



January 15, 2021 6:45 PM

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

GCCS CONTINUES TO MEET ON ZOOM This Month

GEOFF BAILEY Speaker

Sign in at 6:45 PM

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

PROGRAM: 7:30 PM

We are again fortunate to have a fellow Orchid enthusiast from Australia to present our Zoom program for January. Geoff Bailey from Southern Australia has sent us a program titled "**Cymbidiums Down Under - What's Missing?**" Geoff has grown Cymbidium orchids for more than 5 decades, always for his own pleasure, but he does claim he has had some show bench success along the way.

For a period of six years he published the Australian Cymbidium Scene. He is currently the registrar for the Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria and a judge with COSV and the Orchid Societies Council of Victoria (OSCOV). Geoff has also judged at the Australian Orchid Council (AOC) shows and meetings.

However, he has tendered his resignation for all judging duties, including the registrar's position and intends to take a break from the orchid scene altogether for no other reason than to pursue his other interests of lawn bowls, fishing and beach and bush walks. He admits he will continue to grow his own collection, including several hundred seedlings of two recent crosses he has made.

Geoff has also been the editor for Cymbidium Chatter, a weekly on line publication which ran from March 2020 to its last issue of December 27th 2020. It has incorporated news of shows, and insights from hobbyist and commercial growers from Australia and from the US. He has assured us as he steps away from this publication, that Joshua White will be picking up the torch with the on-line only publication. (*Cym. seidenfadenii* reprint included in this month's January GCCS Newsletter)

SHOW AND TELL: 7:00 PM Send your photos to Sylvia Darr syldarr@gmail.com by Thursday, Jan. 14th 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.

ORCHIDS FOR SALE: Support our advanced hobbyist members who are allowing private sales of blooming orchids on an **appointment only** basis. Please contact each grower personally for more information and to request lists if available. Masks and social distancing required. Several have plants in bloom now but February through April will be the peak bloom for most of them.

Carol Armendariz	carolarmendariz@comcast.net	Late blooming, April pendulous a specialty
Weegie Caughlan	weegieca@gmail.com	Cym. plants in bloom starting in February
Dean Haas	dh3botanico@gmail.com	Multi-genera List available, some in bloom now
Japheth Ko	japhethko@gmail.com	Divisions of awarded Cyms, catts, and other genera.
Carl Jukkola	cjukkola@aol.com	Current list of Cym. Divisions/BBs available
Pierre Pujol	pierrepujol@aol.com	Cym. Plants in bloom starting late January.
Audrey Young-Tartar	cymserelyours@yahoo.com	Peloric and feathered Cym. divisions & seedlings In bloom now.

TOP HAT ORCHID NURSERY CLEARANCE SALE: The sale of the Heather Drobus orchid nursery plants will continue January 16 AND 17 9AM-3PM. More information will be released if added days are scheduled.



Top Hat Nursery Cymbidiums for Sale – January 2021

SANTA BARBARA INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW for 2021 has been canceled. (*This note came to the editor of GCCS from Lauris Rose, President of the 2022 show*) Yes it is true and very sad. The time came when the Board had to go forward, change the date to May or cancel, and cancel was the only real option. The history as a show which features Cymbidiums is so strong, and well, May?? Besides that, as Lauris says, “SBIOS is flat out running on fumes”, having spent nearly every penny they had on putting on the 2020 Anniversary show but not being able to open and bring in revenue. The Board decided to devote 2021 to fundraising so a show can be put on in 2022 befitting the 75th Anniversary year.

As President again Lauris Rose said, “It seems every time there is a crisis, I get the tap on the shoulder...” We all wish her well with hopes that she will lead SBIOS back on schedule for March 2022 as hoped.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy New Year! 2020 is finally behind us and we all hope 2021 will prove to be a happier year. On the positive side, many were able to repot more cymbidiums due to the shelter in place order. Perhaps we also saved a little money because of the cancellation of the orchid shows. However, these positives do not help our commercial vendors selling orchids as their livelihood. Some members resorted to online buying but many more turned to buying from our members who are willing to sell their quality plants and divisions to other members. (See list page #3) Orchid lovers will not be deterred from their hobby!

Our Society continues to meet via Zoom. It is not as great as seeing each other in person each month, but we have been able to have some speakers from distances as far away as Australia, which we would not have been able to afford had they come to us in person. This month we will again have another speaker from Australia, Mr. Geoff Bailey from Southern Australia. Please join us at the meeting. We continue to have a show and tell portion of the meeting too. Sylvia Darr (syldarr@gmail.com) has agreed to post the photos during the Zoom meeting. Include the plant name and your name in the email as well as any other information you might have on your ownership of the plant.

Many cymbidiums are in spike or starting to flower. Check your plants often to look for new spikes as well as those pesky slugs and snails and damage from 4-legged pests. Time to get the bait, stakes, ties and yoyos out. Even though shows, including Santa Barbara, are not scheduled for the spring, take pictures when your flowers open fully and post them on our Facebook page instead, as well as sending photos to Sylvia for our meeting. See you all on Zoom on January 15. -- Florence Inserto

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: January 15 and 16 or by appointment.**

BULK SUPPLIES: Email or text with the following information: carolarmendariz@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 only)** _____
E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____
Order: _____ -

ORCHIATA BARK: Time is running out to order Orchiata bark which will be delivered in the spring. **LAST CHANCE TO BULK ORDER** 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 JANUARY 16th** ! For those running out in the next months, **Brookside Orchids** 2718B Alpine Rd. Menlo Park, CA 94028 has most sizes. Call for an appointment. 650-854-4156

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. Be sure to remove the old Gold Coast website from your browsers as it has been CLOSED in favor of the new one. Please email Audrey Young Tartar at goldcoastcymbidiumsociety@yahoo.com with any information you wish to share 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/>

Yellow Standard Cymbidiums to Brighten the days of January From Northern California and Australia



Cymbidium seidenfadenii

Cymbidium seidenfadenii was originally considered a subspecies of *Cymbidium insigne* but it is now classified as a species in its own right. This variety differs from the typical subspecies of *Cymbidium insigne*, it is often referred to as the Thailand form. Kevin Hipkins, Royale Orchids, had several different forms of *Cym seidenfadenii* and was using it in a number of hybrid crosses, prior to his passing.



Cymbidium seidenfadenii 'Lyi' - from Thailand Photograph: Peter Alonso



Some other flower forms of *Cym seidenfadenii*





Blooming now (16/12/2020) is this *Cymbidium seidenfadenii* (Laos form) another beautiful form of the species Photograph and grower Peter Alonso

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