



Paphiopedilum Macabre 'Mem. Bernice Goss' AOS
Grown and photographed by Don Goss

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"Orchids for Amateurs"

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**Our January 20, 2012
Guest Speaker is
Dr. Holger Perner
"Fascinating Orchids of
Western China"**

We are fortunate to have Dr. Holger Perner with us on his last day in the US. He came from China to be the featured speaker at the Paph Guild in Santa Barbara and will talk to us prior to his return the next day.

Dr. Perner earned his Ph.D. in Germany but has focused his work on orchid related issues in China. He is the Senior adviser for the management of the Huanglong National Park, Sichuan, China. Since 2003 he has been the technical director of Hungduan Mountains Biotechnology Ltd, Sichuan, China. His main focus is on orchid in-vitro propagation, orchid cultivation in the greenhouse and an alpine nursery, orchid hybridization, as well as gen-

eral plant tissue cultivation. He has produced copious research, published extensively and is considered a world renowned expert on the Cypripediums of the US, Canada, China and Russia.

The topic of his talk is "Come with me to Western China - and see the fascinating orchids." (An armchair orchid tour with lots of landscape, culture, stories, people and of course orchids).

The plant table will be provided by Mariposa Gardens; it's Cymbidium time, should be a nice spread.

We will meet for dinner at 5:30PM at Mimi's Café — please join us if you would like to hear more from this very fascinating person.

Dr. Perner will be taking pre-orders for plants to be delivered to the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in March 2012. For further information, email them at sales@hengduanbiotech.com For the list of plants go to: http://www.southbayorchidsociety.com/Orchid-List_USA_Spring_2012.pdf

The Paphiopedilums which have recently been allowed through CITES for import to this country are on the list. At this time, I have no further information as to additional costs, such as transportation and cities. Any further details or questions can be worked out at the January meeting.

I shall volunteer to pick up the plants at the Santa Barbara Orchid Show in mid March for anyone who cannot make it there.

Bring your plant list to our January meeting.

Nicholas Braemer

From the President's Desk

Happy New Year. Here's to another year of successful orchid growing, learning, educating, blooming and enjoying our rewarding addiction. I trust everyone had a great Holiday season with family, loved ones and friends, and you're now getting back in the swing of things (also known as same old same old). I would ap-



Zygopetalum Mackay x Arthur Elle
Grown and photographed by Arthur Hazboun

preciate your feedback on the plant gift exchange game from the holiday potluck, there were only about a dozen plants brought in by attending members. The board members are interested in knowing whether or not this is something we should continue in the future.

Congratulations to the winner of our OrchidWiz Express auction Dr. Dean Rajudin. My thanks to the board of directors for my OrchidWiz Encyclopedia gift.

Dr. Holger Perner, of Hengduan Mountain Biotechnology, Ltd, a German-Chinese company dedicated to the conservation and preservation of native Chinese orchids, will be our featured guest speaker this month. Dr. Perner has provided a preorder sales list which can be found on the main page of our website or by clicking on the following link. [Orchid List USA 2012](#). The

plants will be available at the Santa Barbara Orchid Show in March for pickup.

An update on some changes on our board: Eeva Renger, our longtime newsletter editor, recently resigned and is graciously training Marcy Bergen to take over the position in February. Marcy is the wife of our current secretary Larry Bergen. My sincere thanks to Eeva for her dedication and years of service to the society, we will miss her greatly. Let's extend a warm welcome to Marcy as the new newsletter editor-in-training.

Our spring show on March 3rd and 4th is just around the corner and our website has all the information updated for your convenience. You can find the plant classification list, registering slips, information, date and show times, along with pictures from previous shows. Start getting those plants ready and stake your cymbidium spikes for that award winning ribbon, best of section, or best of show plant.



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Santa Barbara Orchid Show

The International Santa Barbara Orchid Show is scheduled for March 16-18 and the society will have a bus available for members wishing to hitch a ride (at a reasonable cost) to the show. Details will be available in our February newsletter and February's meeting.

South Bay Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale March 3rd and 4th, 2012

Now that everyone is recovering from the holidays, it is time to prepare for our Spring Show and Sale at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center in Torrance. This is our larger show and the one that financially supports our society. We will have sign up sheets at our January meeting for those wishing to be hosts/hostesses, help with set up, and ticket sales. I would like to encourage everyone to sign up to help at the show as this is not only a way to contribute to our society but a good way to make friends with fellow members.

Marla Corey
 (310) 833-1918



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.

The Joy of Species Growing by Nick Braemer

I wonder if many orchid hobbyists go through the same phases as I did. It began in 1996 when I started buying orchids. Yellow Catts were first, then some red ones, white ones, Phaelias, Cymbidiums next and the circus got started. I remember buying a Cymbidiella and growing it with the Cymbidiums, promptly killing it; I had no idea what I was doing. It probably took all of three to four years before I was aware of my surroundings in the orchid world and things began to fall in place.

Today I have an array of Catt hybrids, Cymbidiums, Au Dendrobiums, Encyclias, Epis, etc. etc. but the real interest is species growing. I have three daughters and a daughter-in-law who raid my place and carry off everything in bloom. They are trained to take care of them and I get them back in one piece. I should not say everything in bloom as the real interesting stuff they totally ignore. A *Lepanthopsis vinacea*, which bloomed for me for the first time after having killed a couple, only produced a yawn. Of course the flowers are 0.1" in size and one needs a magnifying glass to appreciate their beauty. They want the orchids to be pretty, colorful, large, loud and showy.

There are about 35,000 recognized orchid species so the possibilities are endless. Unless one wants to dabble and have one of this and one of that, a person needs to almost specialize in certain groups. Environments need to be created and plants found that thrive in these situations. This reduces the overwhelming number of species to a manageable level. Instead of trying to create a comfortable situation for all kinds of different plants, one should create a certain situation and then fill the available space with plants who love this particular climate.

If you want to grow in your backyard using tap water, there are endless *Dendrobiums*, *Dockrillas*, *Cattleyas*, *Laelias* and so on and so forth who love SOCAL. SBOE has a great collection of really good *Laelias*, one could make a hobby just out of *Laelia* growing. The trick is not to

bang your head against a wall by trying to grow *Draculas*, *Masdevalias* or *Pleurothallis* in *Laelia* conditions. Some may survive but they won't show robust growth and profuse blooming. One also needs to learn who is your friend and who is not. I don't get along with *Nobile Dendrobiums* and *Phrags*, so why insist on growing something you don't do well with.

I decided 1 1/2 years ago to build a cool greenhouse and got it all together. The greenhouse is nothing else than some HD lumber and agricultural plastic for roof and walls. Really cheap to build. Then add a used swamp cooler, a humidifier, RO water, MSU fertilizer and all the pieces are in place. It is full of the cloud forest plants of Central and South America and they seem to be loving it.



Lepanthopsis vinacea

<http://www.orchidspecies.com/lepvinacea.htm>

I have a certain routine and I won't change it because some plant or other does not like it. Since there are so many plants to choose from, call the shots and make them adapt. If they don't want to do this, let them go and get something else. I find studying these plants and growing them very satisfying and hope that others will join in the endeavor. The door is always open, I would love nothing more than to have a few other members grow these plants so that both plants and experiences could be shared. If you live close to the ocean you might get away without a GH but still need clean water.

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One does not need to become a 'Species Snob' who won't grow anything other than species but I really think it is immensely satisfying to have a certain group of plants that one gets to know extremely well and then meet with like minded individuals. Ahnuld certainly is no species snob, he likes them all.

Give me a call, I'd love to show you around,

Nick



Paphiopedilum parishii—Photo by © Jerzy Dzedzic

<http://www.orchidarium.pl/>

<http://www.orchidspecies.com/paphparishii.htm>



Paph insigne — Photo by © Ivar Edvinsen
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Newport Harbor Orchid Expo

Our society will put in a display at the Newport Harbor Orchid Expo Show & Sale "Romancing the Orchid" February 10-12, 2012 at Westminster Mall. The show hours are Friday 10am-9pm, Saturday 10am-7pm and Sunday 11am-6pm. The mall in Westminster is with easy access from the 405 freeway at the Bolsa exit. Parking is free and the mall is fully handicap accessible.

Any member is welcome to volunteer during the show as ribbon judges and various other jobs such as working at the information table, plant hotel, set up, or tear down.

If interested, please contact Tina Coombe at tina.coombe@me.com

For show information go to:

<http://www.nhos.org/shows/2012/home.html>

Newport Harbor Orchid Expo 2012
Show and Sale

Romancing The Orchid

February 10 - 12, 2012
Westminster Mall
Orange County, CA

Orchid Displays
Vendor Sales
Repotting Workshops
Free Admission & Parking

Fri: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sat: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sun: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

More Information at: www.nhos.org/shows/2012/home.html



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Paph Hsinying Maru x Super Suk
Grower Tom Renger, Photo Eeva Renger



Paph Olympic Mountains 'Grande'
x Greenvale 'Hillsview'
Grower Tom Renger, Photo Eeva Renger



Paph Hellas 'Westonbirt' x Duncan York
Grower Tom Renger, Photo Eeva Renger



Paph Omdurman (Winston Churchill
'Redoubtable' x Milionette 'Baghdad')
Grower Tom Renger, Photo Eeva Renger

Orchid Calendar 2012

Our future membership meetings are

- ◆ **January 20** (3rd Friday)
- ◆ **February 17** (3rd Friday)
- ◆ **March 3-4 Spring Show**
- ◆ **March 16** (3rd Friday)

- ◆ **Culture sessions start 7pm**
- ◆ **General meetings start 8pm**
at South Coast Botanic Garden

Next board meeting will be

- ◆ **January 24**
Call 310-995-1592 for more info

South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tram tours most Saturdays at 11am & 1pm
- ◆ Free Admission to Garden every 3rd Tuesday
- ◆ January 21 & February 18; Family Picnic Day 9am-5pm
- ◆ Tuesdays - Ikebana Class 10am
- ◆ Wednesdays - Craft Workshop & Duplicate Bridge Class
- ◆ Thursdays - One-Stroke Painting 10am
- ◆ January 22; Fuchsia Lecture 2-4pm
- ◆ February 11; Soil Management & Drip Irrigation 10am

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 [SCBG](http://www.scbg.org) or call 310-544-1948.

Dear Members:

My sincere thank you to everyone who has contributed to our newsletter during the past three years. It is your articles and pictures that make publishing the newsletter possible. Nick Braemer, Don Goss, Arthur Hazboun, you have been the greatest and faithful contributors month after month and I truly have appreciated your active involvement.

You might see some changes in our newsletter in the near future as Marcy Bergen starts next month as our newsletter editor.

Welcome Marcy!

Eeva Renger



B/c. Lawless Mikado
Grower Tom Renger, Photo Eeva Renger

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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Upcoming Events

Orange County Orchid Society Auction

January 18, 2012
Yorba Linda Public Library
18181 Imperial Highway, Yorba Linda, CA 92886
Info: dwarren@shipshore.com

Orchid Expo 2012 Show and Sale

Newport Harbor Orchid Society "Romancing the Orchid"
February 10-12, 2012
1025 Westminster Mall, Westminster, CA
Info: [Newport Harbor Orchid Expo and Sale](#)

South Bay Orchid Society Spring Show and Sale

March 3-4, 2012
Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Torrance, CA
Info: [SBOS Spring Show 2012](#)

San Diego County Orchid Society Show and Sale

"Galaxy of Orchids", March 9-12, 2012
Scottish Rite Center
1895 Camino Del Rio South, San Diego, CA
Info: [San Diego County Orchid Show/Sale](#)

Santa Barbara International Orchid Show

March 16-18, 2012
3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara, CA
General information: [SB Spring Show 2012](#)
Email: sborchidshow@gmail.com

South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale

September 22-23, 2012
South Coast Botanic Garden
26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Pen., CA 90274
Info: [South Bay Orchid Society Fall Show and Sale](#)