cases, and in many reducing the overall plant size.

Our Guest Lecturer this month will be **Ken Jacobsen**. He will be speaking on “**Asian Cymbidiums**”, courtesy of a webinar created by the American Orchid Society ([www.aos.org](http://www.aos.org)), and sent to us by their Orchid Digest Magazine. Bill Weaver, who spoke to the Club last month, on “Orchid Pesticides”, will be handling the webinar for us on his computer.

Ken is an Orchid Judge in the AOS and the CSA judging programs. Ken has been involved with growing & hybridizing orchids for over 50 years. He has developed in interest in their effects on hybridization for some years now, and through the magic of the Internet, will show them to us.

Ken and his wife, Amy Chung, enjoy travelling to all areas of the world where orchids are grown, visiting the local growers, and seeing various species in the wild. Together, Amy and Ken have over 7,000 orchids (Yowza). Amy is also a judge in the AOS judging program.

## Raffle Table

... will be provided by Jim Donoso, who always is generous with the Golden Gate Cymbidium Society with his plants. Many Thanks, Jim!

## Free Parking and Free Raffle Ticket

If you pass the “toll booth” when you come into the park, tell the person there, that you are there for the Orchid Society meeting there in the Garden Room, and they will NOT charge you to pass through. **AND**, if you bring snacks and goodies for the refreshment Table, you also get a **FREE Raffle Ticket** – But, make sure you see Ed Mc Lean to get your ticket when you bring in your food. NOT when drawing tickets!

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## The President’s Message



Hello Everyone!

Here we are in October! My Gosh, the time keeps flying by!

Our October meeting is on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, not the 30<sup>th</sup>! Remember, we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. We all get caught up in our meetings being the last Wednesday of the month, however, about 2 or 3 months a year, we have these 5 Wednesdays in a month ...

Now that fall is here, and our nights are somewhat cooler, we should all be seeing our flower spikes starting to emerge. How exciting to see these! It’s never too early to start setting those stakes in Now, as our show is right around the corner! Hopefully we will be invited back to POE in February.

Speaking of our show, it’s time to think of a **show theme**! Please feel free to email your suggestions to myself at [heceta1056@yahoo.com](mailto:heceta1056@yahoo.com) or [goldengatecymbidiumociety@yahoo.com](mailto:goldengatecymbidiumociety@yahoo.com) .

We will ask all of you to vote on a name at our November meeting. Time permitting we may ask for suggestions at the October meeting. The next couple of months are going to, (guess what?) ... just **FLY BY!**

Our auction is coming up in December, so please look at what plants you could consider donating to our society! And, if you know anyone who would like to donate plants, that would be great!

This is one of our fundraisers to help pay for speakers, raffle table, the Garden Center rent, etc.. We look forward to seeing everybody on the 23rd!

*Sue...*

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## 2020 April Show Theme

**I have not received any suggested names for our show ?** Please, just announce some of your ideas at this coming meeting - we have to come up with a name, so postcards can be designed & printed in time for our Dec Auction, the February POE, CSA magazine & website, 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 at [heceta1056@yahoo.com](mailto:heceta1056@yahoo.com)

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## The Cymbidium Educational Corner, from Sue Davis Research

Most cymbidiums will perk up during the fall, enjoying the bright clear days and cooler nights. This is also the time that many set buds for fall & winter blooms. This is one way to **take advantage** of fall weather to encourage orchid blooms.

**DAY LENGTH AND TEMPERATURE** Cymbidiums are temperature responsive- that means that they will set flower buds when night time temperatures fall, and there is a 15 to 20° difference between daytime highs and nighttime lows.

**With the reduced day length and temperatures, your cymbidiums will require slightly less feeding.** However, it is important to keep them lightly moist, and if humidity is low, you may need to check them more frequently to be sure they do not dry out.

If the weather is unusually wet, cloudy and cool, be sure that your plants have adequate circulation around them and try to water them early in the day. Cymbidiums can, and should, generally be left outside. Winter & fall blooming cymbidiums will be maturing growths and getting ready to bloom.

What does this mean for you? It means that **you should switch from your regular fertilizer to a special blossom boosting fertilizer immediately to induce flowering.** Also, if you plan to bring any indoors to enjoy the blooms, examine each one thoroughly for pests! There are many benign insect control products such as isopropyl alcohol, insecticidal soap, and Sunspray ultrafine horticultural oil, that can be used to control aphids, mealy bugs, or scale. Avoid spraying emerging flower buds or sheaths unless they require it. **Happy staking!**





## The Cymbidium Society of America



If you are not a current member, think of joining and receiving the most current information about growing cymbidiums, paphiopedilums and phragmipediums. It's easy and inexpensive to join for such valuable articles and information!

See Florence Inserto, our CSA Rep, at one of our meetings, or click on

<https://www.cymbidium.org/membership-registration-form> .

## Calendar of Orchid Events (recent, [www. CymserelyYours.com](http://www.CymserelyYours.com))

**October 18, 2019 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Monthly Meeting Friday, 7:30 PM. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA.** All are welcome to come listen to and see this great slideshow presentation by **Ken Jacobsen and Amy Chung** on **“What Other Orchids Can You Grow with Your Cymbidiums”**. Meetings are the 3rd Friday of the Month. Monthly meeting with a Show and Tell of lovely cymbidiums and other orchids, interesting orchid Lecturer and slideshow, members snacks and a Raffle table of the speaker's nursery's of plants! For more speaker info, see their website at [www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrower.com](http://www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrower.com), or their [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/488674388537627/) Page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/488674388537627/>).

**October 19, 2019 American Orchid Society's Pacific Central Judging Center Monthly Orchid Judging. Saturday, 9 am. Fioli Visitor Center, 86 Canada Road, Woodside, CA 94062.** Meetings are usually the 3rd Saturday of the month. This new partnership establishes a series of monthly orchid judging and educational programming at Filoli. View beautiful blooming orchids, learn about orchid care, and have **Your Own Orchids Judged! Bring your blooming plant by 9AM. Stay to observe the judging, and stay for the Talk from a noted Orchid Speaker. While admission to the Fioli Visitor Center for the AOS Orchid Judging and Lectures are FREE, there is a separate fee to View and Tour the Fioli House and Gardens.** For more information, click on: <http://www.paccentraljc.org/>. Questions, contact **Jim Heilig** at [heiligja@msu.edu](mailto:heiligja@msu.edu).

**October 18–20, 2019 The Huntington Botanical Gardens Annual International Orchid Show & Sale “Orchid Safari” Friday - Sunday 10 am to 5pm.** 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. Vendors ! Admission. [www.huntington.org/orchidshow/](http://www.huntington.org/orchidshow/), [www.Facebook.com/huntingtonorchidshow/](https://www.facebook.com/huntingtonorchidshow/) .

**October 22, 2019 Marin Orchid Society Fall Silent Auction Tuesday at 6:30 PM, followed by live auction at 7 PM.** Wine, cheese and other refreshments provided! Auction paddle Fee. Website <http://www.marinorchidsociety.com>.

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**November 2 - 3, 2019 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 of time - call or register at <http://sborchid.com/auction.php>. For more info, call 800-553-3387- , or check their website at <http://www.sborchid.com/events.php> .

**November 2 - 3, 2019 Cal-Orchids Fall Open House** Sat - 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 cyms 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](mailto:calorchid@cox.net), see their website at [www.calorchid.com](http://www.calorchid.com) or their facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Cal-Orchid-169676309716174/>.

**November TBD (8, 2019) Malihini Orchid Society Meeting** Friday, Setup starts at 7pm, Meeting starts at 7:30pm. Main Street Cupertino (near Vallco Mall), 19479 Stevens Creek Blvd., Room 110, Cupertino CA. As you enter MSC (Main Street Driveway) from Stevens Creek Blvd., you will keep going straight until you can't anymore - you will see Panino Giusto ahead. See the corner building on the left? This is where they held the 2019 Show on April 6th & 7th. Meetings are normally the 2nd Friday evening of the month, but with the new location, they have been trying to be a little flexible. This month, it WILL be the 2nd Friday. 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! See [www.Malihini.org](http://www.Malihini.org), or [www.facebook.com/ORCHIDinSANJOSE](https://www.facebook.com/ORCHIDinSANJOSE). #flowers #orchids #sanjose #mastergardeners #sfbayarea #gardening #growgrowgrow #orchidlecture

**November 8, 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 or demonstration, member brought in snacks and an awesome Raffle table of the speaker's nursery's of plants! Check out their upcoming meetings at their website at [www.SantaCruzOrchidSociety.org](http://www.SantaCruzOrchidSociety.org), or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Santa-Cruz-Orchid-Society-317014525104872](https://www.facebook.com/Santa-Cruz-Orchid-Society-317014525104872) . #santa cruz #orchids #lecture #beach gardening

**November 8 - 9, 2019 Carmel Orchid Society Fall Orchid Festival** Friday – Saturday, 9 AM - 4 P,M Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 4590 Carmel Valley Rd,

**Carmel.** Gorgeous Orchids, Tons of Stuff, Silent Auction, Potting Demonstrations, Answers to Orchid Questions. Truly awesome event in a beautiful setting. [www.carmelorchidsociety.org](http://www.carmelorchidsociety.org).

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## Golden Gate Cymbidium Society – Officers and Directors

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**Please Volunteer – Call (408) 316-0677, and ask what little thing U can do to Help!**

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