

**GCCS WILL AGAIN BE  
ON ZOOM WITH A VIRTUAL  
MEETING THIS MONTH  
7:00 PM October 16**

**Dr. Kay Klausing**

**Speaking on**

**"Orchid Viruses"**

**The Zoom invitation for all  
members will be sent out the  
Wednesday before the meeting**

**September 16, 2020**

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Please change the email address for all mail to  
GCCS at [goldcoastcymbidiumocietyinc@gmail.com](mailto:goldcoastcymbidiumocietyinc@gmail.com)**

**SPEAKER:** We are delighted to welcome Dr. Kay Klausing, currently the Past President of the San Diego County Orchid Society who will speak to us on orchid viruses. The title of his talk is "**Orchid Viruses: Introduction and Practical Aspects of Virus Testing**". During his Masters and PhD work, Kay used a virus as a model system for replication and, as such, he has had a long interest in and fascination with viruses. Kay will give a brief introduction to orchid viruses, but will focus mainly on the practical aspects from the point of growing orchids. He will give a live demo on how to perform tests, share the test results for his collection and provide tips on how to prevent the spread of virus in a collection.

Kay was born and raised in Germany, but he did not start growing orchids until he was in college. The University of Konstanz, where he got his Master and PhD in Molecular Genetics, had a lone *Dendrobium kingianum* specimen covering 2 huge baskets that had developed thousands of keikis due to being kept too warm. The gardener gave him a few keikis, which got him hooked on orchids. Kay moved to the US in 1990 to do a postdoc at UCSD and gave his collection to his dad who also got "infected" with the dreaded "orchid virus", much to his mom's dismay.

One of the first things Kay bought in the US, before even owning a car, was an orchid at an orchid show sponsored by POS. Since then, his orchid collection has swelled to 800 plus plants with an emphasis on the *Cattleya* alliance, consisting of mostly species. Kay grows his plants in three greenhouses (cool, intermediate and warm) and one outdoor area for rupicolous *Laelias*.

**NEW WEB SITE: As we go through our incorporation, we now have a new web site <http://www.GoldCoastCymbidiumSociety.Org>) Visit soon and often for updates on Cymbidium news around the Bay Area.**

**RAFFLE TABLE:** Plants will again be handled differently as long as we are meeting on Zoom. The six plants this month will be coming from Bob Harris and The Orchid People in Hawaii and will contain meristems and seedlings. Six member's names will be drawn at random from the members attending the Zoom meeting. The plants will be allocated to the members still present at the time of the drawing in the order in which the member's names are drawn. Pick-up will again be at Weegie's home in Los Altos Hills from 1:00PM to 4:00PM on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Email [goldcoastcymbidiumsociety.inc](mailto:goldcoastcymbidiumsociety.inc) for address.

**BOARD POSITIONS STILL OPEN:** We are still looking for two people to fill the positions of Vice President and Membership Chair as Tom Waugh has consented to take the position of Treasurer PROVIDING we can find a Membership Chair to replace him at that position. Weegie Caughlan and Tom Waugh are acting in these positions temporarily until volunteers step up.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** The first Zoom meeting of the year was a success. I am hoping more members will join us in October. The October meeting will be important as we will be voting on the Bylaws and Constitution which was attached to last month's Newsletter. It is an important step toward incorporation and finalizing our 501c3 status. This is your chance to voice your opinion and concerns.

Check your extra plants now and consider selling or donating some to our auction in February 2021. Sellers will get 75% of the selling price. More information will be forthcoming in the future.  
Florence Inserto, President

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBERS**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is unknown when the club may meet again in person. Since we are not renting the San Mateo garden center at this time, the expenses of the club are lower. As a result, the board has decided to waive the dues for the coming year for all existing members. There will be no free club renewal plant. We will let all of you know when it is safe to meet in person again. In the meantime, keep safe, stay well and I hope to see you all on Zoom in October. -Tom Waugh, Membership Chair

**GENERAL SUPPLIES:** Supplies, (other than Bulk orders) including all sizes of pots, razor blades, 3' stakes, labels, pens, etc. will be available starting September 18th. The Ways and Means 'Store' has new hours. They are as follows: **The Third Friday and Saturday of each month. 10AM to 3PM** both days. Please make Cash/check out to GCCS. Those months when we don't have a meeting the store is closed. **Call Caroi ahead for an appointment** at 408-806-1969 as she does not want too many people at once in an enclosed space. You are also welcome to browse thru her sale plants.

**BULK SUPPLIES:** Ways and Means will have a new look. All large items as Orchiata, Perlite, coco husk and Virus Kits by email or text only. At present, only virus kits are available to order at \$150/kit of 50 tests. As many have found out, one kit is generally not enough for a collection so order accordingly. There will be only one large order submitted for sale. Email or text with the following information: Carol [Armendariz@comcast.net](mailto:Armendariz@comcast.net) or 408-806-1969 Orchiata, Coco husk and Perlite will be ordered in bulk in the spring in the same manner.

**Name: First and last:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Club: (POS or GCCS ON** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Order:** \_\_\_\_\_ -

**ORCHIATA BARK:** Orchiata bark will be delivered in the spring but BULK ORDER now to be assured you will get what you need. Contact Carol at 408-806-1969 or email at [carolarmendariz@comcast.net](mailto:carolarmendariz@comcast.net) to place your order **BEFORE THE END OF THIS MEETING!** For those running out in the next months, **Brookside Orchids** 2718B Alpine Rd. Menlo Park, CA 94028 has most sizes. Call for an appointment. 650-854-4156z

**MSU FERTILIZER:** Contact Bill Weaver at [theplantgeek@gmail.com](mailto:theplantgeek@gmail.com) to place your order **ASAP**. He has to have orders of exactly 40 bags, no more, no less, to put in an order. Reserve yours now!

**CHARCOAL:** Members who wish to use horticultural charcoal with their orchid mix, may purchase a 40 pound bag from: Lazzari Fuel Company. 11 Industrial Way Brisbane, CA 94005. 415-467-2970 or 1-800-242-7265 M-F 8:30-4:30 [www.lazzari.com](http://www.lazzari.com) The charcoal comes in two sizes: #2 ¼-1½” and #3 ½-1”. The price about \$20.

**OLD WEBSITE:** Be sure to remove the old Gold Coast website from your browsers as it has been CLOSED in favor of the new one <http://www.goldcoastcymbidiumSOCIETY.ORG> Please email Audrey Young Tartar at [goldcoastcymbidiumsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:goldcoastcymbidiumsociety@yahoo.com) with any information you wish to have on the site.

**GCCS FACEBOOK PAGE:** For all FB members, sign in an visit us at **Gold Coast Cymbidium Society, Inc.** and ask to join. The site is open to all who are interested in sharing information, asking questions, sharing photos of Cymbidiums, and getting information of Cymbidium related events. We encourage all our members on FB to sign up. To date we have 110 members and growing daily from all over the world, so what better place to ask questions and get information?  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/488674388537627/>

**ORCHIDS FOR SALE:** The following advanced hobbyist members will allow private sales of orchid divisions on an **appointment only** basis. Please contact each grower personally for more information and to request lists where available. Masks and social distancing required.

Carol Armendariz	<a href="mailto:carolarmendariz@comcast.net">carolarmendariz@comcast.net</a>	List available
Weegie Caughlan	<a href="mailto:weegieca@gmail.com">weegieca@gmail.com</a>	New Fall list of divisions/seedlings available
Dean Haas	<a href="mailto:dh3botanico@gmail.com">dh3botanico@gmail.com</a>	Multi-genera List available.
Japheth Ko	<a href="mailto:japhethko@gmail.com">japhethko@gmail.com</a>	Divisions of awarded Cyms, cattis, and other genera.
Carl Jukkola	<a href="mailto:cjukkola@aol.com">cjukkola@aol.com</a>	New fall list of Cym. Divisions/BBs available
Pierre Pujol	<a href="mailto:pierrepujol@aol.com">pierrepujol@aol.com</a>	Cym. Seedlings and Divisions
Audrey Young-Tartar	<a href="mailto:cymserelyyours@yahoo.com">cymserelyyours@yahoo.com</a>	Peloric and spotted Cym. divisions & seedlings

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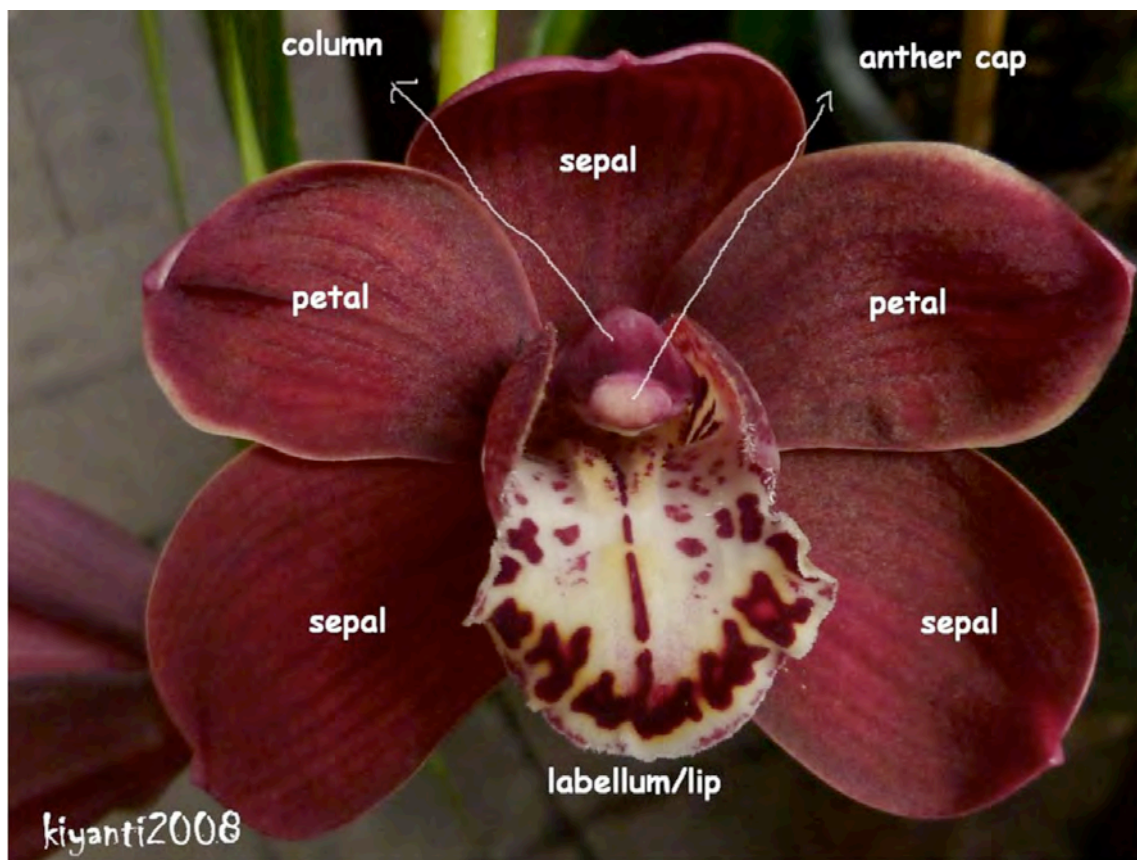
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## PARTS OF A CYMBIDIUM FLOWER

It is worth your while learning the parts of a Cymbidium flower as quite often presenters will refer to various parts of the flower. Perhaps the two parts referred to the most are the labellum/lip and the dorsal sepal (the sepal that sits directly above the petals). The two lower sepals are often referred to as lateral or ventral sepals. Ref: Kiyanti 2008



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