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**SPEAKER FOR MARCH 25, 2009**

**WORLD RENOWN ORCHID PHOTOGRAPHER  
RON PARSONS**

By special request, Ron will be presenting his latest program on "Orchids of Crete". This should be interesting and a pleasant diversion from our usual programs.

Come and enjoy.

Dinner with our speaker is at 5 p.m., Grand Oakes Restaurant, 3701 Grand Ave., Oakland. Call Nancy Starr for reservation: 510-261-7530

Show and Tell & Sales 6:30 p.m.

Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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MESSAGE FROM NANCY STARR, SHOW CHAIRPERSON:

Just a few words to express thanks to all who volunteered for our show and sale (over 33 each day). In think we did a great job and were successful in 'doing ourselves proud'. Thanks especially to Ray who was "first in and last out" every day. We could not have done this without his efforts in setting up, take down and heading up the ribbon judging, among other things. The whole crew was outstanding and made this the smoothest running event I have ever been involved in. Also a special thanks needs to go out to Rita as co-chair. As this is one of the major fundraisers of the club, it is especially important to have capable people to handle the plant sales and money and nobody does it better than Agnes, Jane and Tommy!! Once again we have a very successful door prize thanks to Clara and Rita who picked up donations of gorgeous plants from George Hatfield and Andy Easton and our show vendors. Our officers and Board of Directors Jim and Ed worked extra hard for this event also. A great big thank you to Ceajay Palance for two wonderful meals on Sat and Sunday that were enjoyed by all the workers and vendors. Our resident plant-dividers, Bill and John Chu were a great hit this year with good attendance at each of their demonstrations. This year we provided a few chairs for the public to sit and enjoy the program in comfort. This definitely will be repeated. There are so many names of volunteers will helped with security, plant hotel, and other duties. You have a special place in my heart for making me look good as the chair. So as my dear mother used to say, "thanks until you are better paid". So here's to the next 20 years.

Nancy Starr

Editor's note: Here's my chance to thank Nancy for here wonderful chicken enchilada Dinner on Friday's set up and judging....it was wonderful....I guess we'll keep her!

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DUES HAVE BEEN DUE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS....If you want to be on the new Roster which will be placed in the April News..this is your last chance. Send to Loretta Rodriguez, 3773 Somerset Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546

**SAN FRANCISCO PACIFIC ORCHID EXPO: February 26-Mar 1, 2009**

Our exhibit was small, but very beautiful. Sometimes small is better as we once again had one of our members make the BIG win.

Rose Jaochico took Best Cymbidium in Show and also Best by Advanced Exhibitor. If my memory serves me right this is the 5<sup>th</sup> time a member of our club has won this award at this prestigious Show. It was with Cymbidium Kristen (Fred Stewart x Vogelsang) and if presentation has anything to do with it, she always has her plants presented in the most beautiful vases and baskets. We should take a lesson. I took a few pictures and will forward them to our webmaster, Yonnie. Other wins:

Jim Donoso: 1<sup>st</sup> Cym Clarisse Austin 'Pink' ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Allegria 'Dolly' ; 3<sup>rd</sup> Cym Ethel Weber 'Brentwood'

Paul Wentrcek: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cym Red Beauty 'Carmen'

Rose Jaochico: 1<sup>st</sup> Cym Kiri Te Kanwa; 1<sup>st</sup> Cym Little Big Horn; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cym Mainstem "Hip-Hop"; 3<sup>rd</sup> Cym Pepper's Fire Fiesta

Also Showing was Nancy Starr and Ed McLean As it turned out we had a great spot right by the through-way to the vendor area...so we couldn't be missed! I know it is had to get over there on a weekday, because so many work...but we always do try and have a good showing from Golden Gate....as we are usually the ONLY cymbidium club that does. This year was especially hard as it was so close to our show, AGAIN! Thank you to Ed, Paul, Nancy who helped set up. You will be rewarded!

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**NOW OUR SHOW!!!!**

**MARCH 14 – 15, 2009**

Best in show & Founder's Trophy

Ceajay Palanca: Cym. Valley Chestnut "Delight"

Joy Williams Award: Best White

Ceajay Palanca: Cym Sussex Dawn

Janet Stoll Perpetual Memorial Trophy: Best Miniature/Novelty

Rita Pascoe: Cym Nagalex 'Harukaze'

Best Cypripedium Alliance Trophy

Kathi Ames: Paphapedilum Morton Bay x Skip Bartlett

Anna Jones Memorial Trophy: Best Pink Cym by Novice/Intermediate

Ceajay Palanca: Cym Kirby Lesh 'Cinnabar'

Best Commercial Display Trophy

Top Hat Orchids – Theme Display

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Best Artistic Exhibit

Nancy Starr: "Chekere"....a beaded Gourd (with an orchid design) musical instrument

Best Educationl Display

Boomer's Orchids: Margaret and Terry Boomer

Best display on Pod Culture

Orchids by Neal : Neal Tadlock

Best in Novice Class

Ceajay Palanca: Cym. Valley Chestnut 'Delight'

Best Intermediate Class

Rita Pascoe: Cym. Nagalex "Harukaze'

Best Advanc Class

Musia Stagg: Cym Sweet Spring 'New Horizon' 4n

Best Open/Commercial Class

Paul Chim, CYm Kiwi Midnight 'Geyserland'

Sorry to say, this year there were no Floral arrangements, no Species or First Bloom seedlings entered. Maybe next year.

We filled the showroom with the most beautiful selection of Cymbidiums this year that I have seen in previous years. Your collections are really getting a lot of the fancier varieties and the public is amazed at the selection that they never seen on the open market (like Home Depot, etc.) Keep continuing your climb to excellance.

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Limit 5

TEST YOUR PLANTS FOR VIRUS:

Call for an appointment so Joe Giangrosso can bring the test kits to the meeting. TEST IS IN LARGE KITCHEN FROM 6:30 P.M. PLEASE be on time. Have a new leaf from the suspected plant sealed in a zip-lock baggie. The test only takes a minute and is for the TM-V only. His phone is 510-568-1962 Kits are \$4.25 each

CSA JUDGING: Groom & Clean your plant and submit to the Head Clerk by 7 p.m. in the large kitchen, NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO JEFF TRIMBLE AT LEAST ONE DAY AHEAD so he can assemble the Judges. Phone 650-368-8260 (or leave a message) email: [2752delaware@sbcglobal.net](mailto:2752delaware@sbcglobal.net)

FIRST BLOOM SEEDLING CONTEST: THE JIM CROSSLEY YEARLY AWARD, Plant MUST be A first-bloom for a NEW CROSS only !!! Forms available from Secretary. Call Paula Shiu 510-237-0471 so she can make arrangements. A perpetual plaque is awarded at our July Pot Luck each year. The new year will start August '08 though June '09

NOTE: **SEEDLING MUST BE A NEW CROSS!!! NOT AN OLD VARIETY.**

CSA MEMBERSHIP: DO THIS FOR OUR CLUB. It is strongly recommended for all our members to join our MOTHER CLUB. It provides insurance for all our activities and meetings. You will receive a beautiful Journal every two months and could be eligible for certain CSA awards. Visit CSA website [www.cymbidium.org](http://www.cymbidium.org) or club representative, Rita Pascoe. Dues can be paid at the meeting or mailed to :  
CSA MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, CLARA MOURA, 1742 GROVE WAY, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94546 (She is usually at our meeting)

REFRESHMENTS FOR MEETING: BRING ENOUGH FOR 10 PEOPLE. DON'T FORGET SOMETHING FOR THE ONES WHO CAN'T HAVE SWEETS.

REQUEST FROM OUR LIBRARIAN: Joe Giangrasso has asked for donations to build our club library. If anyone has any interesting orchids books they would like to donate call him at 510-568-1962.  
These will be books that can be borrowed by members to read and enjoy, and then returned to the library. Please, clean out your bookshelves..

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\*\*\* WHO HAS THE PARENTAGE BINDERS ????? please return immediately !!!!  
Bring to the meeting.....they should be returned to our Librarian, there are other members who would like to use them !!!

*OPEN HOUSE: MAY ON NURSEY  
APRIL 4 -5, 2009 10 am – 3 pm*

Featuring Orchids from Steve Thai, Fred Shull and Ken & Amy Jacobsen  
At the home of Paul Chim, 462 Broadmore Blvd.  
San Leandro, CA 94577

**CLUB SALE ITEMS AVAILABLE**

Stock up for next season's dividing. We have a good supply of one gallon size for .65 cents each. Call Rita 510-276-2851 to order and pick up.  
We also have a supply of razor blades \$4.00 a box of 100; plant tags \$3.50 a pack.  
(at meeting)

CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

PRESIDENT	Ed McLean	510-769-0444
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COMMITTEES:

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CSA CLERKS	John Chu
CSA Judges	Steve Thai, Paul Chim, Trudy Hadler, Ken Jacobsen, Paula Shiu Jeff Trimble (Associate Judge) Ben Low (Associate Judge)
CSA Club Rep.	Rita Pascoe

NEXT BOARD MEETING IS April 8, 2009 at the Fruitvale Library,  
 FRUITVALE AVENUE, OAKLAND. (TWO BLOCKS EAST OF 580)  
 Next General Meeting is April 22, 2009 Sales and Show & Tell  
 at 6:30 p.m. Plant judging is at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP

NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL (FOR NEWS) \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKS PAYABLE TO GOLDEN GATE CYMBIDIUM SOCIETY (GGCS)

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 per household) CSA Member \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE MEMBER \$100.00

YOU MAY RENEW CSA OR ENROLL AS NEW: MAKE SEPARATE CHECK TO CSA

SEND TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: LORETTA RODRIGUES, 3773 Somerset Ave.,  
 Castro Valley, CA 94546

OR PAY AT THE MEETING

**GOLDEN GATE CYMBIDIUM SOCIETY  
205 CHERRY WAY  
HAYWARD, CA 94541**

**DATED MATERIAL  
*Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!***