

BIO Margareta Pertl

Margareta Pertl was born in Vienna, Austria. She studied Fine Art Printing at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna, where she was the recipient of the prestigious Fuegerpreis. She lives in Vienna and Dublin.

Margareta has been teaching botanical illustration for 15 years, mainly in the Botanical Garden of the University of Vienna, Austria. Her main focus is on guiding students to learn to “see”, to observe details and to translate this onto paper in their individual way.

Since 1997, Margareta has worked on botanical illustrations, focusing mainly on tropical orchids. Her preferred medium is watercolour combined with pencil. She illustrates plants as an entity including roots or bulbs, new and old growth and dissections.

Margareta’s watercolours and ink drawings have been awarded by the Royal Horticultural Society and can be found in private and public collections, including the Hunt Institute. She has twice participated in botanical expeditions to Madagascar to illustrate native species like *Cynorkis*, published in the Curtis’s Botanical Magazine.

Margareta has worked on projects illustrating rare plants in the Botanical Garden, Vienna and is currently lining up a group exhibition in honour of Nikolaus von Jacquin in 2027.

She is the organiser of the Get Together in Vienna bringing together botanical artists during a weeklong gathering.

Margareta is a Research Fellow of the University of Vienna mainly working on plants from the Botanical Garden. She is president and founder of the Vienna School of botanical illustration and a member of the ASBA, the ISBA and the AsPIB.

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