



GGCS Newsletter

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

See You **January 22, 2020**

The General Meeting

January 22, 2020

Wednesday @ 7:30 PM

Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610

**Our January Meeting will now Revert Back to it's Normal 4th Wednesday of month...
January 22, 2020, Wednesday @ 7:30 PM ! At Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666
Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA.**



A departure this month from our lectures on cool growing orchids, this month our speaker will be **Tora Rocha of Pollinator Posse.org**.

Tora is an expert in landscape design and gardening for pollinators, with over 40 years of experience.

She previously worked as the Parks Supervisor here at Lake Merritt.

Tora is passionate about pollinator conservation, which lead to her co-founding The Pollinator Posse, a group dedicated to education and outreach about the importance of native bees, and how to garden in ways that protect these important insects.

She recently received a Jefferson Award for public service in the Bay Area.

Raffle Table This month, the plant table will be provided **by Jim Donoso**. Jim has provided some awesome cymbidium plants from his collection, as well as some of the great Neal Tadlock cymbidium seedlings.

Free Parking If the parking booth security is occupied, tell that person that you are there for the Orchid Society meeting in the Garden Room, and **they will NOT charge you to pass through**.

SPECIAL: Our February Meeting will be shifted to the 4th Monday, February 24th, and a Joint Meeting with the Orchid Society of California, for us to host our very special speaker, George Hatfield, of Hatfield Orchids, all the way from Southern California

(<https://www.facebook.com/george.hatfield.31>)! This is one of those rare, once a lifetime, meetings to be held for Our Society. You will really regret not attending.

The President's Message

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season (and have now recovered to some degree!). We have a new decade and I hope for a great year for our society but I need help from all of you. Please come to the meetings, talk about what you want out of our society, so that it can fill the needs of all of us.

Come June, when we take our summer break, we will be looking for ALL New Officers. Most on the board of directors have been here for years, are tired and starting to care for other people's heaths, & desperately need to take a break! And we will help you guys as well in this transition!

And we **NEED New Ideas, Fresh Thoughts & Fresh People!** The Golden Gate Cymbidium Society is declining & without breathing some new life into it, this could be it's last year. Please, please help, and consider volunteering time to help out as new board members!!



Being ill and gone for the past 3 months, luckily I had family taking care of my Orchids. I can already see many of my plants starting to spike & some early ones close to blooming! Some days are warm, but the nights are cold, which Cymbidiums love! I am pretty sure that they all know that the days are getting longer too. I hope that all of you will all bring your winter blooms in for our Show & Tell at the meetings. I always Love to see what everyone else is blooming.

Speaking of seeing what everyone else is blooming - It is time to start thinking about the GGCS show!! It will be first weekend in April. Hopefully we will have blooms galore!! We will be asking for everyone's help with the show. We need You!

So please be thinking about how you can contribute as well as grooming your beautiful plants for our show. See you next week!

Sue 😊





2020 April Show & Sale

The “Cymbidium Universe” theme was suggested by Paula Shiu, and has gotten some lovely compliments by other orchid societies’ members!

Remember to grab some extra cards at our January meeting, and start leaving them at Your favorite Asian restaurant, or markets, pin it up at work billboards, copy the pictures and put it on your facebook pages for others to see! MANY THANKS!

Suggest to your friends to come and see it, write about our event on your Facebook pages, and as YOU continue to participate, invest the time & effort into our club, we will continue to have fun as a club! Without You, Our Members, there is no club!

☺ Sue Davis at heceta1056@yahoo.com

Cymbidium Universe

Show & Sale

April 4th & 5th
Saturday & Sunday

Sat 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sun 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Lakeside Park Garden Center

666 Bellevue Avenue

Oakland, Ca.

Located by:

Lake Merritt & Children's Fairyland

*ORCHID VENDORS

*MEMBER PLANT SALES

*RAFFLES

*POTTING DEMO & DIVIDING

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FREE ADMISSION



The Cymbidium Educational Corner, Sue Davis Research

Winter Tips:

For those who remember Loren Batchman, of Casa de Orquideas, this is a link to his website, where he shares their nursery’s freeze of 2007, where ice formed on most of his Cymbidiums. Interesting reading. These are tough plants! <http://www.orquideas.com/ice/ice2007.html>

Cymbidiums are much more cold-tolerant than many common species of orchids and feature sprays of large blooms in the dead of winter. The miniature cymbidiums are so pretty and delicate that it's no wonder these tiny, easy-to-care-for plants have grown in popularity among amateur gardeners. During the winter bloom, reduce watering, but don't let the plant dry out. Keep the potting media slightly damp to the touch. Plants that are affected by the salt build-up in tap water will exhibit leaf-tip dieback, a condition in which the [leaf tips](#) turn black & die.

Ideal Orchid Temperature

Cymbidiums are considerably more cold tolerant than some other popular orchids. The large, older cymbidiums need an extended period of cold to provoke a bloom, while the miniatures aren't quite as dependent on cold weather.

Cymbidiums have been known to briefly withstand freezing temperatures, although direct frost will likely kill them. Nights with temperatures down to 40 degrees F are fine. Protected from frost they can tolerate lower temperatures for a brief time. On the other side, cymbidiums can also withstand summer heat without wilting, as they are suited to the temperate regions of Asia where there is considerable variation in seasonal and day/night temperatures.



Cymbidium Blooming

The cymbidium bloom is triggered by a combination of falling temperatures and reduced water. The miniatures have generally been crossed with warm-house orchids, so they aren't quite as dependent on cold weather to bloom, but it's still an important part of cymbidium culture. The natural bloom season is during the winter when your plants should be indoors and available for display. Cymbidium flowers grow in sprays, with spikes arising from new pseudo-bulbs every season.

Credit: The Spruce



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

January 18, 2020 American Orchid Society's Pacific Central Judging Center Monthly Orchid Judging. Saturday, 9 am. Fioli Gardens Visitor Center, 86 Canada Road, Woodside, CA 94062. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month. View beautiful blooming orchids compete, learn about orchid care, and have Your Own Orchids Judged! Bring your blooming orchid 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; A separate fee charged to View and Tour the Fioli House &**

Gardens. <http://www.paccentraljc.org/>. Directions, <http://www.paccentraljc.org/pac2work.html>. Questions, contact Jim Heilig at heiligia@msu.edu.

January 18, 2020 Mariposa Gardens Chinese New Year Sale Saturday 9am - 3pm. 6664 South Street, Lakewood, CA 90713. Four 1 Gallon Pots for \$100. Don't miss the opportunity to pick through some exciting new hybrids. In addition, [Joe Santy Orchids](#) will be offering many award winning and collectible cymbidiums. Come early for best selection. Their Open Houses generally are the 1st or 2nd of the month, January - April. Questions, contact Ron Hill at (562) 920-5588, www.MariposaGarden.com, or www.facebook.com/MariposaGardenOrchids/, or <https://santyorchids.com>.



January 22, 2020 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, members snacks and a Raffle table of the speaker's nursery's of plants! **Tora Rocha of PollinatorPosse.org will be speaking.** For more Speaker info, see the [Next Meeting Page at www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com](#)

January 22, 2020 Sacramento Valley Cymbidium Society Meeting Friday, 6 pm, doors open to set up. Shepard Garden & Art Center, 3330 McKinley Park Blvd. Sacramento CA. Show and Tell of Members' orchids in bloom, review of upcoming orchid society shows and events, a guest lecturer slideshow, raffle table, maybe some snacks. **David Sorokowsky speaking on Paphiopedilums.** www.facebook.com/sacramentocymbidiums.

January 25 - 26, 2020 Peninsula Orchid Society Show & Sale Sat - Sun 10 AM - 5 PM. Community Activities Building, 1400 Rosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA. Incredible show of every orchid species and hybrid available !! Great vendor Sales! Admission Fee. **FREE parking.** Bring your boxes, cart, cameras, credit card, checkbook or cash. For more info, Click www.penorchidsoc.org, and www.facebook.com/Peninsula-Orchid-Society-of-San-Mateo-California-143013275763301/.

February 8, 2020 Diablo View Orchid Society Valentine's Orchid Show & Sale Saturday 10am - 4:30 pm. First Lutheran Church, 4000 Concord Blvd. Concord, CA 94519. Orchid Workshops, Raffles, Repotting Service, & Orchid Sales! Admission \$5, or \$3 with this card. Click on the picture to the left, print out attached pdf. Present to the cashier at time of entry. www.DVOS.org.

February 8, 2020 Mariposa Gardens Spring Festival Saturday 9am - 3pm. 6664 South Street, Lakewood, CA 90713. Thousands of first bloom cymbidiums in spike with some

already in bloom. Don't miss the opportunity to pick through some exciting new hybrids. In addition, [Joe Santy Orchids](http://www.santyorchids.com) will be offering many award winning and collectible type peloric and splash petal/feathered cymbidiums at his reduced prices. Come early for best selection. Their Open Houses generally are the 1st or 2nd of the month, January - April. Questions, contact Ron Hill at (562) 920-5588, www.MariposaGarden.com, or www.facebook.com/MariposaGardenOrchids/, or <https://santyorchids.com>.

February 15, 2020 American Orchid Society's Pacific Central Judging Center Monthly Orchid Judging. Saturday, 9 am. Filoli Visitor Center, 86 Canada Road, Woodside, CA 94062. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month. A series of monthly orchid judging and educational programming at Filoli's Visitor Center, **FREE** (access to the Gardens and Historic House is a separate fee). 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. For more information, click on: <http://www.paccentraljc.org/>. Questions, contact Jim Heilig at heiligja@msu.edu.

February 14, 2020 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. 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 collection of plants. [www. Malihini](http://www.Malihini.com) or [www.Facebook.com/ORCHIDinSANJOSE](https://www.facebook.com/ORCHIDinSANJOSE).

February 14, 2020 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! The SCOS now meets on the **2nd Friday of the month** - Check out their upcoming meetings at their



website at www.SantaCruzOrchidSociety.org, or Facebook at www.facebook.com/Santa-Cruz-Orchid-Society-317014525104872.

February 20 - 23, 2020 Pacific Orchid Exposition 2020 Show & Plant Sale Saturday - Sunday 10 AM- 5 PM. San

Francisco County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers) 9th Avenue & Lincoln Way, San Francisco, CA. Admission \$5 and less. Call 415-665-6079- or visit the website at www.orchidsanfrancisco.org for information and directions. There will be bunches of vendors from around the country, and a large display area in the center of the show. Please help the SFOS get the word out by “liking” <https://www.facebook.com/San-Francisco-Orchid-Society-150623501678349/> .

February 21, 2020 Gold Coast Cymbidium Growers Monthly Meeting Friday, 7:30 PM. San Mateo Garden Center, [605 Parkside Way](http://www.sanmateogardencenter.com), San Mateo, CA. Meetings are the 3rd Friday of the Month. Monthly meeting with a Show and Tell of lovely cymbidium and other orchids, interesting orchid Lecturer, members snacks and a Raffle table of the speaker's nursery's of plants! **George Hatfield, Hatfield Orchids, from Southern California, will be speaking.** For more speaker details, click on the [Next Meeting page](#), at their website at www.GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers.com, or see them on www.facebook.com/GoldCoastCymbidiumGrowers



February 24, 2020 Golden Gate Cymbidium Society and the Orchid Society of California Joint Meeting

Monday 7:30 PM. Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA. **This is a departure from the normal 4th Wednesday of the Month. Because they will have a very special Guest - George Hatfield, of Southern California!**

Monthly meeting with a Show and Tell of lovely cymbidium and other orchids, interesting orchid Lecturer, members snacks and usually a Raffle table of the speaker's nursery's of plants! See their [Next Meeting Page](#) of www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com, or see them on [Facebook/GoldGateCymbidiumSociety/](https://www.facebook.com/GoldGateCymbidiumSociety/).

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