

December 18, 2020 6:45 PM

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Please change the email address for GCCS to: goldcoastcymbidiumocietyinc@gmail.com

GCCS WILL AGAIN BE ON ZOOM WITH A VIRTUAL MEETING COMBINED WITH POS This Month

**BRUCE ROGERS
Speaker**

Sign in at 6:45 PM

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

SPEAKER: 8:00 PM Bruce Rogers, known by many as “The Orchid Whisperer” will entertain the combined societies of POS and GCCS this month with stories of the medicinal orchids of Asia, species orchids which follow their own rules, and ant orchids. Bruce has been growing, hybridizing, and decorating with orchids for over 30 years. He began his professional career in the late 1970s when the City of Atlanta Parks Department hired him to work with its orchids in the greenhouses in Piedmont Park. Returning to San Francisco after this endeavor, he was hired by the Rod McLellen Company as the head grower for the boarding department and to hybridize Vandas. In the early 1980s he left to start Bruce Rogers Orchids, an orchid consulting and management company based in San Francisco. In 2002 Bruce joined Terry Root of The Orchid Zone and co-founded Oz Gardens, a business devoted exclusively to hybridizing and growing Sobralias.

Bruce’s passion for orchids has made him one of the foremost authorities on orchid landscaping—the designing and creating of garden environments where orchids are integrated as a primary focus. He is on the Advisory Council at the San Francisco Conservatory of Flowers and is the Ambassador for the San Francisco Orchid Society.

SKILL SESSION: 7:00 PM Kathy Barrett will be presenting a skill session on how to use OrchidsRoots.com to acquire more information on your orchids. Kathy has been growing orchids since 1994. She is a senior judge with the AOS Sierra Nevada Center and past co-chair of the publications board for Orchids magazine.

SHOW AND TELL: 7:30 PM Send your photos to Sylvia Darr syldarr@gmail.com by Thursday, Dec. 17th with as much information as you can give her on your plant and she will present your photos at the meeting.

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 permanent 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:

At November’s meeting, 26 members and guests were treated to a lively and most informative talk by Scott Barrie of Barrita Orchids in Australia on his progress in Cymbidiums and Sarcochilus breeding. Raffle plants came from a selection of Scott’s new Sarco seedlings, currently being grown out by Ken Jacobsen in Half Moon Bay. Thank you Ken for handling the pick-up of these seedlings.

Be sure to visit our new website. To access the webpage, type the full name: Gold Coast Cymbidium Society.org to find the site. Audrey Young Tartar did an excellent job setting it up and taking constructive advice to make it user friendly. Thank you, Audrey.

As more spikes are developing and flowers opening, post your pictures on our Facebook page, Gold Coast Cymbidium Society and share them at the meeting during show and tell.

The number of members attending our Zoom meetings is growing as members become more used to the format. While we can’t be together physically, it is a great way to reconnect. Weegie Caughlan, interim VP, continues to work diligently to have diverse speakers, most in the spring I am told, will be coming from Australia, the current capitol of Cymbidium breeding! Our December meeting however, will be our annual joint meeting with POS on our usual 3rd Friday night date. Bruce Rogers author of “The Plant Whisperer”, will be the speaker for an enjoyable evening. See you all then. -Florence

MEMBERSHIP: 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.** We will let all of you know when it is safe to meet in person again. In the meantime, keep safe, stay well and hope to see you all on Zoom. -Tom Waugh, Membership Chair

GENERAL SUPPLIES: Supplies, (other than Bulk orders) including all sizes of pots, razor blades, 3’ and 4’ stakes, yoyos, labels, pens, etc. are currently available. 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 Tom Waugh. Those months when we don’t have a meeting the store is closed. **Call Carol ahead for an appointment** at 408-806-1969 as she does not want too many people at once in an enclosed space. **Shopping days this month: Dec 18 and 19 by appointment.**

BULK SUPPLIES: SUPPLIES: Email or text with the following information: Carol Armendariz@comcast.net or 408-806-1969 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: Time is running out to order Orchiata which will be delivered in the spring. **BULK ORDER NOW** to be assured you will get what you need. There will be only one large order submitted for sale. Contact Carol at 408-806-1969 or email at carolarmendariz@comcast.net to place your order **BEFORE November 13th!** 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

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 The charcoal comes in two sizes: #2 ¼-1½” and #3 ½-1”. The price about \$20.

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.

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 with any information you wish to have on the site.

GCCS FACEBOOK PAGE: For all FB members, sign in and 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 and post photos of your plants. 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.

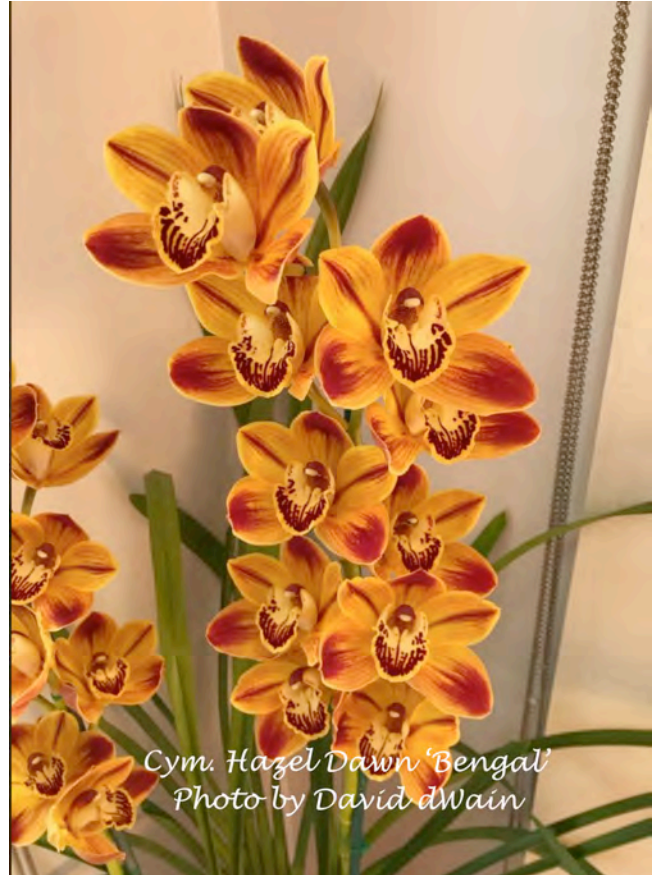
Carol Armendariz	carolarmendariz@comcast.net	List available
Weegie Caughlan	weegieca@gmail.com	New Fall list of divisions/seedlings available
Dean Haas	dh3botanico@gmail.com	Multi-genera List available.
Japheth Ko	japhethko@gmail.com	Divisions of awarded Cyms, cattis, and other genera.
Carl Jukkola	cjukkola@aol.com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

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*Cym. Enzan Shining
'Shiny Yellow'*



*Cym. Hazel Dawn 'Bengal'
Photo by David dWain*

Today's work from home tip: Blowing on the wine in the mug will help convince your Zoom meeting that your tea is hot