



Cypripedium 'Phillipp'
Grown by Nick Braemer

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Our July 19, 2013

Guest Speaker is

Carson Whitlow

**"A Trip to Northern
Manitoba, Canada"**

Our speaker this month will be Carson Whitlow. Carson became interested in orchids in 1958 when he was a sophomore in college. The following years he worked on the weekends and summers repotting orchids for a firm in Springfield, Illinois. After graduating in 1960, Carson went to Santa Ana, California to work for the prestigious firm of B. O. Bracey and Company. A year later, he changed his direction and entered upon a career in government service with the Orange County (California) Health Department. Career-wise, he has been an administrator in public health since that time, changing in 1988 to highway safety. Educationally, he has a Bachelor of Arts degree in education and mathematics (1960) from Blackburn College, Carlinville, Illinois, and a Master of Science of Public Health degree in biostatistics (1973) from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

After leaving the Bracey firm, Carson established his own collection, mostly of blue Cattleyas, with which he undertook hybridizing in association with Fred A. Stewart Orchids, in San Gabriel, California. From 1964 thru 1969, he produced in excess of sixty blue cattleya hybrids, many of which are still in collections, arising from the original seedlings or as mericlones. Many are used as basic parents in today's blue Cattleya breeding.

In 1973, with his move to central Iowa, Carson took a distinct change in direction, working with the hardy terrestrial orchids, primarily the Cypripediums and Calopogons. His work resulted in the first registered artificial hybrids of Cypripedium in 1987 and Calopogon in 1991. He continued to hybridize these genera and built a small business (now closed), [Cyp. Haven](http://www.c-we.com/cyp.haven/index.htm), retail outlet for his work. <http://www.c-we.com/cyp.haven/index.htm>. However, he does continue to hybridize blue cattleyas and white paphs and provides the seed to other growers to offer.

In 1995, Carson's interest in the internet and an easier means of finding orchid related sites on the world wide web brought about the birth of "[The Orchid Mall](http://www.orchidmall.com)," (<http://www.orchidmall.com>) which today has become the definitive index site for orchids on the internet. In addition, the "[unClassified Ads](http://www.orchidmall.com/general/unclasfd.htm)" (<http://www.orchidmall.com/general/unclasfd.htm>) offers everyone an opportunity to share their plants and/or find things they are looking for.

Carson's hybrid work is recognized throughout the world. He has published over thirty articles in U.S. and European journals. He has been giving presentations on his breeding and propagation for over thirty years, throughout the United States, Canada, and in Scotland at the 14th World Orchid Congress in 1993. He is truly a world-class hybridizer, author and speaker.

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Since we have had at least fifty-two talks on Ecuador over the years, I asked him to talk to us about a trip to Northern Manitoba, Canada. He will give a culture session on Calopogons. We will meet at Mimi's Cafe at 5:30 for dinner with the speaker.

Nick Braemer



Bletilla Striata
Grown by L. Bergen

President's Message for July

This month Carson Whitlow will be speaking to us about terrestrial orchids with a focus on Northern Manitoba, Canada. Please join us on July 19th as he tells us about his trip and discoveries.

Congratulations to our year-end ribbon judging winners. Our advanced amateurs were Dave Streeter, Robert Fisher, and Bernadette Nazareno. In the amateur division were Fe Woods, Charles Brown, and Hans Grellmann. The first place winners receive a subscription to Orchid Digest. The second and third place winners will receive free raffle tickets. The first place winners in each division will now advance to the next higher-level division. Thank you to everyone who brought in plants for judging.

Congratulations and thank you also go out to Joanne Green and June Brooks. These wonderful ladies have worked so hard in our kitchens for many years preparing snacks at our meetings or the foods for our shows. In honor and recognition of their hard work, they were awarded the Orchid Digest Diamond Award at our installation luncheon.

On a sad note, our society recently lost two members. Our condolences go out to the families of Vallie McCray and Mary Lou Weiss. Mary Lou was the wife of former president Jim Weiss. Cathy West, our Sunshine representative will be sending a condolence card from the society.

I would like to encourage everyone to either mail in your membership renewal dues (\$20) or bring them to the July meeting so Charlotte can begin working on the new membership directory. Checks should be made payable to SBOS. Please encourage your friends and coworkers to join the society and learn more about orchids.

As a final update, we will be experiencing a slight change at our August meeting on August 23, 2013. Due to a mix up in the Botanic Gardens calendar, two groups were scheduled in the main room at the same time. We will have our meeting as usual – same time, same date, but we will be meeting in the classrooms and using the kitchen rather than in the large main room. Please be sure you don't get lost in the set up for the begonia show. Join us instead!

We look forward to seeing you at the July meeting.

Larry Bergen
Acting President

FORGOTTEN AND IGNORED TERRESTRIALS

A quarterback is about to be tackled and in desperation heaves the ball in the general direction of the end zone. A receiver splits himself in half making a death defying catch for a game winning touchdown. The QB is carried off the field on other player's shoulders and is a mention for MVP. The receiver is mostly ignored. We have three types of orchids, epiphytes, lithophytes and terrestrials. Terrestrials make up 10% of them, but probably get less than 1% of the attention. Granted you can't make corsages out of their flowers, but they are interesting plants, some with very attractive flowers. Just like the receiver they are mostly ignored, Phaelies, Catts and Paphs etc. get all of the attention.

At present I'm growing:

CALOPOGAN TUBEROSUS, which comes from Eastern Canada and US east of the Mississippi. It is a swamp plant with beautiful rose colored flowers. I'm still waiting for first bloom.

CYCLOPOGAN LINDLEYANUS came from a \$7.50 table at Santa Barbara Orchid Estates three years ago. Now it is a bunch of five to six plants. I grow it like a Phaeli. It is from South America and has spikes of tall white flowers, which are not that spectacular, but delicately pretty.

CYNORKIS GIBBOSA and GUTTATA come from Madagascar and have very pretty flowers. I just got them and am waiting for a bloom. The Tropical Orchid Farm has them right now, and Andy has an additional plant.

EPIPACTIS GIGANTEA, which is a swamp loving California native, grows in a 1" tray of water. I had one plant with one spike last year, which was ho-hum. This year seven plants are coming. Seven spikes should be worth looking at.

MEXIPEDIUM XEROPHYTIC is a cypripedium type from Mexico. It is very slow growing. I'm still waiting for first bloom.

NEOBENTHAMIA GRACILIS is a single species genus from Africa with attractive, fragrant flowers.

PONTIEVA TRUNGUARAGUAE comes from Ecuador. Mine is multiplying nicely. It's doesn't have the most spectacular flowers but it is a willing grower. It seems to head to clump status.

PTEROSTYLUS CURTA, from Australia, again one plant is not striking but fifty of them in a 14"basis is. Three years ago I traded for about twenty tubers (round, like small peas). They seem to quadruple every year. I must have at least 100 this year. They need a dry SUMMER rest and are going dormant right now. I will let them roast in the summer heat then start watering when the fall arrives.

SPIRANTHES CERNUA. I had one plant last year and four or five this year. They grow in Eastern Canada and US. and are most striking once a colony has developed. Ten to fifteen plants all throwing up delicate white spiraling flowers are pretty. They bloom in the spring.

SPIRANTHES ODORATA, which comes from the South East US, is somewhat similar to cernua.

SARCOGLOTTIS SEPTRODES, I got one from Cal Orchids two years ago. Now it has three, long spikes with green flowers. Again, the more the more attractive, with more flowers. These plants are found from Mexico to Panama.

STENOGLOTTIS WOODII comes from South Africa. I had one last year and numerous plants this year. They bloom with delicate white flowers.

BLETILLA, a couple

CALANTHES, numerous

CYPRIPEDIUMS, numerous

PLEIONES, numerous.

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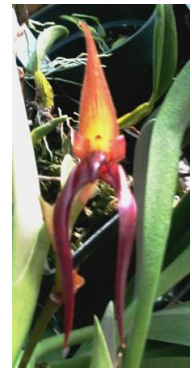
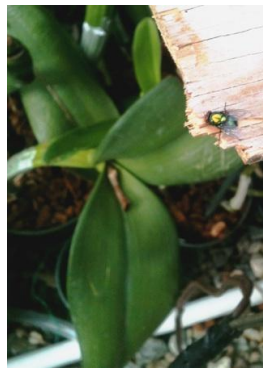
Some of these are self-seeding so after they finish blooming, don't mess with the pot, a whole new bunch of plants may emerge in the spring. I don't know if the seven Epipactis are from seed or new branches of the original tuber. I would have to uproot one to find out, but I don't want to do that.

That represents a good percent of my collection. Other than the Pleiones and Cypripediums, they are not showstoppers. Some of the Calanthes are, but most of the others will come into their glory when they form a colony or clump and throw up ten to fifteen spikes from one pot. I think they deserve more attention than they are getting. A few people grow them but the general population of orchid lovers generally ignores them. A big, floofy BLC looks so much more like an orchid and the \$7.00 Phaelis from Home Depot which can be recycled after they stop blooming are less trouble.

There are a few nurseries who specialize in US native plants: Raising Rarities, OH and Wild Orchid Company, PA are two examples. The Epipactis can be purchased from Las Pilitas Nursery in the San Diego area. <http://www.laspilitas.com/nature-of-california/plants/epipactis-gigantea>. Bletillas are readily available and actually are commonly seen in collections. Pleiones can best be bought from Fraser's Thimble Farm in British Columbia. Importing them is painless, the growers do all the work. Australia has a stunning array of terrestrials, but they are largely unavailable to us. I have a colony of Pterostylus curta and will gladly share some of the tubers if someone wants to take the plunge. Habenarias are a little touchy. I have lost a few, but it is very rewarding once one gets the hang of them. Thaius are great, but mine is not doing well.

All in all, my collection of terrestrials is growing and I am enjoying them immensely. I would encourage more hobbyists to try them, you may get a pleasant surprise as they multiply and form a clump or colony.

Nick



Beauty is in the eyes or nose of the beholder

The morning of our picnic I noticed a fly stuck in the flower of a Bulbophyllum basisetum. After taking a slightly out of focus picture, I pulled it out and watched it stumble around drunkenly for about five minutes before taking off. It was carrying a load of pollen and was looking for another B basisetum.. I doubt it will make it to the Phillipines where the plant is from, but hope it will make it to Andy's where it will find a proper place to deposit the pollen. The plant is a stinker, but for some reason I have lost my sense of smell years ago.

Nick Braemer

Membership Dues Change and Renewal Time

Happy New Year! It is now time to renew your membership. The Board recently voted to increase the annual membership dues to \$20 per year. It has been a number of years since the rate has been changed and we have had a drop in our total membership in recent years. This will allow the Society to continue to offer informative programs and raffle plants at the meetings. It is still a great deal. Remember all the benefits you get from being a member:

- ◆ Learn about collecting, growing, and repotting from our monthly meetings' cultural sessions
- ◆ Listen and ask questions of local, national, and internationally recognized orchid experts and view their fabulous photographs, techniques, and presentations
- ◆ Rub elbows with your fellow orchid enthusiast members, ask questions, exchange ideas and learn from each other
- ◆ Win ribbon awards for bringing your own orchids to the meetings; year-end winners receive a subscription to Orchid Digest.
- ◆ Borrow reference books from the SBOS Library
- ◆ Take home fabulous orchids at unbelievable prices through our monthly silent auctions
- ◆ Win orchid plants by participating in our monthly orchid raffle

Renew your membership soon so that your name will appear in the annual directory when it is published in the late fall. Here is a link to the form [SBOS Renewal Form](http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Renewal%202013-14%20single.pdf) which can also be found below. (<http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Renewal 2013-14 single.pdf>). You may send the form and your \$20 renewal fee (per household) to Charlotte Morrison - at the address listed on the form, or better yet, please bring the form to the next regular meeting on July 19.

SBOS Membership Renewal

Date paid: _____
Amount:\$ _____ CK# _____

Please update your personal information and include this form with annual membership dues of **\$20**. Annual membership runs from July 1 to June 30.

Paid members names will be published in our annual fall directory, therefore it is important that we have your current contact information.

Name(s) as you wish to appear in the Directory	
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	Home phone No
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Please bring your membership dues and this form to our next meeting or mail to:

Congratulations to our Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence Winners!

by Arthur Hazboun - Orchid Digest Rep.

This year the South Bay Orchid Society is pleased and honored, to award the Orchid Digest Diamond Award of Excellence to two hard working deserving members who have served the society since 2006. Joann Green and June Brooks have been our loyal "refreshment ladies" for every single monthly meeting, annual show, special gathering, and holiday potluck. They're usually the first two members who arrive at our meetings (and the last to leave) to start setting up in the kitchen all the beverages and other delectable goodies brought in by various members. Joann and June on certain occasions have filled in at our raffle sales table, and assisted in other positions in the society when the need arose. We have often been praised by the vendors at our shows for the quality and the quantity of the food we serve, and that's mainly due to the diligent work of our two lucky winners. They certainly make our society proud and we are honored to have Joann and June as members and want to congratulate them on a well earned award.



Congratulations to the 2012 – 2013 Ribbon Judging Winners

Advanced Amateur

Dave Streeter	first place
Robert Fisher	second place
Bernadette Nazareno	third place

Amateur

Fe Woods	first place
Charles Brown	second place
Hans Grellmann	third place



Zuma Canyon Orchids



Phrag. Cardinale
Grown by David Streeter



Jane Dean
&
Paul Tamae

Orchid Calendar

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

- ❖ July 19th (3rd Friday)
- ❖ August 23 (4th Friday)
- ❖ September 20 (show setup)

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

The next board meeting will be July 23

Call 310-326-5405 for more

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events

- ❖ July 28 PV Symphonic Band Pops N Picnic 6PM
- ❖ August 11 Family Music Festival at the Garden 10AM
- ❖ August 11 Summer Floral Design Secrets & Demonstration 1PM
- ❖ August 17 / 18 So. Coast Dahlia Society Show 9AM
- ❖ 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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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 – 5PM
Info: <http://www.calorchid@cox.net>
“Summer Hummer” weekend special guests:
Manolo Arias of Peruflora offering Andean &
Peruvian species, Satomi Kasahara of Seed
Engei with the annual Neofalcata judging
demonstration, and Masayoshi Takahashi of
Tokyo Orchid Nursery with Paphs. and
selected cattleya species.

Canaima Orchids Open House
July 12 – 14, 2013
3376 Foothill Road. Greenhouse #10
Carpinteria
Info : 941-773-2940 or
<mailto:canaimaorchids@verison.net>

Fascination of Orchids Show & Sale
Sept. 28 – 29, 2013 10AM to 5PM
So. Coast Plaza Village
Info: www.ocorchidshow.com or
Phone 949-735-2930

San Diego County Orchid Society
Orchid Show at Balboa Park
July 20 – 21, 2013
Sat. 12PM – 5PM
Sun. 10AM – 4PM
Info: <http://www.sdorchids.com>