

# The BackBulb

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October 2015



## October Speaker: Holger Perner

### Orchids in China and their Cultivation in the West

Holger talk is about 'Orchids in China and their Cultivation in the West', also titled 'CCP'. No, that is not the acronym for 'Chinese Communist Party' (well, actually it is...), but for 'Cymbidium, Cyripedium, Paphiopedilum', the three genera Holger is introducing in the talk. Beginning with Cymbidium, the grouping within the genus is explained, a couple of large-flowered species found in China discussed and then the entire group of Oriental or Chinese cymbidiums briefly presented. This is followed by the genus Cyripedium, of which China has the worldwide largest number of species within its boundaries. Finally Chinese species of the genus Paphiopedilum are featured and a representative group of species discussed. Again, China harbors the largest number of species of the genus Paphiopedilum in its territory, and, as a matter of fact, is the richest country in the world for slipper orchids. For all three genera the particular growing conditions in the wild as well as the resulting requirements in cultivation will be discussed.

Holger Perner was born in Hamburg, Germany, and studied plant ecology at the University of Giessen, near Frankfurt, finishing with a master thesis on the soil ecology of *Orchis mascula*. In 1991 he made his Ph.D. on the ecology of methane producing archaeobacteria, at the University of Hamburg, but never let the orchids out of his sight. While working as a scientist at a national laboratory near Hamburg in the mid 1990s, beside his regular ecological research, he ran a research project in



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cooperation with Leonid Averianov on the ecology of Cypripedium species in the Russian Far East. After meeting his future wife Wenqing (pronounced 'When Ching') on an orchid trip in Sichuan, China, in 1997 (she was not involved in orchids at all but was just translating for three orchid nuts, one of them Holger). Wenqing and Holger married in Germany in 1998, and after 4 years went back to China in 2001 to work for a Chinese national park with one of the largest cypripedium colonies in the world. In 2003 they founded Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology, a German company registered in Sichuan, China, and began to commercially mass-propagate orchids, namely Chinese slipper orchids (Paphiopedilum and Cypripedium) in their lab and subsequently raised them in their nursery. Since 2010 their company is licensed by the Chinese government to export artificially propagated orchids worldwide. Annually Wenqing and Holger conduct botanical study tours in the mountains of Southwest and South China, on which participants from all over the world are introduced to the orchids and general plant life, but also the local culture and cuisine. Beside these activities, the Perners are still working for the Huanglong national park and are engaged in several other projects, including tissue culturing and farming blueberries and other fruits.



## Upcoming Events

### October

#### 10/5 Monday COS October Meeting

10/17-18 Home Expo of Monterey, We will be selling orchids.

### November

#### 11/2 Monday COS November Meeting

11/6-8 Cal-Orchids Fall Open House Fri - Sun 9 AM - 4 PM. 1251 Orchid Drive, Santa Barbara, CA.

#### 11/13-14 COS Fall Orchid Festival

## President's Corner

The next couple of months are busy, busy, busy and busier for us.

First, do not forgo the October meeting. It is an unbelievable opportunity to ply a true Chinese orchid expert with questions plus snag a Chinese orchid or two at the Opportunity Table.

It is to make this kind of very special meeting happen that we get crazy busy at this time of year. YES! Preparations for the **Fall Orchid Festival** are in full swing and the Inspired Home and Garden show is just a couple of weeks away. Both of these shows allow us to educate others about orchids as well as bring in expert speakers to further educate ourselves.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR BOTH SHOWS**

### **Inspired Home and Garden Show:**

Sign up for a couple of hours to work the booth one or both days .

**Where:** Monterey County Fairgrounds

**When:** Saturday October 17th, 10AM to 5PM. Sunday October 18th, 10AM to 4PM

We will have some member plants displayed (if you have any you would like to show, please let me know at the Oct. meeting) and will be selling a few plants.

### **Fall Orchid Festival**

**Where:** Community

Church of the Monterey Peninsula

**Set up:** Thursday the 12th of November

**Show:** Friday and Saturday, November 13th and 14th, 9AM - 4PM both days

The Fall Orchid Festival is our major fund raiser. The lion's share of what we raise comes from the Silent Auction/Boutique Gift Sales. While we need your help with setting up, providing lunch for the vendors and volunteers both days, cleaning up, working the member plant table and the membership table, as well as closing the silent auction each day, what we most need are items for the Silent Auction and Boutique Gift sale.

### **Silent Auction Items**

From past experience we have learned that the silent auction tables should be closed at the end of each day, so we need enough items to cover 2 days. We also know that good bottles of wine and gift certificates to restaurants are most bid on in a silent auction.

This year we are going to emphasize orchid related and garden items as well. If you can put together an attractive basket of orchid medium, fertilizer, pots, a plant - whatever works for you -- that would be great. Or, you might put together gardening gloves with other



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new gardening items.

And, for the first time we will put together some boutique gift items to sell or put on the silent auction table. On October 10th we will meet at Carol Easton's House to work together on making up some items. We are thinking of things like succulent baskets, fall table decorations, fall or holiday wreaths, etc. Please come to Carol's at 1:00 p.m. on the 10th with some stuff to work with as well as your artistic imagination.

If each member brings a great item for the Boutique or Silent Auction, we will have an awesome show. We have some great vendors coming, there will be 4 potting demonstrations, an array of member plants in bloom (bring yours

on Thursday), a member plant sale table (club gets 25%, members 75% of sales) and if all goes well lots of attendees. Please tell your friends about the show; post about it on your Facebook page, pass out show postcards, spread the word any way you can. Let us make it an event to

remember.

**Kathie**



## C A R M E L O R C H I D S O C I E T Y 2015 Membership Application

Please make checks payable to the **Carmel Orchid Society** and mail to: Carmel Orchid Society - Membership c/o Carol Easton, P.O. Box 223462 Carmel CA 93922-3462

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If you were referred by a current member, please provide

his/her name \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership Type	Receive Newsletter	
	Via E-Mail	Via US Mail
Single	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$25 <input type="checkbox"/>
Couple	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>
Vendor	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35 <input type="checkbox"/>

## COS Board of Directors Meeting

September 28, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:10 at Kathie's house.

**Members Present:** Kathie Ritter, Janette Ford, Frances Richardson, Lesley Olson, Daniel Bellem, Carol Easton, Susan Holm, and John O'Connell.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes from the August 24 meeting were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Since the report at the August meeting was only an estimated oral report, Daniel printed out the reports for both July and August. Balance at the beginning of July was \$9,248.65, at the end of the July it was \$8,355.86. The balance at the end of August was \$8,869.91. Income from the bus trip was \$760.00. Other income and expenses were as usual: speaker fees, raffle and rent. Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

**V.P. Report:** Dr. Holger Penner is the speaker for the October meeting. There is no one scheduled for the November meeting. Kathie will check with membership at the October meeting to see if they want to have a meeting on Nov. 2.

### Old Business:

We plan to have a booth at the Fall Home Show at the Fairgrounds Oct. 17-18. Kathie and Janette plan to purchase plants at not more than \$200.00 from Baybreeze on Thursday, Oct. 15 to sell at the show.

**Fall Show:** Carol went over the Project

Plan for the show in November. Items that were updated include:

- Lesley will be calling members to get food (for vendors and workers) each day.
- Daniel reported where he plans to hang advertising banners; he will check into the possibility of putting one at the Marina shopping center on Imjun road.
- John will try to be at the church by mid-afternoon on Thursday to set up the display. The church will be open for us to set up at noon.
- The list of advertising possibilities was reviewed to make sure someone was responsible for contacting each of the venues.
- There is another orchid vendor from Long Beach who plans to come, so the total number of vendors is the same as last year: five orchid vendors and Eileen Bezouska, who makes and sells scarves.
- We still plan to have a silent auction preparation session at Carol's house from 1:00 - 5:00 on Saturday, Oct. 10.
- Kathie will review fall festival needs and other announcements at the October general meeting.

### Board nominations for next year:

Kathie talked to Jerry Loomis at the BBQ and he is willing to serve on the board next year. Carol has offered to be president next year, Daniel is willing to remain as treasurer, and Janette as secretary. John does not want to be on the board next year although he will continue to publish the Back Bulb. Kathie, Frances, Lory, Lesley, Jeanette

and Susan are willing to remain on the board. Kathie will contact a couple other members about being vice president, and she will present the slate so far at the October general meeting.

Next meeting will be October 19 at Carol's house.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

**Respectfully submitted, Janette Ford**

## **Sell Your Orchids at the Fall Show**

If your orchid garden or greenhouse is overflowing, dividing and/or selling some of your plants at the fall show is a good way to make room for more orchids! Or if others have envied some of your plants at "show and tell" maybe you could make a little money by dividing that specimen. Members (only members please) of COS are encouraged to bring plants from their collections to sell. Here are a few guidelines for sales:

1. Plants should be disease and pest free.
2. Fill out sales tags as completely as possible (they are included with this newsletter). Plants that have a picture attached and have as much information about the plant as possible sell better. Attach the tag to your plant securely with masking tape or on a stick. If you have several plants, it is always a good idea for you to keep a list of the names and prices of the plants you bring.
3. COS will keep 25% of each sale as a part of our fundraiser. Price your plants accordingly, but remember that affordable plants sell first. Volunteers who will be at the sales table will not change prices on your plants, so if your plant is not selling, you may want to stop by the table during the show to change the price.
4. Plants can be brought to the church (show location) on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 6. If you cannot bring them until Friday, we will set them out for sale in the order as they are received. You will need to pick up any unsold plants at 4PM on Saturday.

I look forward to finding some real gems to purchase among the member's orchids!

**Janette Ford, Member's sales chair**

## Show Off Your Orchids!

One of the major attractions of an Orchid Show is the members display. As usual this year we will have a special display of many varieties of blooming orchids at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula where we have our meetings. In order to create the splendor of orchids for which the Carmel Orchid Society is famous, we need your contributions!

The display will be assembled on Thursday afternoon in the Hall where we have our meetings. Plants should be brought to the Hall after noon on November 6th . The show opens at 9am on Friday morning, and the display must be in place.

Members are requested to bring their plants in an attractive container or basket. The plants must have the leaves cleaned and free of pests as the volunteers will not be able to do this. The Society volunteers will place a sign on the plant stating its name, lineage, etc. If you cannot bring the plants in yourself, please contact Carol Easton at 595-5254 and we will try to arrange a pickup. Last minute additions may be accepted before 9am on Friday if space is available.

At the conclusion of the show the display will be disassembled and the plants will be available from where the Display Area tables were located during the show. No plants are available until 4:15 pm on Saturday, November 8 .

The Guidelines that have been adopted for the Carmel Orchid Society Fall Orchid Festival include:

1. All plants are pest and disease free.
2. The leaves are clean and attractive.
3. Plant is blooming to display its special attributes.
4. Pot is provided with an outer container.
5. Plants must be staked and secured appropriately.

Members must pick up their plants promptly at 4:15pm on Saturday, November 8th. We must be out of the Hall early Saturday evening. Nothing can be left at the Church. We urge you to come a little early to help us by assisting with clean up. . Many hands make light work for all! See you there!





# Fall Orchid Festival

presented by the  
Carmel Orchid Society

Friday,  
Saturday  
November  
13 & 14  
9am - 4pm

**Orchid Sales**  
**Orchid Display**  
**Silent Auction**  
**Orchid Care Classes**  
**Potting Demonstrations**

**Community  
Church of the  
Monterey  
Peninsula**

**4590 Carmel Valley Rd.  
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Print this page for your CVGS member plant sales tags. Fill out 1 tag per plant and attach to the plant. Use the "plant id" field to give each plant a unique code, so you know what you sold.