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"Orchids for Amateurs"
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Our May 18, 2012
Guest Speaker is Dr. Daniel Geiger

"Terrarium Orchid Care"

Our May speaker is Dr. Daniel Geiger, below is a short bio. Additional info is on his website under <http://www.vetigastropoda.com/abstracts/publications/CV.php>

Daniel L. Geiger, PhD, is a marine invertebrate systematist working at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. He is a member of the Orchid Society of Santa Barbara, the Orchid Species Society of Southern California, and the California Native Plant Society. He has been growing native California orchids outdoors, tropical species in indoor terrariums and a small green house. A new warm-hot terrarium is currently in preparation.

Dr. Geiger will talk to us on Terrarium orchid care. The plant table will be provided by Andy's orchids. The culture session will feature practical aspects of this technique by him and also a brief session on the culture of Cypripediums by myself.

See you there,

Nick Braemer

As usual we will meet at Mimi's cafe at 5:30 for dinner.

Platystele umbellate
Grown by David Streeter
Photo by M. Bergen





**President's Message:
Arthur Hazboun**

May 2012

This month we elect our board members for the year 2012-2013. I want to thank everyone on the board and committee chairs for their friendship, advice, and continued loyal support during my term as president. I would also like to thank each of you, the loyal and new members of SBOS for your participation in attending our meetings. My thanks to each of the following for volunteering this past year:

*1st VP & Director - Nick Braemer
2nd VP & Librarian - Kayo Libiano
Secretary - Larry Bergen
Membership Chair - Charlotte Morrison
Newsletter Editors - Eeva Renger & Marcy Bergen
Show Chair - Marla Corey
Director & Publicity Chair - Don Goss
Director - Tom Renger
Director & Ribbon Judging - Polly Kinsinger
Director Emeritus & AOS Liaison - Robert Streeter
Raffle Ticket Sales - Lori Storm
Refreshments - June Brooks and Joanne Green
Meeting Setup - David Okihara
Property Manager - Ron Henry
Southland Representative - Marilyn Hill
Sunshine - Kathy West*

The following are the nominees for the SBOS Board of Directors for 2012 -2013:

President – Board of Directors to elect
1st Vice President – Nick Braemer
2nd Vice President – Kayo Libiano
Treasurer – Joe Woods
Secretary – Larry Bergen
Membership Chair – Charlotte Morrison
Directors – Eeva Renger, Charles Brown, Karen Low
Director Emeritus - Robert Streeter

The Board of Directors consists of 12 elected positions of which at least 9 must be filled in order to conduct business. Directors are elected for two-year terms, or appointed by the President as needed. The immediate Past President shall automatically become a Director. Persons serving on the board may serve in more than one capacity. The three following positions are appointed by the President annually and approved by the board:

Newsletter Editor - Marcy Bergen, Show Chair - Marla Corey, Webmaster - Arthur Hazboun

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Orchid Calendar

Our future membership meetings are

- ❖ **May 18 (3rd Friday)**
- ❖ **June 16 (3rd Saturday)**
- ❖ **July 20 (3rd Friday)**

- ❖ **Cultural sessions start 7pm**
- ❖ **General meetings start 8pm**
at South Coast Botanic Garden

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events

- ❖ Tram tours most Saturdays at 11am & 1pm
- ❖ Free Admission to Garden every 3rd Tuesday
- ❖ Tuesdays- Ikebana Class 10am
- ❖ Wednesdays – Craft Workshop & Duplicate Bridge Class
- ❖ May 13 Palos Verdes Symphonic Band Mother's Day Concert 2pm

SBOS Committee Chairs

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Newsletter submissions cut-off date is the 1st of each month for articles and photos to be included in that month's issue. Items presented after the 1st may be included in the following month's edition. We welcome all orchid related news and photographs submitted by email. No special formatting or editing is needed. Any questions, please call Marcy@310.326.5405.

Please support our host, the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation for any of these educational and fun filled events. For more information and verification of hours and events, visit their website <http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org>

Membership Information

Our new member this month is Diane Stapleton. Welcome Diane!

We were recently notified by A&E Trophy in Lomita that they will be increasing the price of the member badges. For new members and those who need replacement name badges, the cost now will be \$10.00.

Charlotte

President's message continued

1st Vice President – Program Committee Chair - Nick Braemer

Nick has been a member since 2001 and has served as our 1st VP since 2010. He's also served as a former director on the board and VP. Nick was the recipient of the Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence in 2011. Nick has been instrumental with providing us with terrific guest speakers for our monthly meetings. He conducts our Orchids-R-Easy classes at our shows. This position is considered the first voice of our Society within affiliated societies. Nick continues to be an excellent ambassador for the South Bay Orchid Society.

2nd Vice President - Special Events Chair - Kayo Libiano

The 2nd Vice President is responsible for the annual social functions including: Installation Banquet, Holiday Potluck Party, and Santa Barbara bus trip. Kayo has served as our second vice-president for over three years. She has done an excellent job at all our special functions with her creative designs including setting up award winning displays and exhibits at other society shows. She is well-suited to the task as she is experienced in managing fine details. Kayo also continues to serve as our SBOS librarian.

Treasurer - Joe Woods

Joe was elected our treasurer last year and has done an outstanding job in keeping the finances of the society in order and paying our bills in a timely manner. Using his knowledge of accounting principles, he excels in creating the monthly financial reports, charts, and spreadsheets. Joe created a much needed chart of accounts to simplify our accounts payable and receivable system. The treasurer is one of three authorized signatories on SBOS' bank account.

Secretary - Larry Bergen

Larry, a six year member, is our present secretary and acts as the SBOS corporate secretary. He records, maintains, and distributes the monthly board meeting minutes to the board. The secretary is also one of the three signatories on SBOS' bank account. Larry also pitches in and ensures that all needed materials from our storage facility are available for our shows. He also conducts our hourly show raffles.

Membership Chair – Charlotte Morrison

Charlotte has been a member for over four years and has been our friendly membership chairperson for the past two years. She is a director of human resources and has worked in information technology. She's the first person any new member comes in contact with at the initial sign-up. Charlotte maintains, updates, and is responsible for the membership database and roster both electronically and on paper. She also prepares, publishes, and distributes the annual Membership Directory to our active members.

Director – Eeva Renger

Eeva has served in various capacities on our board. She's our former Membership chair and Inflorescence Newsletter Editor since 2008. Eeva is a highly skilled computer savvy individual. She was the recipient of the Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence in 2010 for her dedication and double duties for the society. She has filled in for secretary, membership, and other positions when needed on the board. We welcome Eeva back as a nominee to the board as one of our directors.

Director – Charles Brown

Charles (Charlie) Brown has been a member since 1992 and served as President from 1995-1997. He has served as past vice president as well. Charlie was employed by electronics and aviation manufacturers since 1975 as a patent attorney. He recently retired and moved back to the South Bay area. His expertise in the law profession and previous experience serving on the executive board will be an added asset to the society. The society is pleased to welcome Charlie back on the board.

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Director - Karen Low joined the society in September, 2004. She's a very active member acting as judging clerk for the judges at our annual shows. Last year Karen revamped, revised, and printed the entire set of the plant classifications books that the judges and the clerks use at both of our Spring and Fall shows. She also printed and laminated the entire set of plant classification signs. Karen is very detail oriented and will be a very welcome addition to the board of directors if approved.



Lyc. H. Nagai 'Slo'
Grown by Bob Streeter
Photo by Larry Bergen

Ribbon Judging Results April 2012 Judging by Robert Streeter

Speaker's Choice

Lyc. H. Nagai

Bob Streeter

Advanced Amateur

Cymbidium	1. Cym. Gladys Whitesell X Olive Street	Larry Bergen
"	2. Cym. Tuffet L1 N X New Horizon	Jasmine Bashi
"	3. Nikketa Sheffield	Larry Bergen
Paphiopedilum	1. Paph. Sukhakulii	Dave Streeter
"	2. Phrag. Bessiae	Dave Streeter
"	3. Paph. "Druid Spring"	Dave Streeter
Others	1. Den. Oriental Smile 'Fantasy'	Bobby Ignacio
"	2. Den. Oroville	Larry Bergen
"	3. Slc. Jewel Box 'Dark Waters'	Bobby Ignacio

Amateur

Cymbidium	1. Cym. Amelia Earhart X Pepperpuss	Wilma Tawagon
"	2. Cym. Squirt	Wilma Tawagon
"	3. Cym. Mitzi Mabel	Wilma Tawagon
Others I	1. Lc. Newberry Glo 'SVO' AM/AOS X L. anceps 'White Marble'	Felix Fernandez
"	2. Masdavallia 'Keiko Komada'	Gerald Larsson
Others II	1. Colm. Wildcat	Braulio Mena
"	2. Den. Hagaromo 'Spring Fuji'	Braulio Mena
	3. Paph. Supersuk 'Eureka'	Paul Tamae

CYPRIPEDIUMS

For some time I have been interested in terrestrial orchids but have only recently taken the plunge into Cypripediums. I tried them once before, 10 years ago but had no idea what I was doing and as could be expected, the attempt was unsuccessful. This time around, I talked to a number of vendors before taking the plunge. Fraser's Thimble Farm, Asuka Orchids, Out West, and the following 6 nurseries back east all were helpful. The 6 from the east are: Raising Rarities OH, Wild Orchid Company PA, Vermont Ladyslipper Company VT, Hillside Nursery MA, Spangle Creek Labs MN and Grass Pink Orchids FL.

These are the Temperate American or Asian 'Lady Slipper' orchids that are related to Paphiopedilum, that may grow in a forest near us. There are 50 species in the US and Canada, they occur in East Asia as well. They are true terrestrials, like cold climes, go dormant during the winter and require at least 6 weeks of near freezing temperatures to initiate in the spring. In SOCAL that takes a little doing. It reminds me of Joan Rivers, who was asked once what she really wanted to be. Here is her answer: "Pope, I always wanted to be the Pope but for a Jewish girl from New York that is difficult. Unless you know someone." I felt the same way with these finicky buggers.

All the vendors suggested starting with hybrids, which are more vigorous and less demanding. Then after successfully growing these, venture into species. Of the species, the recommendation is Cyp. kentuckiense (<http://www.orchidspecies.com/orphotdir/cypkentuck.jpg>), which appears to be the hardiest, also the largest flower. I started with a hybrid named 'Phillip' and one species, the kentuckiense. These were ordered from 'Wild Orchid Company' PA, the only one who had blooming sized kentuckiense. I also ordered some growth substrate from 'Raising Rarities' OH. For \$14 they send a bag big enough for 5 plants.

The vendors all have recommendations how to make your own media, but since there is such a high failure rate with these (at least in SOCAL), I did not want to take a chance. I preferred to give them all the advantage I could. By the end of March two dormant tubers arrived, which I planted, and immediately started watering. The roots should never go dry. Soon after the sprouts appeared. At present the kentuckiense has two growing leads, one with bud, the other has a larger growth but no bud. At our next meeting look for the Cyp. kentuckiense which hopefully will have a presentable flower.

As Borat would say: "Great success!" Never the less I feel like I'm on a first date, it's the second date that counts. Making them grow all summer then vernalizing them in the fridge and regrowing/reblooming them next spring will be the successful second date. So far so good, if things continue going well I will order some more for next spring. They are not shipped in growth. Orders are accepted now for next year. Tubers will either be shipped in the fall after they go dormant and you have to vernalize them or they will be shipped in the spring, just before initiation of next year's growth. It makes sense to let the growers winter them and accept them in the spring which worked well for the two I got.

Nick

Installation Luncheon

When: June 16th, 2012
Where: Koi Pond at the South Coast Botanic Garden
Time: 10:30 AM – 1:30PM
Cost: \$15.00 (Cash or Checks made payable to SBOS.)

We are counting down the days until our upcoming Installation Luncheon!

There will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting but if you miss that list, please e-mail Kayo at: kayo@libianoco.com or leave a message on her cell at 310.897.8085.

A few reminders:

1. Admission to the garden is free with your SBOS member's badge. Don't forget to wear it!
2. For those who missed it last year or you are interested in it again, there will be another Tram ride that starts at 11:00 AM for \$4.00 per person, CASH ONLY, which must be paid at the door prior to entering the garden premises.
3. If you decide to bring a friend who is *not* a member of SBOS, they must pay the entry fee of:

Adults: \$8.00

Seniors (62+): \$6.00

Students (w/ID): \$6.00

Children (5-12): \$3.00

Children (4-): FREE

4. We will be serving Mediterranean fare from *Mashawi Grill* this year so come hungry! Non-Alcoholic beverages will be provided but you are more than welcome to BYOB!



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Santa Barbara Orchid Fair
July 13 – 15, 2012
9AM – 5PM Friday / Saturday
10AM – 4PM Sunday
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