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**Our May 24, 2013
Guest Speaker is
Roberta Fox
Lessons from Andean
Orchids**

Four years after visiting Ecuador, Roberta Fox has had some success growing orchids from that part of the world. She will reflect on some of the lessons she learned observing similar plants in their natural habitat and identify some of the conditions that can be achieved in our southern California climate without elaborate environmental controls.

Success is a heady drug, which leads to a desire to obtain more orchids. Since returning from that trip, she has indulged frequently, and now grows approximately 85 species from Ecuador (most of which have bloomed in her possession), and probably a similar additional number that come from the surrounding countries with Andean environments, such as Peru, Colombia, and Bolivia. She will address some approaches to determining what compromises one can make to grow and flower these Andean orchids, giving them what they need, even though it might be less than ideal. There will also be a discussion of information resources that are available, and some thoughts on how to “read between the lines” to determine the important factors out of the information available, to figure out what a particular species actually requires. Roberta’s website is very extensive and worth checking out at: <http://orchidcentral.org/index.html>.

Roberta will give the culture session. The plant table will consist of some of Tom Renger's plants, which the society has purchased.

We will meet for dinner with the speaker at Mimi's Cafe at 5:30PM.

Nick

President’s Message for May

This is the month we elect our Board members for the year 2013-2014. If any SBOS member would like to volunteer to join the Board to fill the open positions, please contact a board member. The Board of Directors consists of twelve elected positions of which at least nine 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 automatically becomes a director. Persons 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

President's Message continued

The following are the nominees for the SBOS Board of Directors for 2013 – 2014:

President – Board of Directors to elect

1st Vice President - Nick Braemer

2nd Vice President – open

Treasurer – Joe Woods

Secretary – Larry Bergen

Membership Chair – Charlotte Morrison

Directors – Charles Brown, Arthur Hazboun, Karen Low

Director Emeritus – Robert Streeter

1st Vice President – Program Committee Chair – Nick Braemer

Nick has been a member since 2001 and has served as our 1st Vice President since 2010. He also served as a former director on the board and VP. 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 – position open

The 2nd Vice president is responsible for the annual social functions including: Installation Banquet, Holiday Potluck Party, and the Santa Barbara bus trip.

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. The treasurer is one of the three authorized signatories on SBOS' bank account.

Secretary – Larry Bergen

Larry, a seven-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.

Membersip Chair-Charlotte Morrison

Charlotte has been a member for over five years and has been our friendly membership chairperson for the past three years. 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 – 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. His expertise in the law profession and his previous experience on the board has been an asset to the society. In addition, Charlie is our ribbon-judging Chairperson.

Director – Arthur Hazboun

Arthur (Art) has been a member since 2008. He is our current Webmaster and served as president in 2010, and 2011. Art is responsible for emailing the monthly newsletter and periodic emails to non-members concerning shows and other events. He shares his knowledge, steps up to lead meetings, does our monthly plant table raffle, and also our hourly show raffles. Art maintains and updates the non-member database of our visitors and guests from various shows and events.

Director-Karen Low

Karen joined the society in 2004. She is an active member who serves as a judging clerk at our shows. She has contributed to the board as a director for the last year as well as filling in for membership or raffle ticket sales when needed. Karen was instrumental in updating all our judging classification books for our shows.

Non-boardmember position open --Publicity Chair – This person contacts the newspapers and prepares the fliers for our shows.

SUCCESSFUL SECOND DATE.

Those of us who can still remember our dating years will recall that it was the second date that counted, not the first one. Last year I bought some blooming sized *Cypripediums* and actually had one bloom. Since Cyps are difficult in SOCAL, I called that the first date and was not planning to pat myself on the back nor get additional ones until they survived into the second year and rebloomed. They did, so I'm calling that the second date.

Around Thanksgiving, the plants, which were dormant with wilted leaves, were taken out of their pots, the roots rinsed clean and then, in a wet state, put in a closed zip-lock baggie. No additional moisture is needed. I put them into the veggie drawer of the fridge and took them out near the end of Feb. This process is called vernalization. The roots were still wet but not rotted and a new shoot was just making its presence known. They were re-potted with the crown about 1" below the surface. By mid March the new growth was emerging.

With amazing rapidity *Cyp formosana*, which is an early bloomer, broke surface, grew the new plant and opened the flower all within two and a half weeks. Just like corn stalks in the Midwest, you could see this one grow. The other three all bloomed too so they obviously liked their culture and I took that as a green light to get some more. They have a reputation for being difficult, but with four of them successfully wintering and then blooming, I was more than reassured that I could grow them.

We will have a speaker on them in July. By then mine will all have finished blooming and only green leaves will be there for inspection. If anyone is interested in trying them, fall is the best time to order them. The nurseries get their new stock then and the fall customers get the largest, most robust plants. They are sold until the end of April but it is noticed that some weeks before that, the most desirable ones are 'Sold Out'. The sold out list increases until by the end of April not too much is still available. The grower also told me that he always ships the most robust plants first so that near the end of the season the offerings get smaller.

I found the best plants for reasonable prices at 'Raising Rarities' in Ohio. They and other vendors can be found at Cyp Haven's home page:

<http://www.c-we.com/cyp.haven/index.htm> Fraser's Thimble Farm did not get on that list but they also have a great selection. Detailed growing instructions and suggestions for the mix are offered.

I go back with *Cypripediums* a long way. At age 16, when I not only discovered the opposite sex but also got a driver's license and a car, I sometimes would go to a place called 'Bragg Creek', twenty miles out of Calgary, Alberta. There I ran across a colony of plants growing in a bog, whose flowers had funny pouches. I still remember a newspaper article describing them as orchids. Forty years later, having been infected by the orchid virus (life long, non curable), I returned to the bog on a visit up there and sure enough they were still there. I dug a couple up and brought them back to California where they promptly died, as I had no idea what I was doing. This April, I got a few plants from Fraser's Thimble Farm, one of them being *Cypripedium passerinum*, (<http://www.orchidspecies.com/cyppasserinum.htm>) which only grows in Alberta and Montana. This is the same plant and I hope I'll do better with it this time.

I find this a worthwhile genus to cultivate, I noticed that someone else brought one to our last meeting. Hopefully they will catch on. Of the new ones I got ten of them are in bud so they seem to be extremely willing.

Nick pictures on page 5 & 6

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
ELEVENTH ORCHID DIGEST SPEAKERS' DAY!!
"WONDERFUL WORLD OF ORCHIDS"

Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, California
Saturday, June 8, 2013 – 12:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the [Ahmanson Classroom](#)
FEATURING

All Genera Flower Display – Orchid Sales– Expert Lectures – Dinner
Remember!! AOS judging at 10:00 AM
Open at 11:00AM to bring your blooming plants for the flower display
Prize for best species and best hybrid,

Lecturers: Thomas Mirenda (Virginia), Ron Kaufmann (San Diego),
Paul Tuskes(San Diego), Mario Ferrusi (Toronto)
Dinner Speaker: Alec Pridgeon (Florida)

VENDORS: Cal Orchids; Sunset Valley Orchids, Andy's Orchids

Tickets: \$60 (\$75 at door) for afternoon Seminars, Wine and Cheese Happy Hour; Dinner and Evening Entertainment
Please Contact: Simone Friend, 4349 Dogwood Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740
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Limited Space!! Make Your Reservations Now!



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
ORCHID HOBBYISTS

Preview: 6PM
Auction Begins: 7PM

**Los Angeles County Arboretum
& Botanic Gardens**
301 North Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91106

C. Canto en Verde
Altadena Ruby AM/AOS

ORCHID AUCTION—MAY 16, 2013

April Ribbon Judging Results

Speaker's Choice

Lycaste: Chita Sunset x alan Sulzmann

Bob Streeter

Advanced Amateur

Cymbidiums

1st Beau Guest x Esmeralda

2nd Burgundian 'Sydney' AM/AOS

3rd Rievaul x Cooksbridge

Bob Fisher

Arthur Hazboun

Larry Bergen

Cattleya

1st C. skinneri 'Alba' x Blc Orange Nugget

2nd Blc. Malworth 'Orchidglade' FCC/AOS

3rd Blc. Spring Dawn 'Top Row' x Lc Mem. Robert Strait 'Carmela'

Bernadette Nazareno

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Phalaenopsis

1st Unknown Phalaenopsis

2nd New Gold

3rd Miniature Phalaenopsis

Larry Bergen

Ted Johnson

Hans Grellmann

Paphiopedilum

1st Cypripedium parviflorum var. pubescens

2nd Paph. Oto

3rd Unknown Paph.

Jerri/Nancy Larrson

Dave Streeter

Larry Bergen

Other Genera

1st Lycaste Geysler Gold x (Capricorn Vulcan x Angest Paul Gripp)

Bob Fisher

2nd Epidendrum Pacific Shockwave 'Ruby' x Pacific Pepper 'Mulligans'

Dave Streeter

3rd Ansellia Africana 'Tossie' HCC/SFDC

Arthur Hazboun



Speaker's Choice

Chita Sunset X alan Sulzman
Grown by Bob Streeter



Cypripedium Kentuckiense



Cypripedium Emil

COMMENT ON THE CULTURE SESSION LAST MONTH.

I showed a *Cynorkis guttata* which stimulated some questions. One of them was if they come in other colors. Here are pictures of the ones I have in bloom. Here are some comments on the genus:

Cynorkis gibbosa and *Cyn guttata* are two terrestrials from Madagascar for sale by Tropical Orchid Farm (<http://www.tropicalorchidfarm.com/?mg=1&v=w=0&dp=5&pg=5>). I bought them one month ago and they both are in beautiful bloom. The pictures do not do them justice.

Gibbosa is the orange one, which is expensive. Both Andy and TOF charge \$60 plus for that one. It has very unusual foliage. Andy has another one, *Cyn fastigiata*, for a more normal price, I got it from him. It's still small, and a couple of month from blooming. I don't know what the flower will look like. On Jay Phal's site, the picture shows a flower which appears to be less attractive than the other two, but one never knows. These are new to me but very attractive and I would highly recommend them to someone who wants something different. Harry, Andy's brother, said that they have only recently become available. I don't know if by recently he means a couple of years or what.

Nick



Cypripedium 'Victoria'



Cypripedium 'Phillipp'



Cynorkis gibbosa



Cynorkis guttata

End of the Year Judging Policy

For the year 2012-2013 the following rules were put into effect.

- ❖ The ribbon judge will select a first, second and third place winner from each group. There will be no ties. The points for the judging will come only from the monthly meetings and not from the shows.
- ❖ The first place winner will receive a subscription to Orchid Digest and a certificate. The second place winner will receive a certificate and a voucher for \$20 in raffle tickets. The third place winner will receive a certificate and a voucher for \$10 in raffle tickets.
- ❖ When a person wins in a division at the end of the year, he/she will move up to the next level of competition. The exhibitor level does not participate in the monthly competition. The meeting hall will be arranged differently for the plant judging and display. The two judging categories will be on the left side of the room and the exhibitor level will be displayed on the right side of the room.

Orchid Calendar

Our future membership meetings are held at the South Coast Botanic Garden

- ❖ May 24th (4th Friday)
- ❖ June 22 (4th Saturday)
- ❖ July 19th (3rd Friday)

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

The next board meeting will be
❖ May 28, 2013

Call 310-833-1918 for more info

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events

- ❖ May 12 PV Symphonic Band Mother's Day Concert 2PM
- ❖ May 26 So. Coast bonsai Association Show & Sale 9AM – 5PM
- ❖ June 1 So. Coast rose Society Celebration of Roses 10AM – 5PM
- ❖ June 9 So. Coast Fuschia Society Show & Sale 10AM
- ❖ Each Saturday- tram tours 1 PM

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>

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Welcome to Our New Members

To our new members: When you come to the next meeting, stop by the membership desk to pick up your name badge and a new member package. We will include ten free plant table raffle tickets as our “thank you” for joining SBOS.

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OUR MEETING DATE IS May 24th, 4th Friday

Casa de Las Orquideas
Super Seedling Sale
May 18, 2013 9AM – 4PM
170 S. Nardo Ave.
Solana Beach, CA 92075
858-755-7572
<http://www.orquideas.com>

Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open
House
July 12-14, 2013 Friday / Saturday 8-5
Sunday 9-4
Info: <http://www.sborchid.com>

Cal-Orchid Open House
July 12 – 14, 2013 9AM – 4PM
Info: <http://www.calorchid@cox.net>

NOTE: There will be **NO** orchid fair at the Earl Warren Showgrounds this summer due to low attendance the past few years. In late 2013 they will evaluate whether the fair will occur in the summer of 2014.