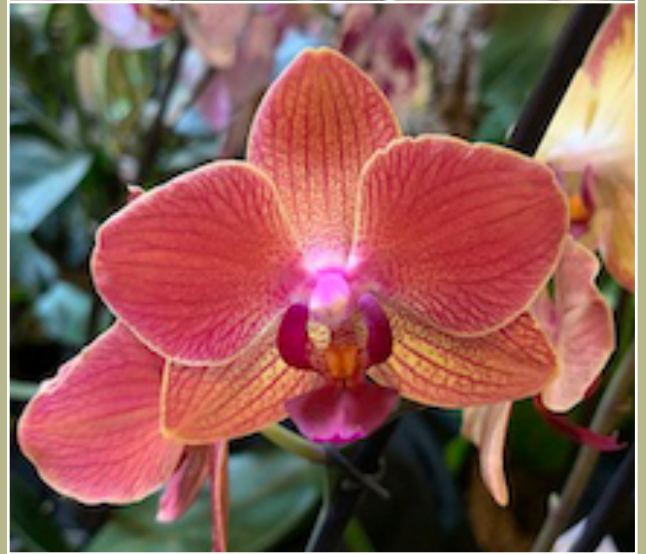


Central Orchid Society Show,

April 22nd 2023, The Church at Perton, Wolverhampton



Look carefully at the Phalaenopsis in the picture. It has two flower spikes which are different to each other.

(See pictures opposite)

Has anyone got any ideas how or why this has happened?
And no, someone hadn't just stuck a stray spike in the pot, which was my suggestion!

Here is Katie - a rescue greyhound who is always a regular visitor to Central show. And very well behaved she was, all day, as she helping out at the reception desk!





Hybrid oncidium



A much more conventional *Phalaenopsis*



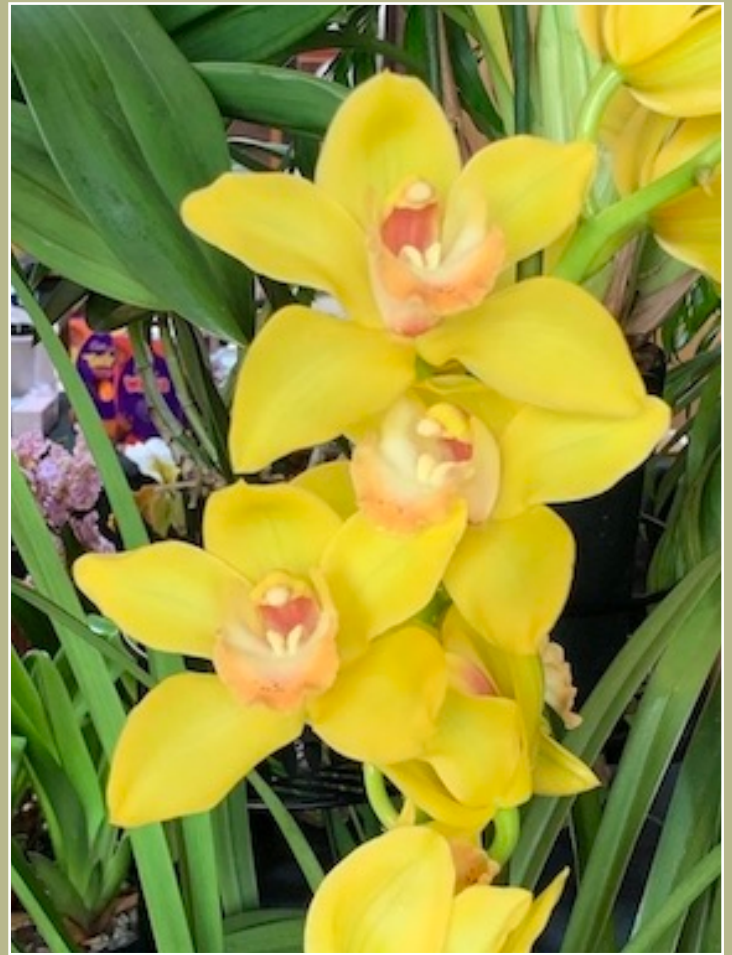
Very pretty small *Paphiopedilum*



Well grown *Paphiopedilum* hybrid



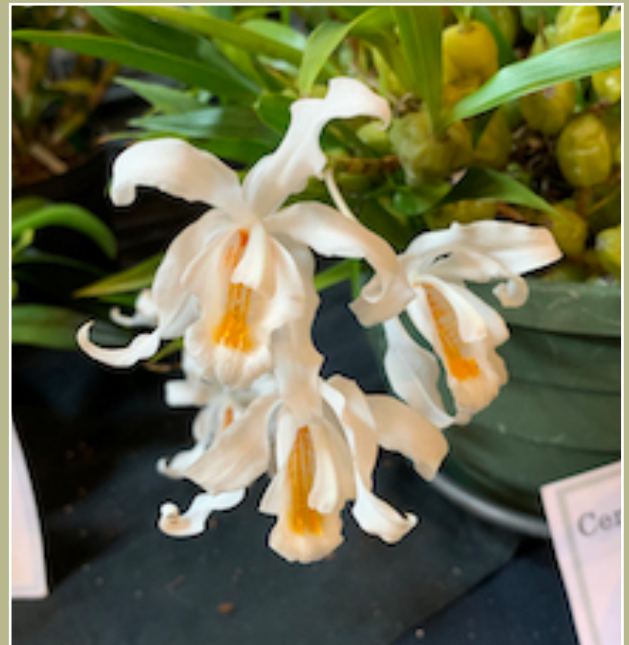
One of the hybrid *Calanthes* that are now on sale on many garden centres



Another lovely *Cymbidium* flower



Coelogyne cristata alba



Coelogyne cristata

Coelogyne cristata is well known at shows and over the years I have seen many spectacular specimen plants - which can be huge!

It does come in other forms, one of which is the *alba* form, shown above. Sadly these, other forms are not now so common but are well worth looking out for. There is another form which was called *lemoniana*, which had a paler yellow on the lip. These are so very much underrated orchids, their flowers are really beautiful, and a specimen plant is a sight to behold!

Glasgow Botanic Gardens Orchid Fair

This was held again this year in Kibble Palace, their magnificent glass house, over the week-end of 13-14th May. As usual there was a wonderful, warm welcome and the weather held throughout the show. Visitors were in abundance and people could be seen sunbathing outside and enjoying the sunshine after what has been a very dull winter.



Scottish Orchid Society - best orchid display



Burnham Nurseries display



Helen and David Millner



North of England display



North East of England display

Who says orchid shows are boring and nothing happens?
Just look at this!!!



Keep the Kibble FREE!

Part of the protest that took place out side Kibble Palace while the show was on. This was to protest about Glasgow Council's plan to charge for entry into 'the Kibble'



However, what about this then?

Sarah is only sending orchids to the Balmoral estate! Apparently King Charles likes orchids.

The photo shows Patrick and Mei Lim from Balmoral collecting their orchids. If you look carefully you can just see the Balmoral crest on Patrick's shirt.

There were lots of other plants to see besides orchids, and here are just a few of them. The tree fern collection is amazing and I could look at them all day. We were constantly bumping the Tassel Bush behind our stand, and getting bits of them stuck onto us. They are really its stamen, and I suppose that is one way it can become pollinated.



Carnivorous plants - such luscious, gorgeous moss



Strelitzia regina - Bird of Paradise



The magnificent collection of tree ferns



The Tassel Bush and below
A close-up
of its tassels.
Look carefully and
you should be able to see that each
part of the tassel is in fact, a stamen.



Brassia hybrid



Dryadella edwallii



Bifrenaria harrisoniae



Oncidium - the Dancing Lady flower

Coming to an orchid show near you, very soon!
The latest line in novelty *Phalaenopsis* breeding.
Near perfect this hybrid needs very little watering, can withstand a huge range of temperatures, is easy to transport with no fear of transit damage and can be stored in a cupboard!
You can prune the leaves and flowers repeatedly and then fasten them back on again if you feel like it!

Look out for this at Malvern - there may be clones everywhere by then. They could revolutionise orchid growing.

North East you may have a lot to answer for!



Phalaenopsis Lego Hybrid 'Little Beauty'



One day very soon -

The latest rumour I have heard is that they are now controlled by AI, have become self aware and are learning to self-replicate-

be afraid, be very afraid!



The Teign estuary near the nursery

Burnham Festival Weekend

The week end after Glasgow, was the 'Burnham Festival Weekend' at Burnham nurseries in Devon. The sun shone and it certainly lived up to its nick name of 'Glorious Devon'!



The sales house was a blaze of colour



Coelogyne ochracea 'Yellow'



Coelogyne ochracea var. *alba*

One species that Burnham nurseries grow with tremendous success is *Coelogyne ochracea*. It also comes in a very pretty alba form as well. There were masses of both sorts, in full bloom, on display and they were a great delight. Both forms have the familiar strong scent of this species.



Devon orchid society display, with their usual well presented plants



Bournemouth orchid society display, some lovely vandaceous types in the background.



South West orchid society display, their *Dendrobiums* were superb, especially the specimen plant in the centre of *Dendrobium thrysiflorum*



Cornwall orchid society display. Beautiful dendrobiums, but a very unusual miniature, *Lopharis pumila* on the left. A bigger picture is below.



Part of the Wardian Case display - Helen Millner



Lopharis pumila



Maxillaria species in full bloom



There was also a small art and craft display. The two beautiful orchid paintings (above) were on loan from Wayne Haywood.

The top painting was by Darryl Trott in 1990, an Australian artist who was the official artist of the American Iris Society!

The artist of the lower painting is unknown, but it is titled 'Orchid Sunrise'.

On the left is a spectacular piece of glass art by Nicky Wakely, which drew a lot of attention.

Nicky produces some gorgeous pieces of art all made from glass, and there was more of her work on display.



Maxillaria longipetala syn. *triloris*



Sobralia macrantha



Brassia hybrid at the nursery



Polystachia bella

Sheffield and District Orchid Society Show

Sunday 28th May 2023

Some beautiful and unusual species on display. The leafless orchids stood out in this respect among many other beauties



Vanda tricolor var. *suavis*



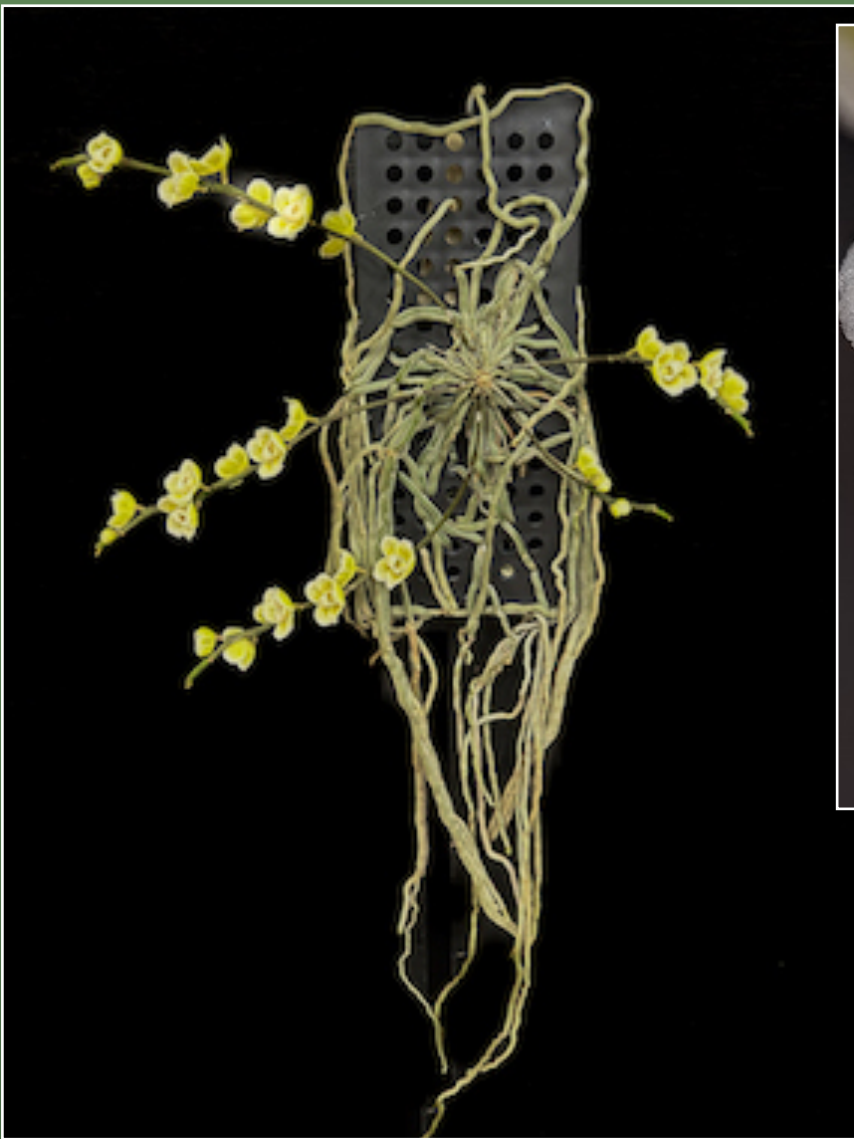
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Trigonidium egertonianum



Seidenfadenia mitrata f. *alba*



Chilochista species - Charles Ford, Sheffield OS



Leafless orchids have been in the news this past week, with the rare *Dendrophylax lindenii* on display at Chelsea. But there were two other outstanding examples on display at this show, both belonging to the genus *Chilochista*. The detail in these tiny flowers is quite amazing, so I hope these will show up in the photos, as they appear to have a tiny pouch - what do you think?



Chilochista javanica on North East OS display





Dracula species



Paphiopedilum concolor



Dryadella zebrina



Harrogate and the
North of England
orchid societies



Phrag. Jason Fischer

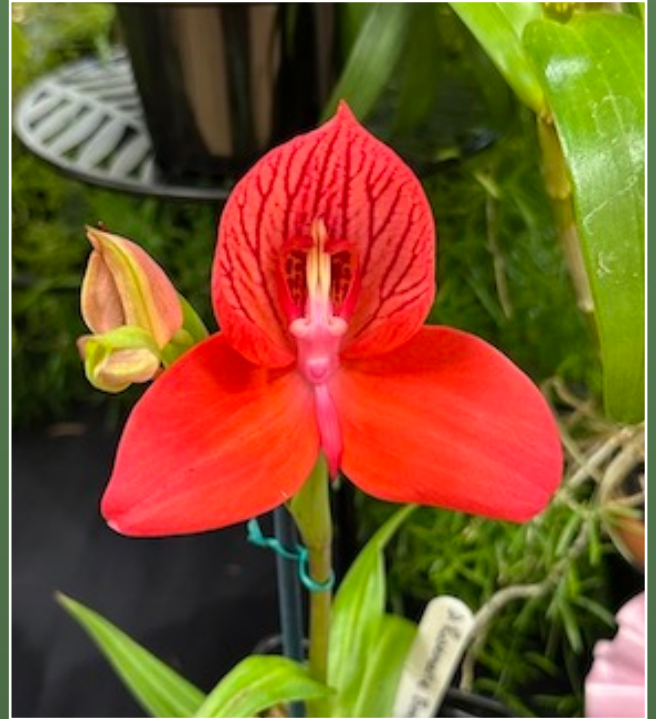


Cymbidium tigrinum - Google search,
was it right?

Hinckley and District Society



Dactylorhiza species



Disa hybrid



Sarcochilus species



Paphiopedilum hybrid

East Midlands Orchid Society



Coelogyne pandurata



Coelogyne pandurata - lip detail



Polystachya pubescens