



# GGCS Newsletter

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

See You **February 24, 2020**

## The General Meeting

**February 22, 2020**

**MONDAY @ 7:30 PM**

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

**We will be meeting on MONDAY, February 24, 2020 @ 7:30 PM ! At Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland, CA.**

Our scheduled speaker, George Hatfield, is unable to make his scheduled meeting with us. Orchid Society of California changed back to their normal meeting date of Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>; but will have a webinar of **George Hatfield speaking on “The Culture and Growing of Award Winning Cymbidiums”**. They have welcomed ALL of the GGCS Members to join them to their meeting. Unfortunately, as we had scheduled to meet for George’s schedule on this day, **we will need to keep to this Monday Date.**



We have decided instead to have a **“Hands-On Potting Workshop”!** This will be a great activity for **Our Members**, because as you KNOW, you will need to be doing this soon. With this warm, early spring we seem to be having, you can probably safely start repotting now in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Audrey Young-Tarter will do a 5-Minute Demonstration of **“How to Use One of the New 2020 Agitest Orchid Virus Test Kits”**. Virus Test Kits are important to use prior to your spending time & money, dividing & repotting plants.

The club will provide new latex gloves, razor blades, bark & 15-20 cymbidiums for **Our Members to experiment on**, to learn repotting correctly. Our Members can bring their own small cymbidium that needs to go up in a 1-gallon pot **(NO 2-gallons)**. **After Members, NON-MEMBERS, can pay a nominal \$20 fee for a plant and potting materials, who wish to participate.**

**Plant Opportunity Table** Because of the Potting Workshop, we will not be having a Raffle Table. But the plants are provided by **Jim Donoso, who always has great cymbidiums are reasonable prices for Chinese New Year's Gifts still! Call or text him at 415.342.1075.**

**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. **REMOVE ALL EXTRA BAGS & BOXES FROM YOUR CARS BEFORE COMING.**

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## The President's Message

Hello All,

February 2020



**WE WILL BE MEETING ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>!!! Unfortunately, George Hatfield will NOT be able to join us at this time.**

**We will, however, be having an informative evening on Cymbidium care, potting & overall culture on our favorite orchids! So please come & help us ALL learn & share our tips for growing an exquisite Cymbidium!!**

Already February? Wow, that went fast! In Vallejo, this past week, it has been almost 70 degrees on my patio! Until this morning, I thought it was May! Frost found my neighbors' roof tops bringing me back to the fact, it STILL is winter.

This pretty mild weather we have been having, is sure helping to push those cymbidium blooms to fruition, so hopefully they'll be ready for our show! I have many starting to bloom, which I wasn't sure they would even be ready. Now, I hope they last! LOL ...

Take time over the next few of weeks to check your plants. Clean them up, check for pests & ants! The ants are on the move with the nice weather, looking for food & new homes. Our cymbidiums make nice ones.. Lots of room with a view.

We have the Pacific Orchid Exposition coming up the weekend of Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Remember preview night on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. We will not have a display this year, as we don't have the people who will participate in setting up or take down! Please try to go at some point, support the San Francisco Society, Vendors, pick up a new treasure & drop off our flyers & talk up our show a month or so later!

I hope to see a good attendance at the meeting on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your beautiful cymbidiums that are blooming for show & tell. We can always use your generous snacks!! See you there!

*Sue* 😊

# 2020 April Show & Sale



## 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



**FREE ADMISSION**

The “Cymbidium Universe” theme will need some great props for our displays, so think about what you could bring to make our show look great! Globes, Star Wars Toys, Space Craft, Aliens, stars, planets, lights. Action!

Remember to grab some extra cards at our Meeting, and start leaving them at Your favorite Chinese, Vietnamese, Phillipino restaurants, or markets, pin it up at work billboards, **Copy these pictures, & put them on Your Facebook pages for others to see!**

Suggest to your friends to come our show, Instagram, blog about our event, 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!

## The Cymbidium Educational Corner, Sue Davis

### *Cym. hookerianum*



A species of orchid found in India, China and Vietnam.

This plant has pendant inflorescence and blooms from winter to spring. The inflorescence consist of around six to fifteen 14 cm fragrant flowers. Roots are thin.

The plant was first described by Griffith in 1851 as Cymbidium grandiflorum based on a



species collected in Bhutan. But the name had been already used by Swartz in 1799 to describe a species of Pogonia. So the next name available was Cymbidium hookerianum, which was described based on material collected by Lobb in the 1850s. The plant was sent to the nursery of Veitch and was again described by Reichenbach in 1866.

Several variation also have been described such as Cymbidium hookerianum var. punctatum described by Cogniaux which differs by having a few red brown spots near the base of the sepals and petals and near the mid-lobe of the lip.

This species is similar to Cymbidium wilsonii but differs by having larger flowers petals with red brown spots near the base, an apex acute side lobe with red brown spotting along the veins, and larger pollina length.

Plant should be grown in cool areas with medium to bright light. This plant may also be grown warm, but is more difficult to maintain and flower. Pot with bark and perlite. The plant prefers dry periods between watering. Reduce watering during the winter. Water about once a week. <http://orchids.wikia.com>.

**Credit: The Spruce**

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## Calendar of Orchid Events

**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](mailto:heiligja@msu.edu).

**February 17, 2020 Orchid Society of California Monthly Meeting Monday, 7:30 PM.** Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland, CA. Monthly meetings with a Show and Tell of lovely orchids, interesting orchid Lecturer, members snacks and usually a Raffle table of the speaker's nursery's of plants! This month will be a webinar of George Hatfield: "The Culture and Growing of Award Winning Cymbidiums". Their website: <http://www.orchidsocietyofca.org/>.



**February 20 – 23, 2020**  
**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 see them at

[www.orchidsanfrancisco.org](http://www.orchidsanfrancisco.org) for info & 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” them on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/San-Francisco-Orchid-Society-150623501678349/> .



**February 24, 2020 Golden Gate Cymbidium Society Monthly 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 We will have a very special Activity – Repotting A Cymbidium Plant! Really, this will mean something special

**to Our Members!** 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](http://www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com), or find them on Facebook.

**March 13 - 15, 2020 The 75th Santa Barbara International Orchid Show "Orchids - A World of Adventure"** Fri - Sun, 9 am to 5 pm. Admission. Earl Warren Showgrounds, Exhibit Hall, 3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA. (Highway 101 at Las Positas Road). This is the BIG ORCHID SHOW! Admission and parking fees. For info, call (805) 969-5746- or visit them on [Facebook](#) or [www.sborchidshow.com](http://www.sborchidshow.com).

**March 14, 2020 The 45th Annual Cymbidium Society of America Congress** Saturday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Last held at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta Del Sol, Santa Barbara, CA 93105. International Speakers from Australia and the USA on cymbidium & paphiopedilum subjects! The fee includes access to the Show all 3 days, lectures, breakfast, lunch, special cocktail party, special plant auction, a gala dinner banquet, a free plant, and more! Really great orchid value!  
<http://www.cymbidium.org/cymbidium-congress>.



**March 13 - 15, 2020 Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Annual Spring Open House** Friday - Saturday 8 AM - 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM. 1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. Established in 1957, it is amazing for the 5 acres of the various species of cymbidiums, cattleyas, and umpteen thousands of orchids! Must see on the orchid tour! More like family, than a business. For more info, call 800-553-3387-, or <http://www.sborchid.com/events.php>.



**March 13 - 15, 2020 Cal-Orchid Spring Open House** Fri - Sun 9 AM - 5 PM. 1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA. Incredible and unique orchid breeding of Lots of different orchid species & varieties. Call James or Lauris

Rose at 805 967-1312-, e-mail [calorchid@cox.net](mailto:calorchid@cox.net), or see their website at <http://www.calorchid.com> .

**March 21, 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 (access to the Gardens and Historic House has a separate fee). View beautiful blooming orchids, learn about orchid care, and have Your Own Orchids Judged! Bring your blooming plants by 9AM. Stay to observe the judging, and stay for the Talk from a noted Orchid Speaker. For more information, click on: <http://www.pacentraljc.org/>. Questions, contact Jim Heilig at [heiligja@msu.edu](mailto:heiligja@msu.edu).

**March 25, 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 usually a Raffle table of the speaker's nursery of plants! Click on the Next Meeting Page to see [www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com](http://www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com). Oh, and Please Like Us on [www.facebook.com/GoldGateCymbidiumSociety](http://www.facebook.com/GoldGateCymbidiumSociety) ! 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). #flowers #orchids #cymbidiums #sfbayarea #oakland #mastergardeners #gardening #growgrowgrow #orchidslideshow

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## Golden Gate Cymbidium Society – Officers and Directors

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Show and Sale Chairperson, **Could this be You, Helping us Out?**

Cymbidium Society of America Representative ([cymbidium.org](http://cymbidium.org)), **Florence Inserto**

**Please Volunteer – Call (408) 316-0677, ask is there a little thing U can do to Help?**

**www. GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com** (if you are missing your newsletter, please text me at (408)316-0677, and send me a note with your correct email address.

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**Lakeside Garden Center**

**Oakland, CA 94610**

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