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**Newsletter deadline is the 25th of the month prior to the month of issue.**

Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM  
Kraemer Memorial Park (Effective July 2017)  
Backs Community Building, Main Room  
201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia  
(Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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## Meeting DATE and LOCATION Change

**May 21 2017**

**(Third Sunday due to Mother's Day)**

**2 PM**

## Growing-Area Visit at the Home of Roberta Fox

It's spring, and everything is growing, many orchids are blooming. This month we are deviating from our usual meeting format.

We'll convene at the home of Roberta Fox (on the **THIRD** Sunday), enjoy wandering around her yard and growing area, see what's blooming, and

also share your own blooming species orchids in an extended show-and-tell session. So **YOU** are also an important part of this informal get-together... bring your blooming plants and share information about how you grow them. Also, if you have plants to offer in Member Plant Sales or Silent Auction there will be a space available for those.



## Speaker's Choice

April speaker Scott McGregor chose *Bulbophyllum echinolabium*, grown by Jan Hennessey, as his Speaker's Choice. This plant is grown in a greenhouse, and that's probably a good place to enjoy it. (The dining room not so good...) It does have a strong "fragrance", which might be reminiscent of gym socks that have been lying around for a week or so, or maybe something dead. As might be expected, the pollinator is a fly. The name means "spiny lip", and the hinged, very dark lip has bumps that look a bit like maggoty meat. However, it's beautiful to look at. It blooms sequentially, and

an inflorescence may produce flowers over a period of many months. Jan grows it under intermediate conditions, across from the Phals, in her usual mix of bark and perlite. It likes to be kept moist. This plant is very robust, and she has shared it many times.

*Bulbophyllum echinolabium* is native to Sulewesi, in Indonesia



***Bulbophyllum  
echinolabium***



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## From the Member's Corner

Thanks again to Tim Roby for being "Yolanda" & to those who brought refreshments. There were no visitors in April but, again, some members who haven't attended in a while enjoyed the presentation and the Show & Tell portion of the meeting. Some of us newer members learn a lot during Show & Tell! To carpool to Roberta's home in Costa Mesa for this May meeting or to Scott McGregor's home in San Juan Capistrano for the June meeting, Edie Gulrich is coordinating. Edie can be contacted at [egulrich@att.net](mailto:egulrich@att.net) or (714) 991-8661.

See you there !

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## MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATION CHANGES

Lots of orchids are blooming in May, and the consensus was that we should meet in May, and do it on the third Sunday (May 21) to avoid Mother's Day. As noted on Page 1, we will meet at the home of Roberta Fox. Address and directions will be included with your newsletter. June meeting will be at the home of Scott McGregor.

In July, we will finally return to our regular home, the Backs Building in Kraemer Memorial Park, 201 N. Bradford, Placentia (Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford) There will be a reminder in the July newsletter.

## President's Message

Well in case you did not hear, we will not be meeting on the second Sunday in May. It's Mothers day and the turnout has been historically low. So don't stress, we will be meeting the following Sunday. With all the extra time, teach yourself to make a corsage for your mom, grandmother, yourself or someone close to you.

My understanding is that white corsages are for those whose mother has passed and red corsages

are for those whose mother is alive.

To make a corsage use fine florist wire fold in half starting with the loop wrap the stem starting at the flower. Add florist tape and a bow. Try something new and have a great day! There are lots of examples to follow on the Internet. Check it out!

See you in May! (Third Sunday)

*Dana Seelig, President*

## Editor's Potting Bench

We are taking a bit of a break from the standard meeting format with growing-area visits both in May and June. It's always fun to see what people do to create "habitats" for orchids with various requirements, and to manage space (hint: there is never enough...) I have observed, on occasion at meetings, that a few folks have forgotten the basics of greenhouse etiquette (which apply to outdoor growing areas and exhibited plants as well) so here's a quick review. The fundamental rule is "Look.. but please don't touch". If you want to get a better look at a plant or a better photo angle, ask for help from the plant's owner and don't just move it. Handling spikes and flowers to get a better look? It's tempting but it is a HUGE no-no! And please don't pull tags out of pots... ask if you can't see the tag well enough to read the ID. I just wanted to give a gentle reminder to observe these little courtesies in the growing areas that you're visiting.

When I look around the yard, I think that there will be lots to see when you come to visit. The *Laelia purpurata* should be starting to make an appearance by then—there are lots of fat sheaths right now. *Cattleya aurantiaca* may also put in an appearance—not seeing

developing buds yet, but these tend to hide until just before they pop out of dry, dead-looking sheaths. I have high hopes for *Epidendrum lacustre*, which is getting too big to transport.

Enough of the promise of orchids in the near future, there are lots to enjoy right now. In the greenhouse, a couple of *Phalaenopsis* species are just opening (and so may well still be around the 3rd week of May. Phal.



*Phalaenopsis  
stuartiana*

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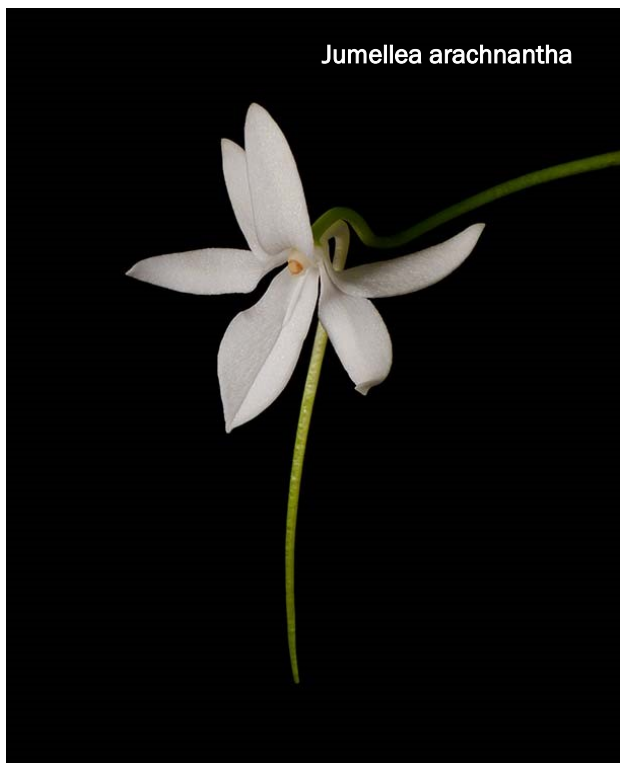


### Editor's Potting Bench, from Page 3

stuartiana is particularly dramatic. . Phal. equestris is just cute. Jumellea archnantha is a charming Angraecoid that is delightfully fragrant at night.



Zygostates alleniana. Flowers are only about 1/8" across, but there are lots of them.



Trichoglottis triflora grows outside in shade, and one must look closely to see that it is in bloom. The flowers are somewhat less than 1/4" across, and the plant is little. It might be easier to appreciate in a photo. Another tiny but lovely outdoor-grower is



## Calendar of Events \* indicates that event flier is on the website.

- **Casa de las Orquideas Super Seedling Sale**  
May 20; 9 AM—4 PM  
170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach  
Info casa@orquideas.com or 858-755-7572
- **Orchid Digest Speakers' Day**  
June 10, 2017; 12 PM—8 PM  
Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens. San Marino  
Info and reservations: [www.orchiddigest.org](http://www.orchiddigest.org), or Simone Friend at [simonef@orchiddigest.org](mailto:simonef@orchiddigest.org) or (562) 431-1247
- **Andy's Orchids Summer Open House**  
July 7—9; 10 AM—4 PM  
734 Ocean View Ave., Encinitas  
Info: [www.andysorchids.com](http://www.andysorchids.com)
- **San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Annual Auction\***  
June 15; Preview and Registration 6 PM, 7 PM Auction begins  
Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia  
Info: [www.sgvoh.org](http://www.sgvoh.org)
- **Santa Barbara Orchid Estate Open House**  
July 14-16; Friday and Saturday 8 AM—5 PM, Sunday 9 AM—4 PM  
1250 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara  
Info: [sborchid.com](http://sborchid.com)
- **Cal Orchid Open House**  
July 14-16  
1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara  
Info: [calorchid.com](http://calorchid.com)
- **Newport Harbor Orchid Society Exotic Plant and Orchid Festival**  
July 28-30; Saturday and Sunday 10 AM—9 PM, Sunday 11 AM—6 PM  
Westminster Mall, Westminster  
Info: [www.nhosinfo.org](http://www.nhosinfo.org)
- **Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale\***  
September 23-24, 2017  
South Coast Plaza Village, 1621 W. Sunflower, Santa Ana

Room for one more... it's a thrill to discover that some of the large-flowered Cattleyas grow nicely outside. I do provide overhead protection, and that seems to be sufficient for quite a few of them. I'm becoming braver about experimenting. Cattleya schroederiae is one of those "borderline" species, but it has done OK outside for several years.

*Roberta Fox, Editor*

### Fifteenth Orchid Digest Speakers Day

Saturday, June 10, 2017  
12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Ahmanson Classroom, Botanical Building  
Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens  
San Marino, CA

### ORCHIDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Featuring

Cindy Hill "My Top Ten Favorite Species Orchids and How I Grow Them"

Alan Koch "Sarcophilus: Past, Present and a New Direction"

Harold Koopowitz "Orchids in Northern Thailand"

Dennis Wigham "Native Orchids: Ecology and Conservation"

Ernest Hetherington Distinguished Lecture:

Ken Cameron: "Vanilla, Orchid Evolution, & the Genomic Revolution"

Scheduled Vendors include: Andy's Orchids, Cal Orchid, Gold Country Orchids, and Sunset Valley Orchids

Tickets: \$65 (\$80 at the door) for afternoon seminars, live auction, wine and cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertainment.

Reservations online at [www.orchiddigest.org](http://www.orchiddigest.org)

or contact Simone Friend at [simonef@orchiddigest.org](mailto:simonef@orchiddigest.org) or call (562) 431-1247. When contacting by email, please include phone number, email address and mailing address. Space is limited so don't wait to buy your ticket!

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