



GGCS Newsletter

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

November 20, 2019

The General Meeting

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Wednesday @ 7:30 PM

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland



Our November Lecture

Audrey Young-Tarter

“Updates in Sepal Partially Labelloid Peloric Cymbidiums”

Our Guest Lecturer this month will be **Audrey Young-Tarter**. She will be speaking on her favorite subject the most recent International and National **Updates of Petal Peloric and Sepal Partially Labelloid Peloric Cymbidiums**. She checks in with like-minded colleagues through emails, Facebook, Orchid Wiz, and the Web, on what has been the most recent breeding and compelling focus in this aspect of hybridizing.

She got her start with cymbidiums with the giant old Rod Mc Clelland Cymbidium in a backyard wine tub that her father had grown for years. In 1993, a cousin dragged her to an Orchid Society meeting, and with \$5 raffle tickets, she won 3 cymbidiums, including a 5-spike Cym. Red Beauty ‘Evening Star’ with 5 spikes. So, of course, she got hooked.

She purchased her 1st partially labelloid, sepal / ventral peloric cymbidium Cleo’s Melody ‘Freakout’, in 1997 from Orchids for Everyone in Cupertino. It was from this plant, that Audrey’s true passion and fascination to learn everything about the hybridization with this cultivar and similar peloric type cymbidiums began. Come and hear all about it.

Raffle Table

... will be provided by Audrey Young-Tarter. She will have some of her nicest cymbidium divisions as well as some of her peloric cymbidiums as well...

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!

The President's Message



Hello Everyone!

The holidays are fast approaching & our cymbidiums are setting those fabulous spikes! Can hardly wait for all of it! Super short message this month...

We will meet on the 3rd Wednesday, November 20th, because of the Thanksgiving holiday, not the 4th Wednesday, as we do normally.

December's meeting will be our **AUCTION & HOLIDAY POTLUCK!!** This will be held on the 3rd Wednesday, December 18th. Remember Now, to email Audrey at goldcoastcymbidiumssociety@yahoo.com, the names and/or number or plants you will donate to the fundraiser. More information in the upcoming December's newsletter.

Last month I asked everyone to think up a name for our show. We need suggestions for a show theme & I need to contact CSA by the end of November to have our show advertised & CSA judging.

I can always submit the Golden Gate Cymbidium Society IS having a show etc ..., etc., That's OK too. Something to Ponder as volunteers are becoming more scarce, is our membership is declining as well as in the club, do we as a Society wish to forget about putting on a show in 2020?

Our **Holiday 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 December 18th!

As a few of you may know, I fell last month walking the dog, and fractured several bones. I hope to see so many of you for Audrey's talk, but I might not be up walking yet !! If not, I'm sure it will be great, so someone buy me a raffle ticket if I don't show, will you? AND Everyone have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Sue...

2020 April Show Theme

Suggested names for our show ? If you have any brilliant ideas, email them to any board member, or bring it up at the November meeting Please!!! 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

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

November 15, 2019 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Monthly Meeting Friday, 7:30 PM. San Mateo Garden Center, 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA. 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 collection of plants! Weegie Caughlan will speak on "Maintaining a Quality Orchid Collection". For more speaker info, see Next Meeting Page www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrower.com, or see them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/488674388537627/

November 16, 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 the 3rd Saturday of the month. This new partnership establishes a series of monthly orchid judging and educational programming at Fioli. 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/>. Should you have questions, contact Jim Heilig at heiligia@msu.edu.

November 20, 2019 Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Meeting Wednesday, 7:30pm. Lakeside Garden Center, Lake Merrit, 666 Bellevue Dr., Oakland November Speaker is Audrey Young-Tarter, on "2019 Update on Sepal Peloric Cymbidiums". For

more Lecturer Info, see their Next Meeting page on their website at www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com. They have a "Dinner with the Speaker" meal that they hold at 5:30pm, just BEFORE the meeting - if you would like to join them and hobnob with the speaker, call / text Audrey at (408) 316.0677 at least 24 hours ahead to make a dinner reservation (Your dinner is on you, or they pool and split the meals). Or on Facebook www.facebook.com/goldengatecymbidiumociety.

December TBD (7, 2019) Casa de las Orquideas Holiday Annual Open House, A - ONE DAY ONLY EVENT! Saturday 9 AM- 3 PM. 170 South Nardo Ave. Solana Beach, CA 92075. Lots of cymbidium seedlings (often at reduced prices), mericlones, last summer's divisions of past breeding stock, award winners, & more. Parking is very limited, so if possible carpooling is a good option. See [www. www.orquideas.com](http://www.orquideas.com), or email casa@orquideas.com, or call Karl or Miki Batchman at (858) 755-7572-.

December TBD (13, 2019) Malihini Orchid Society, Xmas Party Main Street Cupertino (near Vallco Mall), 19479 Stevens Creek Blvd., Rm 110, Cupertino. Holiday Pot luck dinner, great time to join as a member! www.facebook.com/ORCHIDinSANJOSE.

December 13, 2019 Santa Cruz Orchid Society Xmas Party Friday 7:30 pm, The Live Oak Grange, 1900 – 17th Ave, Santa Cruz, CA. Holiday Pot luck dinner, Spin the Orchid, raffles, great time to join as a member! www.SantaCruzOrchidSociety.org

December 18, 2019 The Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Auction , Gift Exchange & Holiday Potluck Dinner Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland. Members bring some of their best cymbidiums (and other orchid genera ALSO) as donations for this incredible auction. If you are coming to the dinner as well, please remember to also bring enough food to share with 6-8 other people for the potluck dinner. See photos for some fantastic plants on their website ([Auction potluck page](#)). Or www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com; or their Facebook page, www.GoldGateCymbidiumSociety.com. Remember to Clear Everything out of your Car, and Leave it Empty (except for your boxes to bring back plants), BEFORE you Drive out to Lake Merritt Garden Center, to Prevent Any Holiday Theft. #auction #orchids #cymbidiums #flowers #orchidauktion #SFBayArea #Oakland #buycymbidiums #mastergardeners #orchiddeals #growgrowgrow.

(For Missing Events, go to www.CymserelyYours.com/orchid_events)

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

www. GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com, if you are missing your newsletter

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