

# **Golden Gate Cymbidium Society**

*A branch of the Cymbidium Society of America, Inc.*  
Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland\_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday November 18, 2009 (Early Meeting Nov.and Dec.)**

Plant Sales 6:30-7:30pm No Late Sales (Cashier closes, take it outside)  
Meeting starts 7:30 pm

**Speaker: Loren Batchman- Casa de las Orquideas**  
**order ahead of time for delivery to meeting**

Loren's newest talk is on Orchid Pests and Diseases . He can bring up plants that our members order in advance. He has just released a number of new clones from Valley Orchids in Australia that is now on their website at

**<http://www.orquideas.com/catalog/meristem%20valley.html>**

Loren Has been growing orchids for 42 years and hybridizing for nearly 40 years. He has made more than 1800 hybrids to date, and makes about 70 hybrids each year, mostly cymbidiums with a few zygotetalums. Loren has been an AOS and CSA Judge for 25 years and is the current chair for the Encinitas judging center. Loren and his wife, Nancy, started Casa de las Orquideas in 1976 and are now the leading hybridizer for spotted and high color cymbidiums in the US. They have about half an acre of orchids grown outdoors under shade cloth, and bloom out about 5000 plants a year. They have more than 200 seedling crosses and about 50 different cymbidium clones available from 3" pots to blooming size. At any given time, they have about 60,000 plants at the nursery.

You will have the opportunity to talk to him before hand at the Speakers Dinner at 5pm on the same day. The location is the Grand Oaks Restaurant 3701 Grand Ave. in Oakland. Just give Jim a call before hand so he knows how many are coming. I am at 510-562-9006 or [jamesdonoso@att.net](mailto:jamesdonoso@att.net)

## **Opportunity Table:**

Loren will be supplying the plant table, don't miss out!

## **Note from the editor:**

**Items for publication must be sent to the editor by the 2nd Friday of the month to be included in the newsletter. Send to orchidchef@earthlink.net.**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Hello to all. I'll keep it short and sweet (no lecturing) ---don't forget the meeting in November is the third Wednesday, the 18th, so don't miss it. I'm really excited about this month's meeting with Loren Batchman. I've only heard him speak once and his talk on spotted cym was great and I'm saving my pennies for his plant sales and raffle table. We'll be taking a vote on what main dish the club will provide for the Christmas party. So think about it. We'll have a gift exchange and our

annual auction. There will be more in next month's newsletter. To anyone who can't make the meeting, here's a BIG HAPPY THANKSGIVING to you.

-Nancy Starr, President GGCS

**Peeps from the Veep:** It seems with the recent cold nights my cymbidiums have responded with a slew of new spikes. They are small but my imagination is big and I envision huge flowers at the end of long spikes arriving just in time for the show season. Like Nancy said last month with her growing collection being a fairly new one she has not seen what many of her plants look like in flower. The same goes for me. Every blooming plant is a wonder and source anticipation. This month's speaker is Loren Batchman from Casa de las Orquideas. His talk will cover pests and diseases. I of course encourage you to attend and learn from a master grower. You can order plants from Loren to bring to the meeting so visit the website at [www.orquideas.com/catalog/meristem](http://www.orquideas.com/catalog/meristem) to see the new arrivals from Valley Orchids of Australia. These plants are 8-10 inches in size and are priced at \$15 each. I have decided there is a couple that would look good in my collection.

-Jim Denoso, Vice president

**CSA Judging:** Notice must be given one day ahead to assemble the judges

Call Jeff Trimble at 650-368-8260 Groom and clean your plant, and submit it to the Head clerk in the large kitchen by 7:00 PM.

**Jim Crossley Award for First Bloom Seedling:** This award is chosen by the membership at the July Pot Luck every year from entries gathered over the whole season. To enter, Call Paula Shiu 510-237-0471 a day ahead for photography, Bring your groomed plant and fill out a form you get from the Secretary .

**Refreshments:** Be a good person by bringing something for at least 10 people, and get your reward raffle ticket from Juanita. Do bring fresh fruit or veggies for our diabetic members...

**Virus Testing:** Call Joe Giangrasso to make a virus testing appointment in the big kitchen no later than 6:30, test is for TMV only, and costs 4.50 per test. Bring your sample sealed in a zip-lock baggie. Take the sample from the **youngest mature leaf** for best results. His # is 510-568-1962.

**Cymbidium Society of America Membership:** Do this for our club: join our Mother Club. It provides insurance for all our activities and meetings. You will receive a beautiful Journal every other month. Visit the CSA website, [www.cymbidium.org](http://www.cymbidium.org) and visit the forum discussions. *You also get bonus raffle tickets when you buy them, if you are a member of CSA!*

Send your membership checks for \$35.00\* to:

CSA Membership Chair

Clara Moura

1742 Grove Way

Castro Valley, CA 94546

\*43.00 for First Class Mail delivery

**Event Calendar:**

**Nov. 28, 29 -Orchid Society of Santa Barbara Show-**Santa Barbara Museum Of Natural History  
2559 Puesta del Sol. Contact: Don Brown - [don@chubrown.com](mailto:don@chubrown.com)

**January 10, 2009-Gold Coast Cymbidium Society Annual Collector's Auction-**

San Mateo Garden Center - 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo

Take the Alameda de las Pulgas exit off Highway 92. Turn south. The Garden Center is located between 26th and 28th Avenues.

**January 23, 24 -Peninsula Orchid Society Show-** 1400 Roosevelt Ave, Redwood City

Information: [www.penorchsoc.org](http://www.penorchsoc.org)

**February 6-7- Sonoma County Orchid Society Show-** Santa Rosa Veteran's Building

1351 Maple, Santa Rosa, CA (across from the Fairgrounds) www.sonoma orchids.com

**February 26, 27, 28- San Francisco Pacific Orchid Exhibition-** Ft. Mason Festival Pavilion, San Francisco

Information: orchidsanfrancisco.org

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3CSA Clerk: John Chu

**Next Board meeting: Wednesday, December 9**  
**Fruitvale Library, Fruitvale Ave, Oakland**  
**Next General membership meeting (Pot Luck and Gift exchange)**  
**December 16 Note early meeting**

Membership Form 2009

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