

Golden Gate Cymbidium Society

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October Meeting
Wednesday October 28, 2009
Lakeside Park Garden Center
666 Bellevue Ave, Oakland

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

Speaker: **George Hatfield**

George is an orchid judge for both the CSA and AOS, and is currently the Chairman of the Santa Barbara judging region for the CSA. George has published articles in the American Orchid Society Awards Quarterly and the Cymbidium Society of America CSA Journal.

He just returned from his assignment as Keynote speaker at the 18th Australian National Orchid show in Melbourne. His presentation will include pictures from the show.

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 me a call before hand so I know how many are coming. I am at 510-562-9006 or jamesdonoso@att.net

Opportunity Table:

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

Notes from Steve Thai's presentation:

Peaceful Valley Farm and Garden Supply
Grass Valley, CA
www.groworganic.com
Source for many organic fertilizer materials, seeds, etc.

For Information on Organic Materials/Products:
Google OMRI (Organic Material Review Institute)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: I've got spikes!! I'm so excited about this year. Most of my collection I has yet to bloom for me for the first time. Congratulations to Musia Stagg for her winning theme suggestion CYMBIDIUM SONATA. Musia, your dues to CSA will be paid for one year!!! Preparations are being made for our exhibit at the POE. Last year our display had the winning cymbidium of the show and a lot of blue ribbons. Please consider entering your plants for this show (February 24-28, 2010) our exhibit will be set up to protect the orchids from public traffic as well as ease of judging.

Our speaker this month is George Hatfield and next month is Loren Batchman so take this opportunity to order plants from their websites now so they can bring your plants to you. Jim has more info on topics.

"And now, for something entirely different, "The board discussed that the speakers at the monthly meetings were being "drowned out" by member talking during their presentations. This is just not right. We're grownups and we all know how to behave. In order for people in the back of the room to hear, a new microphone will be purchased thanks to Neal Tadlock who is donating the funds. So... no excuses for not paying attention. On that note, I' m shutting up. See everyone at the meeting.

-Nancy Starr *president*

Peeps from the Veep:

Will miracles never cease? A quick walk through the garden found me face to face with Cym. Peter Pan x Vogelsang and three very developed spikes. Sort of like your first born- you walk around proud and hopeful everything develops well. But I have this tendency to fuss with these first spikes moving and adjusting them until something breaks. Killing with kindness or killing through neglect still leaves you with a dead plant. I vow to offer only minimum assistance this year and see if nature is able to handle it on her own.

This month's speaker will be none other than George Hatfield. His topic will be on the Australian National Orchid Show in Melbourne. You can access George through the internet (<http://www.hatfieldorchids.com>) and see what he has for sale. He had some very interesting crosses and at very reasonable prices. Perhaps he can bring them to the meeting on Oct.28.

Special thanks to Steve Thai for last month's program. I think the information on organic fertilizing was invaluable and presented in a very professional manner. Are you sure you haven't done this before?

-James Denoso vice president

September Show and Tell:

First Place: First bloom seedling of (tracyanum x Bedrock) -Paul Chim

Second Place: Cym. Quick 'n Dirty- Fred Schull

Third Place: Phrag. Sedenii- Trudy Hadler

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.

RHS website address: <http://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/registrationorchids.asp>
Use this site to check on plant parentage and to see if your hybrid seedling
has been registered with a name.

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 Giangrosso 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 and visit the forum discussions. You also get bonus raffle
tickets when you buy them, if you are a member of CSA!

Send you membership checks for \$35.00* to:

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**Next Board meeting:
Wednesday, November 11.
Fruitvale Library, Fruitvale Ave, Oakland**

