



# GGCS Newsletter

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

September Meeting **Zoom With Us!**

**The General Meeting**  
*September 23, 2020 - Oh, It's On!*  
**Wednesday @ 7:30 PM**

**Our First Meeting of the Cymbidium Season –  
It's On! – Come Zoom With Us, From Your Home!**

*(The City of Oakland's Garden Center is still closed until Further Notice)*

## The President's Message



Hello Everyone!!

Goodness gracious, we are now at the middle of September! I hope all of you have kept yourselves safe & busy since we last met! That seems like a life time ago.

Once California declared a stay at home order, I stopped working & started repotting my cymbidiums. Every day I would repot 1-4 plants, depending on my mood , & how hard the plant was to work with. I am happy to say I repotted close to 400! Phew ... I know some of you have done many more. Hopefully you all stayed busy.

Currently the Garden Center is still closed with no idea when it will reopen. We will not be able to meet live again for a while.

**SO ... OUR meetings are going Virtual! We will meet on ZOOM, a program using Web Video Conferencing Software where people can meet live through their computers!**



All the Orchid Societies are meeting this way. Of course we're bringing up the rear, but we'll do it right! LOL!

Our Board of Directors has met this way & I think this will work for our Members as well, until such time we can get back together again and meet live. Audrey Young-Tarter, our Guest Speaker Co-ordinator, is working on remote speakers. With our meetings on Zoom, we could have speakers from all over the world! What a plus that could be!



Lamar Elementary School principal Erin Honeycutt sets up a Zoom class for first- through fifth-graders in Meridian, Miss., in March. (Paula Merritt/AP)

Our FIRST meeting back will be for us to just getting use to Zoom & how we make it work. It will be great to see so many of you again. It's been a long 6 months with the pandemic, the heat & the fires. I do hope & pray for all of you, your families & friends; and that you're all safe & healthy!

I won't be offering a cymbidium educational section in this newsletter. But here is a brief synopsis of Zoom taken from Helga Mahlman's instructions when the board met (it's pretty easy once you get use to it): (SO, Helga's husband will send us the instructions just before)



“If your monitor does not have a microphone or video camera, you can call the given phone number. They will ask you for the meeting ID. (Which we give you) If they ask you for a participant code, there is none. Just enter # on the phone to continue to the passcode. Once you enter that, it will join you to the meeting. You can see and hear the participants on your monitor but they will not be

able to see you, only your name or phone number.

You do not need a Zoom account to join the meeting. Just click on "launch meeting" and it will put you in the queue for the host to let you in. If you already have a Zoom account, it will automatically let you in". These are the Zoom instructions you will receive with phone numbers etc.”

**If you are a registered member of the Golden Gate Cymbidium Society, and have a computer, we will E-Mail you, on Monday, the Zoom Meeting Room Link; the Meeting GGCS ID; and the GGCS Passcode.**

**this will work whether you have a computer, a tablet, a cell phone, and apparently even a traditional phone!**

OK! Looking forward to our **First Zoom!** This is so easy, a piece of cake, every senior I know is doing it these days!! Questions? Call Audrey at 408.316.0677, she'll try to help.



Best to All,

*Sue* 😊

## LET'S SHOW SOME PHOTOS THAT NIGHT!



MEMBERS, Are your “other” orchids in bloom? USE your cellphone to take a picture of them; or, of Yourself, repotting your cymbidiums, in your greenhouses, backyards, or even over the kitchen sink! Take Selfies – even if your Hair IS growing over your eyeballs, like mine!!



Then email me those photos, and I will try to show them that night. **SEND THOSE PHOTOS & VIDEOS (No more than 2minutes) TO ME** at [GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety@Yahoo.com](mailto:GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety@Yahoo.com)

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How to **Join a Zoom Meeting For the First Time, On Your Laptop, A Step By Step Guide.** Watch this YouTube

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fIYWnfTc5o>

**Set up Your Cell Phone for Zoom Meetings? Learn in 2**

**minutes!** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0JkfflN804>. However, it is a full tutorial, and within 10 minutes, can teach you how to host a meeting, and more.

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## Looking to Buy Cymbidium (or Other species) Orchids?

These are the Orchid Vendors who would have been at our 2020 Show:

**Botanico Orchids / Dean Haas, (510) 368-8062 Cell.** Call or text. Dean has a large greenhouse Sale in **Half Moon Bay** Ongoing Now!

**Jim Donoso, (415) 342-1075 Cell Call or text.** Jim has a very large greenhouse in **Richmond**, but also does **local farmer markets**, maybe in your neighborhood

**Orchids di Fiore / Paulo & Nina di Candia, (510) 530-4884.** They have a large outdoor orchid growing area in the **Oakland Hills**. Interesting selection.

**Thu Ba Nguyen, (408) 396-7773 Cell Call or text, or e-mail at [orchidsforever@hotmail.com](mailto:orchidsforever@hotmail.com).** Orchid store & Large growing area in **San Jose**.

**Or, look for these Sellers on our website:**

**[www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com/Cymbidium orchids for sale](http://www.GoldenGateCymbidiumSociety.com/Cymbidium_orchids_for_sale).**

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**Please Volunteer – Call (408) 316-0677, and ask  
“Is there some little thing I can do to Help?”**

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