

Plants given Exhibition Awards 2003-2005

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The following list of 318 awards has been compiled from the plant award descriptions written by Plant Committee Secretaries, or in the case of the Orchid Committee by Johan and Clare Hermans, for the period from Summer 2003 until the end of August 2005.

Plant award descriptions were formerly published in the *RHS Extracts from the Proceedings*. Changing to this publication has given us an ideal opportunity to add extra information, to point to sources of further information, and to include images and herbarium specimens where appropriate. Anyone wishing to visit the Herbarium at Wisley, to view the herbarium specimens or photographic slides should contact the Keeper of the Herbarium, Dr Christopher Whitehouse. Where more than one specimen or image exists for a plant, only one reference barcode has been given here. Paintings are commissioned for many orchids that are given awards and these can be consulted by contacting the Lindley Library.

References such as 65B refer to colours in the RHS Colour Chart (Fourth edition, 2001)¹. For enquiries regarding these awards, please email plantcommittees@rhs.org.uk or telephone 0845 260 9000. These will then be forwarded to the appropriate Plant Committee Secretary or member of staff.

Aechmea romeroi

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on March 15, 2005. Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 237.

Aloinopsis spathulata

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr G Evison, Abingdon, Oxfordshire on August 24, 2004. It was noted that it was unusual to see such a large plant, over 300mm in diameter, in cultivation.

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Alrawia bellii

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on February 15, 2005. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 457-458.

Amorphophallus konjac

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on April 6, 2004.

Rhizomatous perennial producing a spathe approximately 500mm tall, glabrous, overlapping towards the base to produce an open tube; maroon (186B) mottled with dark green (135B). Peduncle stout, glabrous (65C mottled with 137A). Spadix much exceeding spathe, up to 600mm in length; of a darker purple shade than the spathe and with a dusty appearance. A relative of the larger *A. titanum*, this species is grown in Asia for its edible tubers. A plant of the rainforests, it produces its foul-smelling (first night only) inflorescence before the single palmate leaf appears. It is pollinated by carrion flies and sweat bees. Specimen [WSY0046150] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Androcymbium rechingeri

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on November 25, 2003. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 441-2.

Anemone sylvestris

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Prof. A J Richards, Hexham, Northumberland on May 15, 2004.

Herbaceous perennial. Basal leaves, to at least *c.* 20 × 40mm, 3-lobed to base, the lateral lobes deeply lobed, lobes toothed, terminal lobe obtrullate, lobed to just under halfway, with several short, mammiform teeth, mid green, with numerous appressed to slightly spreading, short, white, eglandular hairs; petioles to 90mm long. Stems *c.* 200mm, densely hairy, with a whorl of three long-stalked, leaf-like bracts in lower half (with narrower lobes than basal leaves). Flowers solitary, *c.* 40mm wide; petals 5, broadly elliptic, *c.* 20 × 13mm, shallowly emarginate to erose at apex, densely white hairy externally, buds light greenish-yellow (1C), flushed light purple (75A) at base, opening white with light purple (75A) flushing at base externally; conspicuous central mass of yellow stamens. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 431-432.

***Angraecum compactum* 'Tideswell'**

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Mr J Hermans, Enfield, Middlesex on May 23, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 238-239.

***Anguloa cliftonii* 'Saint Helier'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on June 25, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 297.

***Anguloa Victoire* grex 'Trinity'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on June 25, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **113**: 297.

***Anthurium* 'Allura'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mrs C Veerasamy, Beau Bassin, Mauritius on May 23, 2005.

Flower stalk >300mm long. Spathe narrowly ovate, 100 × 50mm with a long tapering tip and no basal lobes, smooth and glossy, notable for being held erect, pale pink (65B-D). Spadix *c.* 55mm in length, held at a 45° angle to the spathe, forward-pointing, deep to mid pink (63) fading from deep (63A/B) at the apex to paler (63D) at the base. Foliage not seen. This cultivar was bred on Mauritius. Specimen [WSY0072083] and photographic slide [WSY0072084] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Anthurium* 'Camomille'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mrs C Veerasamy, Beau Bassin, Mauritius on May 23, 2005.

Flower stalk >450mm long. Spathe cordate 160 × 160mm, giving the appearance of being perfoliate around the spadix, with large overlapping lobes, bullate, glossy, white (155D) predominant from the mucronate apex for two thirds of the length, gradually grading to a fresh, bright, green (144A-C). Spadix *c.* 80mm in length, yellowish-white at the base (158A) fading darkening to orange-yellow (14B) in the middle and changing to yellow-green (150A) at the apex. The proportions, balance and strength of the colours in both the spathe and the spadix alter as the flower ages; green is more dominant in a younger flower. Foliage not seen. This cultivar was bred on Mauritius. Specimen [WSY0072085] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Anthurium* 'Tulip Somoné'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mrs C Veerasamy, Beau Bassin, Mauritius on May 23, 2005.

Flower stalk >200mm long. Spathe broad ovate, *c.* 70 × 50mm, with small basal lobes, glossy, deep dusky pink-red (50A), paler on the reverse. Spadix *c.* 50mm long, creamy yellow to white (159A/B) for most of the length, with a green (145A/B) tip. Foliage not seen. This cultivar was bred on Mauritius. Specimen [WSY0072121] and photographic slide [WSY0072122] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Arisaema amurense

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs D Rankin, Lasswade, Midlothian on May 7, 2005.

Cormous perennial to 280mm. Pseudostem to 20mm long, cataphylls 2. Leaves 1-2 pedate, petiole to 220mm. Mature leaves with 5 obovate leaflets, largest 110 × 60mm wide. Peduncle to 120mm, spathe 90mm, green- (144B) and white-striped, spathe-limb horizontal with simple acuminate tip. Spadix green 145B, cylindrical, up to 65mm. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 447-448. Specimen [WSY0072093] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Arisaema auriculatum

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs D Rankin, Lasswade, Midlothian on April 23, 2005. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 460-461.

Arisaema ciliatum* var. *liubaense

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mrs D Clement, Wolverhampton on June 18, 2005.

Tuberous perennial. Leaves to 300mm, petiole to 170mm, sheathing in the bottom half, lamina with 6-11 long-acuminate, narrowly elliptic leaflets to 130mm. Peduncle to 480mm, fleshy with greyish bloom. Spathe tube 80 × 15mm, purplish-brown (closest to 200B) with longitudinal greenish stripes (194B), the tip formed into a very narrow tail to 240mm long. Spadix clearly exerted, mottled brown. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 453-455. Photographic slide [WSY0073625] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Asarum delavayi

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mrs C M Coller, Norwich, Norfolk on April 6, 2004.

Rhizomatous perennial. Leaves rather crowded, petioles to 125mm, blade to c. 15 × 10mm, sagittate, apex acute-acuminate, adaxial surface sparsely pubescent on veins, no blotching evident on specimen. Petals absent, calyx campanulate c. 50 × 60mm, sepals connate beyond attachment to ovary, tube subcylindrical, constricted at throat; lobes ovate, to 30-40mm long, banded murky green on margins, maroon in centre and white towards the mouth where the texture becomes papillose. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 396-398. Specimen [WSY0046536] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Asarum fudsinoi

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on February 17, 2004. Described in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 443-5.

***Ascocenda* Crownfox Butterball grex 'Sunshine'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by RF Orchids, Florida, USA on May 24, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 112: 268-271.

***Aster novae-angliae* 'Lye End Beauty'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr G W Goddard, Chingford, London on October 7, 2003.

Height 1.8m gives a prolonged season of colour. The individual flowers are of good form and are relatively unaffected by rain, unlike other *A. novae-angliae*. Strong stiff woody stems, leaves lanceolate, amplexicaul, very clean, dark green, rugose, short soft upright hairs on upper surface, with short ciliate hairs on margins. Flower heads 40mm diameter in a crowded panicle 300mm wide. Ray florets, 15mm long, 1mm wide, pale plum (78B), slightly paler reverse. Disc 10mm, yellow when immature becoming a dark purple. Yellow anthers. Disc florets yellow with purple tips. Phyllaries many, narrow, reflexed dark purple, glandular hairy. Specimen [WSY0046015] and photographic slide [WSY0036562] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Azorella ameghinii

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr M Sheader, Bitterne, Hampshire on May 21, 2005.

Cushion-forming perennial to 10 × 80mm as seen. Stems much-branched forming a low convex mound. Leaves carried in rosettes, linear oblanceolate to 12 × 2.5mm, dark green with prominent silver scales, petiole sheathing at the base with long, papery hairs. Flowers borne in few-flowered umbels subtended by papery bracts. Calyx tubular, lobes 5, minute. Petals 5, ovate to 1mm long, yellowish-green (closest to 144A), anthers slightly exerted. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 452-453. Photographic slide [WSY0073698] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Banksia praemorsa

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Tresco Abbey Garden, Isles of Scilly, on January 18, 2005.

Banksia spinulosa* var. *collina

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by Tresco Abbey Garden, Isles of Scilly, on January 18, 2005.

Evergreen shrub. Leaves linear to narrowly obovate, 80 × 7 mm; margins slightly rolled under and with fine recurved teeth; mid-vein recessed; underside white with adpressed hairs. Almost sessile cones held vertically along the branches, to 180mm tall and 75mm wide. Spikes densely flowered, pale golden yellow (23B/C) with rich maroon (187C) styles. Pairs of flowers are subtended by a stiff wedge-shaped bract and two bracteoles covered with soft brown hairs. The perianth splits into 4 slender reflexed lobes, releasing the stiff glabrous style. Pollen presenter, slightly enlarged, rounded to club-shaped. This variety was first introduced to cultivation in the UK in 1822. This plant in Tresco Abbey Garden was grown from seed from Kings Park in Perth (Western Australia). The seed was sown in the early 1980s and the plant first flowered in 1995. It now forms a shrub up to 3m tall that flowers at all times of year. Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 237.

***Beclardia macrostachya* ‘Tideswell’**

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Mr J Hermans, Enfield, Middlesex on December 16, 2003. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 112: 74-76.

Benthamiella longifolia

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Captain P J Erskine, Petersfield, Hampshire on April 6, 2004.

Cushion-forming perennial, c. 150mm diameter. Leaves c. 15mm long, carried in whorls on shoots to 50mm, linear, pointed, entire, almost hairless. Flowers shorter than foliage but clearly visible, to c. 15mm long, narrowly tubular, flaring at right angles to form a minutely ruffled yellowish-green rim. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 417-419. Specimen [WSY0046544] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Benthamiella patagonica

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Captain P J Erskine, Petersfield, Hampshire on April 17, 2004.

Rounded, fairly tight cushion, 40 × 140mm as exhibited. Leaves more or less linear, c. 7.9 × 1-1.5mm, mid green, with spreading to reflexed, marginal, white, eglandular hairs and an obtuse, thickened, white tip. Flowers solitary. Calyx c. 5mm long, deeply divided, lobes with thickened apices, white below, teeth green towards apex. Corolla erect, c. 11mm long, conspicuously waisted; lobes very broadly ovate, c. 1mm long, light greenish-yellow (3C), with conspicuous vivid yellow (15B) anthers in mouth of tube. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 424. Specimen [WSY0046542] and photographic slide [WSY0047036] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

× *Brassocattleya Pastoral* grex ‘Rosée’

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Vacherot & Lecoufle, St Léger, France on November 1, 2003. Description in *The Orchid Review* 112: 10-11.

× *Brassolaeliocattleya Chyong Guu Swan* grex ‘Orchis-Floriculturing’

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Orchis Floriculturing, Taiwan on March 13, 2005.

The plant exhibited had three scented flowers on a spike 115mm tall; bract green, 125mm long. Overall flower size was 150mm long, 135mm wide; ovary green 90mm long. The petals were crystalline white with a contrasting bright purple frilled lip with central yellow throat with purple striations. Dorsal sepal 85mm long, 25mm wide at widest, sepal 85mm long, 33mm wide at widest; petal 85mm long, 85mm wide. Lip 85mm long, 72mm wide; column white, 25mm long.

Bruguiera gymnorhiza

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on April 6, 2004.

It was believed to be the first time this orange mangrove had flowered and set seed under glass. In the wild it occurs in brackish estuaries. The large elongated seeds germinate whilst still hanging on the tree, from where they fall and stick into the mud and grow into a tangled mass, gradually extending the shoreline. It needs to be grown in swamp conditions with a deep root run. The plant at Kew is currently a large shrub/small tree about 6m tall. Specimen [WSY0046139] and colour photograph [WSY0045513] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Bulbophyllum grandiflorum* ‘Burnham’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on November 1, 2003. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **112**: 10-13.

***Calanthe Saint Brelade grex* ‘Trinity’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on November 1, 2003. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **112**: 10-12.

Campanula autraniana

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr A R Furness, Hexham, Northumberland on June 18, 2005. For description see *RHS Extracts from the Proceedings* (2002). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **73**(4): 416. Specimen [WSY0072090] and photographic slide [WSY0073628] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Campanula* ‘Cantata’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr G Nicholls, Bath, Avon on June 19, 2004.

Herbaceous perennial, 110 × 200mm as exhibited. Stems 100mm, slender, leafy, hairless. Leaves towards base of stem spatulate, those towards apex narrowly elliptic, to 17 × 6mm, with 2-3 pairs of very shallow teeth, obtuse. Flowers *c.* 4/stem, held on erect pedicels *c.* 20mm long. Calyx *c.* 10mm long, teeth linear, loosely spreading. Corolla narrowly campanulate, 20 × 10mm, light violet (91A), hairy on lobes internally, facing out at anthesis (drooping in bud). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 437-8. Specimen [WSY0048216] and photographic slide [WSY0048217] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Campanula myrtifolia* ‘Helmi’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr & Mrs M Sheader, Bitterne, Hampshire, on June 18, 2005.

Perennial forming a neat cushion, 40 × 270mm as seen. Stems slender, much-branched, erect, sparsely covered with short, patent, eglandular hairs. Leaves small to 10 × 5mm, ovate-elliptic, sessile or minutely stalked, mid green, strigulose.

Flowers to 5mm diameter, ovary top-shaped, calyx 5-lobed, sepals narrowly triangular separated to the base, strigulose. Corolla white, becoming pale blue on drying, tubular to 12mm long, lobed for the last third, lobes triangular, blunt-tipped, becoming reflexed; stamens 5, anthers 3mm, yellow; style included. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **73**(4): 456-457.

Campanula thessala

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs L Martin, Pevensey, East Sussex on June 18, 2005. For description see *RHS Extracts from the Proceedings* **124**: 110 (2000). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **73**(4): 416-417. Specimen [WSY0072088] and photographic slide [WSY0073627] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Catasetum incurvum* ‘Chantal’**

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Mr M Hopkinson, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire on October 2, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **113**: 57-8.

***Cattleya intermedia* (Ovata Group) ‘Crownfox Jewel’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by RF Orchids, Homestead, Florida, USA on May 24, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **112**: 269-271.

Celmisia traversii

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr A R Furness, Hexham, Northumberland on September 20, 2003.

Leaves in a basal rosette, up to 160 × 43mm, blade elliptic, entire, obtuse at apex, gradually narrowed to a broadly winged petiole *c.* 1/3 length of blade, which has several shallow longitudinal pleats; upper surface pale green (189B), with appressed white hairs along midvein, the margins with a conspicuous rim of greyed orange (N167B) woolly indumentum; lower surface very densely woolly hairy, the hairs in lower stratum of indumentum pale yellowish, the upper layers greyed orange (N167B-C); lower side of petiole and main vein purple (N77C). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 405-406. Specimen [WSY0046012] and photographic slide [WSY0048231] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Action’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation on September 17, 2003, Award of Merit on September 14, 2004. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex. Charm: reflexed; bronze. Photographic slide [WSY0038735] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Action Yellow'**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 14, 2004. Charm: reflexed; yellow. Photographic slide [WSY0062287] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Angela Cosimini'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr P N Fraser, Blyth on September 17, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor intermediate: medium-flowered; light purple (69C).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Ashbrook'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr F Charlton, Sunderland on September 10, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor intermediate: medium-flowered.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Axima White'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by FlorElite Plants and Seeds, Thirsk, North Yorkshire on September 17, 2003.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Bob King'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr R Jones, Clapham, Bedfordshire on September 17, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor intermediate: large-flowered; white (155B).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Braque'**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on September 30, 2003. Charm. Height to 450mm. Free-flowering, erect, compact sprays. Photographic slide [WSY0046593] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Brierton Paul'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr H Lawson, Hartlepool on November 15, 2003. Indoor single: medium-flowered; yellow.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Brierton Violet'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr H Lawson, Hartlepool, Cleveland on October 30, 2003. October-flowering single: medium-flowered; cream (155D).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Bronze Boulevard'**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 30, 2003. Photographic slide [WSY0038737] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Boulevard Yellow'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 14, 2004. Charm: reflexed; yellow.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Burntwood Belle’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr J Nevill, Burntwood, Staffordshire on November 4, 2004. Indoor incurved: large-flowered; white (155A).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Candy Floss’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr R Coles, Raunds, Northamptonshire on November 19, 2004. Indoor single: medium-flowered; light pink (62C).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Caukeel Copper’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Southway Nurseries on August 23, 2005. Early-flowering Outdoor Spray: reflexed; light bronze (163C).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Chicane’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 17, 2003. Charm. Photographic slide [WSY0038738] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Conjuror’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 14, 2004. Photographic slide [WSY0064750] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Coral Reef’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr A Munday, Plymouth on November 4, 2004. Indoor, quill; bronze (167A).

***Chrysanthemum* Debonair (‘Yodebo’)**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on September 17, 2003. Charm: reflexed.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Dennis Cappleman’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr H Lawson, Hartlepool on September 10, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor reflexed: medium-flowered; yellow.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Elegance’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by H Walker on December 10, 2003. Indoor spray: reflexed; white. Photographic slide [WSY0056381] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Felix Wade’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr W B Wade, Leeds on October 30, 2003. October-flowering intermediate: large-flowered; light pink (76D).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Festive Ursula’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, on September 14, 2004. Charm.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Foxtrot’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 14, 2004.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Gala Crimson’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 14, 2004.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Gladys’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by RHS Garden Wisley, on November 6, 2003. Indoor, Charm. Photographic slide [WSY0046448] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* Golden Marilyn (‘Golden Yomarilyn’)**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on September 30, 2003.

Charm. Vigorous, bushy plant to 380mm. Free-flowering in compact, erect sprays; thin stalks to 115mm. Double flowers to 57.5mm. Short blunt florets, deeper than yellow (12A), reverse yellow (12C). 50% flowering on 17/09/03. Photographic slide [WSY0046467] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Grand Pink’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on November 6, 2003. Indoor spray: single; pink. Photographic slide [WSY0046476] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Harry Revill’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr H Lawson, Hartlepool on September 10, 2004. October-flowering intermediate: medium-flowered; white.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Holbein’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on September 30, 2003.

Charm. Height to 280mm. Free-flowering, in erect compact sprays, thin stalks to 40mm. Semi-double flowers to 35mm. Florets short, medium width, overlapping, blunt, flat, red-purple (70B), paler reverse. Disc yellow (13A). 50% flowering on 20/09/04. Photographic slide [WSY0046592] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Iberia White’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by FlorElite Plants and Seeds Ltd on November 6, 2003. Photographic slide [WSY0046444] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Jessica Emily’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr D Horn, Fleet, Hampshire on September 17, 2003. Early-flowering outdoor spray: single; pink. Specimen [WSY0043663] and photographic slide [WSY0043664] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Joyce Fountain’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr F Charlton, Sunderland on September 17, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor reflexed: large-flowered; red (60B).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Kenney Buglass’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr H Lawson, Hartlepool on September 17, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor intermediate: medium-flowered; pink.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Lautree’**

Award of Merit on September 17, 2003 and First Class Certificate on September 14, 2004. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex.

Plant height 270mm, vigorous, compact and bushy. Free-flowering, inflorescences erect, in compact sprays. Thick stalks, 80-100mm. Single flower, width 60mm. Ray florets, long and medium to narrow, 28mm × 7mm, in whorls, blunt, overlapping, flat. Inner and outer florets red-purple (70B), reverse pale purple (near to 75C), deepening at margin to red-purple (70B). Disc 20mm, Yellow (12A). 50% flowering on 30/08/02. Photographic slide [WSY0046469] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Lilian Shoesmith’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by H Walker on November 6, 2003. Indoor intermediate: medium-flowered; light bronze. Photographic slide [WSY0046483] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Lowry’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on September 30, 2003. Photographic slide [WSY0046591] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* Lynn (‘Yolynn’)**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation on September 30, 2003 and Award of Merit on October 8, 2003. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex.

Charm: reflexed. Plant 400mm high, bearing flower stems 250mm long. Flowers 50mm diameter; outer florets pale purple (75B), inner florets red-purple (70A), reverse as inner. Flowering from 20 September 1999. A short growing 'bush type' chrysanthemum: an excellent plant for the front of the border or patio tub. Photographic slide [WSY0046455] in the RHS Herbarium (**WSY**).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Majorette'**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 30, 2003. Photographic slide [WSY0046597] in the RHS Herbarium (**WSY**).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Margaret Dixon'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr D Horn, Fleet, Hampshire on September 17, 2003. Early-flowering outdoor spray: anemone; dark pink. Photographic slide [WSY0046459] in the RHS Herbarium (**WSY**).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Marilyn'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on September 14, 2004. Charm.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Mary's Miracle'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr J Nevill, Burntwood, Staffordshire on September 10, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor reflexed: large-flowered; pink.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Masonic Sunset'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr H Lawson, Hartlepool on October 30, 2003. Indoor single: large-flowered; light bronze (171D).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Mermaid Yellow'**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 30, 2003.

Compact, vigorous plant to 290mm. Free-flowering, erect, compact sprays. Thin stalks to 70mm. Double flowers to 59mm. Florets 28 × 7mm, long, medium width, overlapping, pointed and flat, yellow (7B), reverse yellow (8C to D). 50% flowering 22/9/03. Photographic slide [WSY0046370] in the RHS Herbarium (**WSY**).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Muriel Odell'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr R Coles, Raunds, Northamptonshire on November 4, 2004. Indoor single: medium-flowered; cream (4D).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Muxton Sable'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr W Farr on November 15, 2003. Indoor, spider; light bronze.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘My Patricia’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Southway Nurseries, Cottingham, East Yorkshire on September 17, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor spray: reflexed; light salmon (27C).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Myss Marion’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Southway Nurseries, Cottingham, East Yorkshire on September 10, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor spray: reflexed; cream.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Myss Saffron’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Southway Nurseries, Cottingham, East Yorkshire on September 10, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor spray: reflexed; yellow.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Ostra Yellow’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by FlorElite Plants and Seeds Ltd on November 6, 2003. Photographic slide [WSY0046446] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Padre Lilac’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by FlorElite Plants and Seeds, Thirsk, North Yorkshire on September 30, 2003.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Padre Orange’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by FlorElite Plants and Seeds, Thirsk, North Yorkshire on September 30, 2003.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Pam’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr D Horn, Fleet, Hampshire on September 17, 2003. Early-flowering outdoor intermediate: medium-flowered; white. Photographic slide [WSY0046460] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Peach Cassandra’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Collinwood nurseries on December 10, 2003. Indoor intermediate: medium-flowered; light bronze. Photographic slide [WSY0056383] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Pitstop’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 30, 2003. Charm. Photographic slide [WSY0046590] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Polar Gem'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by H Walker on November 6, 2003. Indoor incurved: large-flowered; white. Photographic slide [WSY0046482] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Popcorn'**

First Class Certificate. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 30, 2003.

Charm: single. Vigorous, compact plant, spherical habit to 440mm. Free-flowering, erect, compact sprays. Thin stalks to 60mm. Flower to 40mm, short, narrow florets, overlapping, blunt, flat, yellow (9A), reverse yellow (8A), disc 11mm, yellow (13A). 50% flowering 25/9/03. Photographic slide [WSY0046596] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Princess Anne Pink'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Collinwood nurseries on November 6, 2003. Indoor reflexed: medium-flowered; pink. Photographic slide [WSY0046485] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Purple Inspiration'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr R Coles, Raunds, Northamptonshire on November 19, 2004. Indoor single: medium-flowered; purple (71B).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Raymond Seymour'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr H Lawson, Hartlepool on September 10, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor incurved: medium-flowered; light bronze.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Rembrandt'**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on September 14, 2004. Photographic slide [WSY0064753] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Renoir'**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on September 30, 2003. Photographic slide [WSY0046595] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Rio Yellow'**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 30, 2003. Photographic slide [WSY0046589] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* Rose Pink Debonair ('Rosepink Yodebo')**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on September 14, 2004. Charm: reflexed.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Sheila Harris'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr G Freestone, Nuneaton, Warwickshire on November 4, 2004. Indoor incurved: medium-flowered; bronze (164C).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Southway Summit'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Southway Nurseries, Cottingham, East Yorkshire on September 10, 2004. Early-flowering outdoor spray: single; light bronze.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Staffordshire Yeoman'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr J Nevill, Burntwood, Staffordshire on October 30, 2003. Indoor medium (exhibition); light yellow (8B).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Starburst'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr W R Fulton, Woodley, Berkshire on November 9, 2004. Indoor single: medium-flowered; light salmon.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Stubbins Glory'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Miss A Brook, Wetherby, West Yorkshire on November 19, 2004. Indoor single: medium-flowered; light purple (59D).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Sunny Ursula'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on September 14, 2004. Charm.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Syllabub'**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 17, 2003.

Vigorous, compact cushion 'mum' to 395mm. Free-flowering, erect, compact sprays. Thin stalks. Single flowers to 54mm. Ray florets long and medium width, overlapping, blunt and spooned, red-purple (deeper than 71C), reverse paler (N74D). Disc 15mm, yellow 13B. 50% flowering 17/9/03. Photographic slide [WSY0046470] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Tightrope'**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 17, 2003.

Vigorous, compact, plant to 320mm, neat spherical habit. Free-flowering, erect compact sprays. Thin stalks to 110mm. Single flowers, 35-40mm diameter. Florets 20×5 mm, short, medium width, overlapping, blunt and flat, ray florets white, reverse white with a slight yellow tint. Disc 14mm, yellow-orange (17C). 50% flowering 19/9/03. Photographic slide [WSY0046471] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Tinseltown’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on October 8, 2003.

Plant to 300mm, vigorous, compact, neat habit. Free-flowering, erect in compact sprays. Stalks thin, to 70mm long. Flower heads to 48mm, single. Florets 17×4 mm, short and narrow, overlapping, pointed, flat. Outer florets near red-purple (60C), disc 14mm, near yellow (13A). Photographic slide [WSY0046453] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Trident’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr J Nevill, Burntwood, Staffordshire on November 19, 2004. Indoor medium (exhibition); light bronze (16C).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Ursula’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on September 14, 2004. Charm.

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Vibrant’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by H Walker on December 10, 2003. Indoor spray: reflexed; yellow.

***Chrysanthemum Vicki* (‘Yovicki’)**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on October 8, 2003. Photographic slide [WSY0046457] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘White Fresco’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex on November 6, 2003. Indoor spray; white. Photographic slide [WSY0046478] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Yellow Celebrity’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 17, 2003. Photographic slide [WSY0038704] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* ‘Yellow Pitstop’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex on September 30, 2003. Charm.

Clematis longicauda

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew on April 12, 2005. Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4):239. Specimen [WSY0066129] and photographic slide [WSY0066130] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Conophytum pellucidum* ‘Argent’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr & Mrs T Smale on August 24, 2004.

This is a single clone that was selected, by Messrs Smale & Hammer, for its velvety brown leaves, which retain their colour through the winter, and its pure white flowers (*C. pellucidum* generally has flowers with a yellow centre).

***Conophytum pellucidum* ‘Makin’s Plum’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr & Mrs T Smale on August 24, 2004. The discovery of a single red-bodied plant in the wild by Mr B Makin has led to this stable seed strain.

Corydalis henrikii

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on January 18, 2005.

Tuberous, perennial herb, stems around 120mm long at anthesis, usually with two branches, glabrous, striate, somewhat angular. Leaves rather greyish-green (closest to 138B), glabrous, petiole to 25mm, 3 or 4 times ternately divided, leaflets deeply cleft into minutely mucronate lobes each up to 4mm × 1.5mm. Flowers borne in racemes of up to 15 flowers. Bracts to 8mm, sessile to minutely stalked, flabellate and divided into usually more or less equal segments. Pedicels thread-like to 25mm. Corolla pale purplish-pink (76A) fading to pale pink (76C) and white as it broadens. Spur to 20mm long, curved, slender, tapering. Upper and lower petals expanded to around 5mm, upper petal bi-lobed, lower petal emarginate. Inner petals to about 10mm long, white, with dark red tip (71A). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 424-426. Specimen [WSY0075396] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Corydalis* ‘Kingfisher’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Dr & Mrs K Lever, Colwyn Bay on April 2, 2005.

Perennial herb, stems ascending to 120mm at anthesis, glabrous, striate, yellowish-green. Basal leaves glabrous, glaucous green, c. 45 × 35mm, bi-ternate, the divisions strongly and unevenly lobed, the lobes minutely apiculate. Flowers borne in few-flowered racemes. Bracts large, leaf-like and deeply lobed, becoming progressively

shorter, narrower and less lobed towards the apex of the raceme. Pedicels slender c. 15mm. Corolla c. 24mm long, deep blue (100B). Spur stout, straight, abruptly curved at the tip. Upper petals hooded, lower petals slightly longer, becoming reflexed. Inner petals creamy white with a dark tip. Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 240-1 and in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 408-410. Specimen [WSY0066119] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Corydalis sewerzowii

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr I L Betteridge, Ashby-de-la-Zouch on February 26, 2005.

Tuberous perennial herb, stems ascending to 140mm at anthesis, unbranched, glabrous, striate, somewhat angular, yellowish-green. Cauline leaves, alternate, grey-green, bloomed on the under-surface, entire, sessile, ovate to broad elliptic, 18 × 11mm, with a small, pointed, purple tip. Flowers borne in few-flowered racemes. Bracts large, similar to cauline leaves, exceeding the pedicels. Pedicels slender to 8mm. Corolla large to 38mm, bright yellow (14B or 14C) flushed with brown on the spur. Spur stout, incurved and obtuse. Upper and lower petals more or less same length, the upper hooded, the lower becoming strongly reflexed. Inner petals to c. 10mm with a dark red tip. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 408-410. Specimen [WSY0062796] and photographic slide [WSY0073709] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Crocus gilanicus

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr A M Edwards, Dorking, Surrey on October 16, 2004.

Cormous perennial, 60mm at anthesis, hysteranthous. Flowers solitary, perianth tubular below; perianth segments 6, more or less equal, to 30 × 8mm, narrowly elliptic, very shortly and bluntly acuminate, lavender (92B) becoming creamy at the base; throat cream, glabrous; tube 28 × 2mm, creamy-white; filaments to 5mm long, glabrous; anthers 7mm long, yellow; style 20mm, exceeding the anthers. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 423-424. Specimen [WSY0047245] and photographic slide [WSY0047246] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Crocus minimus* ‘Bavella’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr A M Edwards, Dorking, Surrey on March 20, 2004. Described in *RHS Extracts from the Proceedings*, 124: 111 (2000). Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 395-396. Specimen [WSY0046511] and photographic slide [WSY0046584] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Crocus serotinus* subsp. *salzmännii* f. *albus* ‘El Torcal’**

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by Mr R Rolfe, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire on October 16, 2004.

Cormous perennial, 120mm at anthesis, synanthous. Leaves several, glabrous, 110 × 1.5mm, dark green with greyish-green line along midvein. Flowers solitary, perianth tubular below with 6 equal segments to 40 × 15mm, elliptic-obovate, shortly blunt-acuminate, white, veins faintly pigmented; throat pubescent; tube to 70mm, white; bract hyaline, greenish-white to 35mm; filaments 7mm long, cream; anthers to 19mm long, yellow; style orange-red, thread-like, branched, almost equalling the anthers. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 403-404. Specimen [WSY0048066] and photographic slide [WSY0048067] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

× ***Cynodes Jumbo Micky grex 'Chantal'***

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr M Hopkinson, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire on October 2, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 57. Specimen [WSY0061187] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

× ***Cynodes Wine Delight grex 'Jem'***

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by Mr M Hopkinson, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire on November 1, 2003. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 112: 8-10.

Cymbidium Avalanches grex 'Jersey'

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on February 17, 2004. Description in *The Orchid Review* 112: 139.

Cymbidium Avranches grex 'Saint Helier'

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on March 22, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 179-80. Specimen [WSY0073439] and photographic slide [WSY0073440] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Cymbidium Avranches grex 'Victoria Village'

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on April 27, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 112: 265-6.

Cymbidium Coupe Point grex 'Trinity'

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on January 20, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 112: 137-8.

Cymbidium Mourier Point grex 'Victoria Village'

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on March 13, 2005.

The cut spike exhibited had twelve open yellow-green flowers with good substance; petals and sepals had faint red striations merging to red blotch at base. Overall flower size 140mm long, 150mm wide. Dorsal sepal 70mm long, 52mm wide, sepal 70mm long, 48mm wide; petal 75mm long, 47mm wide. Lip edged white speckled

deep red, callus yellow, 60mm long, 48mm wide, 45mm deep; column red-white, spotted red below, 42mm long; ovary green 62mm long.

***Cymbidium* Orchid Answers Yowie grex 'Chichester'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Orchid Answers, Chichester, West Sussex on January 20, 2004. Description in *The Orchid Review* **112**: 138.

***Cymbidium* Victor Hugo grex 'Havre Des Pas'**

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on February 15, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **113**: 179.

***Cynorkis* gigas 'Tideswell'**

Award of Merit and Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Mr J Hermans, Enfield, Middlesex on August 27, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **113**: 355.

Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *pubescens

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Dr C Lafong, Glenrothes, Fife on May 15, 2004.

Rhizomatous perennial with stems to 220mm. Leaves more or less alternate, 4/stem, sheathing at the base, pleated, downy-hairy (like the stems); the one leaf-like bract lanceolate, 50 × 15mm, acute. Flowers solitary; dorsal sepal *c.* 30 to 5mm, ventral sepal *c.* 30 × 10mm, both slightly twisted, pubescent at base; petals 2, spreading, linear-lanceolate, up to 50 × 5mm, twisted, pubescent at base; sepals and petals greyish-red (176A); labellum *c.* 33mm long, deeply pouched, with a small, ovate aperture 8mm wide with crenulate, rolled back margins, vivid yellow (12A), with red spots and streaks inside. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 400-1. Specimen [WSY0047767] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Cyrtanthus falcatus

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr A M Edwards, Dorking, Surrey on April 12, 2005.

Bulbous perennial. Leaves *c.* 290 × 33mm at anthesis, falcate, blunt-tipped, grooved but without obvious midrib, glabrous. Stem to *c.* 380mm, erect, abruptly curved at apex like the handle of an umbrella, thick, succulent and glabrous, pale at base becoming purple and brown further up. Flowers held in a pendulous umbel. Bracts papery, triangular, *c.* 30 × 15mm. Pedicels thick, fleshy, greenish-purple. Perianth trumpet-shaped, *c.* 60 × 12mm, fleshy. Exterior of tube orangey with paler and darker markings giving an overall impression of salmon-peach (31B), interior white striped red with a dark purple ring at the point where the lobes are met; lobes triangular *c.* 7 × 9mm, greenish. Ovary large, fleshy, green; stigma small, style slender; filaments inserted at base of lobes, anthers bright yellow. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **73**(4): 444-446. Specimen

[WSY0073449] and photographic slide [WSY0073450] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Dactylorhiza Madonna grex 'Sweetcorn'

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr C Lafong, Glenrothes, Fife, on May 7, 2005.

Rhizomatous perennial to 380mm tall. Stems single with up to 8 alternate leaves per stem. Leaves ovate to lanceolate with 3 strong parallel veins. Raceme dense to 100mm with 40-50 flowers. Flowers *c.* 15mm wide, lateral sepals 8 × 3mm and central petal 9mm long, lip 3-lobed, yellow (4D), spotted purple (59A). Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 448-449.

Dahlia 'Brian's Dream'

Award of Merit. Submitted by Mr B King, Blaby, Leicestershire on August 25 2004. Miniature Decorative. Inflorescence 95mm in diameter, florets cream (155D) at base, merging to pink (75C) at tips.

Dahlia 'Kelsea Carla'

Award of Merit. Submitted by Mr D Walker, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire on August 25 2004. Small Semi-cactus. Inflorescence 130mm in diameter, florets pink (70C) with yellow (12A) blends particularly towards the centre.

Dahlia 'Marston Lilac'

Award of Merit. Submitted by Mr F B Taylor, Taylor's Dahlias, Sale, Cheshire on October 2, 2003. Miniature decorative, flower diameter 80mm, flower colour bright purple-pink (closest to 74A).

Dahlia 'Mary's Jomanda'

Award of Merit. Submitted by Mr D Houghton, Askam-in-Furness, Cumbria on October 2, 2003. Miniature Ball. Flower diameter 95mm, petals brilliant pink (67B), lower petals turning paler (63D), streaked with brilliant pink (67B). Photographic slide [WSY0064732] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Dahlia 'Pacific Revival'

Award of Merit. Submitted by Mr J Wheatley, Bristol, Avon on September 22, 2004. Pompon. Inflorescence 40mm in diameter, inner florets pale pink (73D) with an arrow-shaped purple marking (72B); outer florets fading to white.

Dahlia 'Pearson's Benn'

Award of Merit. Submitted by Mr G Carey, Blackwood, Gwent on August 25, 2004. Small Semi-cactus. Inflorescence 140mm in diameter, florets red (45B).

***Dahlia* ‘Primrose Diane’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Mr D Walker, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire on August 25, 2004. Small Decorative. Inflorescence 120mm in diameter, florets yellow (1B).

***Dahlia* ‘Rhonda Suzanne’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Mr D Kent, Surrey Dahlias, Ashvale, Surrey on August 16, 2005. Pompon-flowered. Inflorescence 40mm in diameter, florets deep pink (closest to 72A) at the apex becoming very pale pink, yellow at the base, reverse white.

***Dahlia* ‘Tren Grove Millennium’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Winchester Growers Ltd, Penzance, Cornwall on September 9, 2004. Miniature Decorative. Inflorescence 155mm in diameter, florets yellow (4B).

***Dahlia* ‘Wanda’s Antares’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Mr L R Wright, Orsett, Essex on September 9, 2004. Large-flowered Decorative. Inflorescence 240mm in diameter, florets red (42A), darker in the centre (45A) with white blends.

***Dahlia* ‘Weston Tea Time’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Mr R Ainslie, Pitlessie, Fife on August 30, 2005. Miniature Cactus. Inflorescence 110mm in diameter, florets apricot (48A) merging to yellow (5B) at the base.

***Daphne cneorum* var. *pygmaea* ‘Alba’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr C Lafong, Glenrothes, Fife on May 7, 2005.

Dwarf shrub to 80mm × 300mm as seen. Prostrate, branching. Leaves alternate lanceolate 18 × 6mm. Flowers fragrant, white (155D) 8-10mm long × 10mm across in terminal cluster of 6-12 flowers. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 449-450. Specimen [WSY0072094] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Daphne* × *hendersonii* ‘Kath Dryden’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mrs K N Dryden, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire on April 12, 2005.

Compact evergreen shrub. Shoots angled, red-brown; some appressed, white, eglandular hairs evident especially round the nodes. Leaves densely clustered, alternate, narrowly oblanceolate, to 16 × 3mm, obtuse at apex, lacking a stalk but tapered to the base, dark green and somewhat glossy on upper surface, paler on underside except at margins and along the midrib. Flowers in terminal clusters of c. 5. Hypanthium narrowly tubular, 9 × 2mm, purplish-red (61A) but densely

covered in appressed white hairs; lobes broadly elliptic to suborbicular, deep pink (68A) marked deep purplish-red (61A) near to the lobe auricles and on the reverse. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 413-414. Specimen [WSY0066135] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Daphne* × *hendersonii* ‘Solferino’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr A R White, Blackthorn Nursery, Alresford, Hampshire on April 17, 2004.

Evergreen shrub, 80 × 140mm as exhibited. Shoots angled, reddish-brown; with numerous, appressed or loosely spreading, white, eglandular hairs. Leaves alternate, oblanceolate, 12-18 × 4.0-4.5mm, obtuse and mucronate at apex, not stalked but tapered to the base, margins recurved, hairless, moderate olive green (137A), more clustered towards apex of shoots. Flowers in terminal clusters of c. 6. Hypanthium narrowly tubular, 10 × 2mm, densely covered in appressed or loosely spreading, white hairs; sepals narrowly to broadly elliptic, c. 4mm long, obtuse, strong purplish-pink (63C) in bud, fading to very pale purple (69C) on opening. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 397-398. Specimen [WSY0046538] and photographic slide [WSY0070119] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Daphne* *gemmata

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mrs K N Dryden, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire on April 12, 2005.

Spreading evergreen shrub, 450mm high as seen. Leaves green, glabrous, obovate to elliptic-cuneate, minutely mucronate with a short slender petiole, to 30 × 10mm. Stems with covering of short, white, soft, eglandular hairs. Flowers without fragrance, borne in dense terminal clusters. Hypanthium narrowly tubular to 10 × 1.5mm, greenish-yellow, diffusing to the lobes; lobes 4 × 3mm, inrolled at the edges forming a hood, golden-yellow (12A). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 443-444. Specimen [WSY0066136] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Daphne* *petraea* ‘Cima Tombea’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr I Robertson, Shaftesbury, Dorset on April 17, 2004.

Evergreen shrub, 50 × 180mm as exhibited. Shoots angled, dark reddish-brown, with sparse, appressed or loosely spreading, white, eglandular hairs. Leaves alternate, narrowly obovate to oblanceolate, 5-9 × 2.0-2.5mm, obtuse and sometimes bluntly apiculate, margins flat, hairless, tapered below to a short purple petiole c. 1mm long, dark bluish-green (133A). Flowers in small terminal heads (of c. 3 flowers). Hypanthium narrowly tubular, c. 10 × 2.0-2.5mm, densely covered in short, white, often wavy, spreading to appressed hairs; sepals broadly ovate, c. 3mm

long, strong purplish-red (71D). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 419-20. Specimen [WSY0046528] and photographic slide [WSY0070120] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Daubenya aurea* var. *coccinea

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on February 15, 2005.

Bulbous perennial. Leaves two, strap-shaped, tapering at either end, acute, 100 × 45mm, dark green, glabrous, veins channelled. Flowers borne on a compact corymb subtended by two ranks of obovate bracts, pale yellow (4C) flushed with red at the tips, the outer c. 30 × 20mm, the inner smaller. Peduncle not visible. Pedicels stout to 5mm. Flowers bright red (closest to 43A), those on the outside 2-lipped, lower lip with three lobes the central of which is largest, to 40 × 15mm; upper lip three-lobed, each lobe linear, to 4 × 1.5mm. Inner flowers almost regular with linear perianth segments to 3mm. Stamens prominent; filaments to 5mm, anthers oblong to 3mm, bright yellow (13A). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 428-430. Photographic slide [WSY0075394] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dendrobium chrysocrepis* 'Herrenhausen'**

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Herrenhausen Garden, Hanover, Germany on June 25, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 297-8.

***Dianthus* 'Anders Victoria Turner'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Raised by Mr A Derrick, Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire and exhibited by Mr B Gamble, Welton, East Yorkshire on July 12, 2005. Garden pink: purplish-pink ground with deep purplish-red flecks.

Dianthus brevicaulis

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr A R Furness, Hexham, Northumberland on May 15, 2004.

Perennial forming a domed clump, 60 × 190mm as exhibited. Leaves linear-lanceolate, blade c. 11 × 1mm, acute at apex, with a conspicuous midvein and submarginal veins below, margins with numerous, very small, short, spreading teeth; leaf broadens considerably below to clasp the stem. Flowering stems c. 35mm tall, with several pairs of leaves. Epicalyx segments 4, up to 12mm long, abruptly contracted into a long acuminate apex, lower parts with a broad hyaline margin. Calyx c. 15mm long, green, teeth with hyaline margins and pale veins. Flowers c. 15mm wide, deep purplish-pink (72D), margins shortly and irregularly toothed, upper surface sparsely hairy. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 432-3. Specimen [WSY0046531] and photographic slide [WSY0047042] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dianthus* ‘Camilla West’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr Woodfield, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire on July 17, 2004. Perpetual-flowering carnation: pale pink.

***Dianthus* ‘Chesswood Phil Dalby’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by raised by Mr D Cottam, Colne, Lancashire on July 12, 2005. Border carnation: white ground, edged pink.

***Dianthus* ‘Clifford Princess’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr Woodfield, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire on May 24, 2004. Perpetual-flowering carnation: crimson.

***Dianthus* ‘Eleanor Parker’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr B Burrow, Lancaster on April 17, 2004.

Perennial forming a tight clump, 20 × 90mm as exhibited. Flowers *c.* 15 × 10mm, rounded, solitary. Epicalyx segments up to 8mm long, elliptic, abruptly narrowed to an acuminate apex, upper margins hyaline and tinged purple. Calyx *c.* 11mm long, with conspicuous longitudinal veins, teeth shortly ciliate, green flushed purple above. Petals sugar-pink, slightly darker in bud, margins entire. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 424-425. Specimen [WSY0046539] and photographic slide [WSY0047044] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dianthus* ‘Olive Tolley’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr Woodfield, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire on July 17, 2004. Perpetual-flowering carnation: salmon-pink.

***Dianthus* ‘Sutton Brierley Grace’**

Award of Merit. Raised by Mr M Newby, Sutton-in-Ashfield and exhibited by Mr A Derrick, Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire on July 12, 2005. Garden pink: pink ground, with a crimson eye. Photographic slide [WSY0051732] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dianthus* ‘Sutton Olivia Newby’**

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited by Mr M Newby, Sutton-in-Ashfield on June 21, 2005. Garden pink: white self.

***Dicentra* ‘King of Hearts’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr C Lafong, Glenrothes, Fife on May 7, 2005.

Plant to 250mm, clump forming. Leaves bipinnatifid to 120mm, leaflets opposite then alternate with each leaflet deeply toothed. 6-16 flowers in each raceme. Flowers

15mm across \times 25mm long, pink (63B) with calyx and petal tip (59A) in racemes up to 250mm tall. Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 241 and in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 414. Specimen [WSY0072096] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Dionysia bazoftica

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs P Ranson, Chippenham, Wiltshire on March 13, 2004.

Cushion-forming perennial, 20 \times 70mm as exhibited. Leaves in loose basal rosettes, 8-9 \times 2.5mm, blade more or less elliptic, obtuse at apex, sinuate dentate, tapering gradually to a long broad petiole, with thick lateral veins and numerous, long, white, flexuous, eglandular hairs, some shorter, gland-tipped hairs and some denser, white, cobwebby hairs on young growth, moderate yellowish-green (138A). Scape 1-flowered. Corolla c. 18 \times 10mm, with a long very slender tube abruptly expanded around the anthers just below the spreading lobes, tube tinged violet at base, greenish-yellow at apex, lobes violet (N87D), with some white, cobwebby hairs externally. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 410-411. Specimen [WSY0046517] and photographic slide [WSY0047037] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dionysia* 'Bernd Wetzel'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs P Ranson, Chippenham, Wiltshire on February 26, 2005.

Cushion-forming perennial, 25 \times 50mm as exhibited. Leaves mid-green in dense basal rosettes to c. 8mm across, obovate, c. 4 \times 2mm, toothed in the upper half with blunt triangular teeth, both surfaces with bristly, white, stellate hairs. Scape thread-like, 7mm longer than leaves, 1-flowered. Corolla c. 5 \times 3mm with a short tube; lobes and tube uniform yellow (7B). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 430-432. Specimen [WSY0062795] and photographic slide [WSY0073708] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dionysia* 'Ewesley Gamma'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs P Ranson, Chippenham, Wiltshire on February 26, 2005.

Cushion-forming perennial, 26 \times 50mm as exhibited. Leaves mid-green in dense basal rosettes, to c. 10mm across, oblong to oblanceolate, c. 9 \times 3mm, slightly tapered to an obtuse apex, entire, the margins fringed with numerous, uniformly short, gland-tipped hairs, veins dark, prominent. Scape c. 5mm, longer than leaves, 1-flowered, with a whorl of erect, narrowly ovate bracteoles to 4mm. Calyx divided almost to the base into narrow segments c. 6mm long, light green, glandular-hairy on the margins. Corolla c. 12mm across, tube long and narrow, dark violet becoming greenish-yellow towards apex with short hairs. Lobes notched, light purple (76B).

Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **73**(4): 406-407. Specimen [WSY0062794] and photographic slide [WSY0073711] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dionysia* 'Göteborg'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs P Ranson, Chippenham, Wiltshire on February 26, 2005.

Cushion-forming perennial, 40 × 200mm as exhibited. Leaves mid-green in lax basal rosettes to 15mm across, oblong, entire, blunt-pointed with scattered, very short hairs. Scape short, hidden by leaves. Corolla purple (78C) with a white eye, c. 10mm across, sparsely hairy; tube long, slender, expanding around the style towards the apex and contracted again beneath the lobes; lobes notched. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **73**(4): 432-433. Specimen [WSY0062793] and photographic slide [WSY0073707] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Dionysia* *iranica

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr B Burrow, Lancaster on March 13, 2004.

Cushion-forming perennial, 20 × 80mm as exhibited. Leaves in dense basal rosettes, broadly elliptic to slightly obovate, c. 9 × 3mm, obtuse at apex, entire, with scattered, very short, erect hairs and very slender lateral veins. Scapes 1-flowered. Corolla c. 19 × 7mm, with a long tube only slightly expanded around anthers at apex right below the spreading lobes, tube uniformly yellow and with numerous, short reflexed hairs, lobes brilliant greenish-yellow (6A). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 411-413. Specimen [WSY0046514] and photographic slide [WSY0047028] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dionysia* 'Manuela'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs P Ranson, Chippenham, Wiltshire on March 13, 2004.

Cushion-forming perennial, 20 × 110mm as exhibited. Leaves in dense rosettes, oblong, c. 6 × 2mm, slightly tapered to an obtuse apex, with the apical margins recurved, entire or very shortly sinuate dentate at apex, with numerous, short, often gland-tipped, spreading hairs. Scape c. 5mm, 2-flowered, with a whorl of erect, narrowly ovate bracteoles almost hiding the calyces which are divided almost to base into narrow segments c. 3.5mm long, green, with very dense white cobwebby hairs around the margins. Corolla c. 13 × 4mm, with a long slender tube, greenish-yellow towards apex, expanding around the anthers towards the apex and contracted again beneath the lobes, sparsely hairy, lobes light purple (84B). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 409-410. Specimen

[WSY0046523] and photographic slide [WSY0047038] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

× ***Doritaenopsis* Minho Princess grex 'Stanwell'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr P White, Banbury, Oxfordshire on June 25, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **113**: 295.

× ***Doritaenopsis* Ruey Lih Beauty grex 'Stanwell'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr P White, Banbury, Oxfordshire on June 25, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **113**: 296.

Erigeron chrysopsidis* var. *brevifolius

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr A R Furness, Hexham, Northumberland on May 15, 2004.

Perennial forming a neat clump, 20 × 120mm as exhibited. Stems branched below, with numerous linear to very narrowly spatulate leaves loosely crowded towards base, up to c. 20 × 1.5mm, with numerous, white, erecto-patent, eglandular hairs. Flower stems exceeding leaves by c. 20mm. Involucral bracts narrowly lanceolate, c. 5mm long, appressed, acuminate, dark green, with pale green hyaline margins, densely hairy. Capitulum c. 15mm wide, with ray florets c. 5mm long, brilliant yellow (13B). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 433-434. Specimen [WSY0046530] and photographic slide [WSY0047043] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Euadenia eminens

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on March 9, 2004.

Evergreen shrub to 2m in height, in flower from January to May. Leaves trifoliate, petiole <250mm, leaflets <160 × 70mm, side leaflets elliptic-obovate, terminal leaflet obovate; all leaflets with prominent veins. Inflorescence terminal with more than 30 flowers per inflorescence, opening inwards. Flower stalk up to 40mm, having extended and become pendent as the flower opens; flowers face outwards at maturity and are yellow-green (150B/C). Specimen [WSY0047769] and photographic slide [WSY0052027] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Eucomis* 'Pink Gin'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Avon Bulbs, Mid Lambrook, Somerset on September 14, 2004.

Height up to 1m in full sun. Grown in full sun, cut from open ground in Somerset, clay-rich soil. It was suggested the cultivar was a hybrid between purple-flowered/leaved *E. comosa* and *E. pallidiflora* having flowers with long pedicels; these hybrids have immense hybrid vigour and generally stand up well. Distinct and commendable colour. Flowering stem 550mm (including inflorescence), 20mm in

diameter, robust, slightly twisting becoming quite ridged in inflorescence, very pale green becoming strongly flushed purple toward and within inflorescence. Inflorescence 450mm long, 80mm wide at base, 90mm at top, club-shaped, cylindrical. Coma of bracts (c. 25), 60mm in diameter, mid green (144A flushed 146B), lanceolate, 40mm long, 15mm wide. Pedicel 40mm long, 2mm in diameter, stiff, grey-brown (199A) flushed bright pinkish-purple (78B). Perianth 15mm diam., 6 ovate lobes, grey pinkish-purple (156C) flushed green on reverse, lobes tipped with pale yellow, ovary, stigma and filaments prominent, dark purple (187B), anthers yellow. Perianth at anthesis has white centre with purple (78B) lobes, darker tone on reverse. Bracts small 10mm long 3mm wide, lanceolate, purple (187B). Specimen [WSY0048062] and photographic slide [WSY0048063] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Eucomis vandermerwei

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Avon Bulbs Ltd, Somerset on September 14, 2004.

Bulbous perennial with several spreading, thick, hairless, narrowly lanceolate leaves, c. 200 × 26mm, margins entire but with narrow strongly wavy edges, slightly greyish-green and variably blotched dull purple (the blotching mostly in the form of coalescing spots which are smaller and redder on the underside of the thick main vein towards the base). Scapes solitary, terete, short, the whole inflorescence c. 125mm tall. Flowers borne in a dense cylindrical raceme, overtopped by a cluster of leafy, narrowly ovate bracts, c. 25 × 7mm, blotched like the leaves. Bracts subtending flowers lanceolate, smaller (14 × 3.5mm), tinged purplish. Flowers shortly pedicellate, corolla narrowly campanulate, c. 12 × 16mm, divided almost to base into 6 strap-shaped, obtuse segments c. 2.5mm broad, each with a minutely papillate apex, dark red (59A). Stamens erect, filaments greenish, expanded towards base where they are united in a shallow ring. Ovary and style banded green and purplish-green. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 419-420. Specimen [WSY0066161] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Euphorbia amygdaloides* ‘Craigieburn’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr R Webb, Droitwich, Worcestershire on February 17, 2004. Specimen [WSY0046537] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Euphorbia pugniformis

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Dr & Mrs M Shearer, Bitterne, Hampshire on April 17, 2004. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 447-448. Photographic slide [WSY0050826] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Fritillaria alfredae* subsp. *glaucoviridis

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr A M Edwards, Dorking, Surrey on March 20, 2004.

Bulbous perennial with stems 100-210mm. Leaves alternate, 60-90mm long, glaucous; basal very broadly elliptic, stem leaves lanceolate. Flowers narrowly campanulate, with slightly spreading tips, 25 × 15mm, greyish yellow-green (148C) outside, brilliant yellow-green (149C) inside. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 416-417. Photographic slide [WSY0047047] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Fritillaria camschatcensis* f. *flavescens

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr A R Furness, Hexham, Northumberland on May 21, 2005.

Bulbous perennial to 300mm at anthesis. Basal leaves absent, most stems with two whorls of 5 stem leaves, 60-70 × 12-13mm, sessile, ovate-lanceolate, blunt-tipped shiny green, paler on the underside. Flowers usually 3 per stem forming a loose raceme. Pedicels to 6mm subtended by a single sessile, ovate-lanceolate bract to 40 × 10mm. Flowers campanulate, nodding to horizontal, c. 35 × 35mm. Perianth segments six, obovate to oblanceolate, yellow-green (151A) inside and out. Filaments and style sharing the colour of the perianth, pollen pale. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 414-415. Specimen [WSY0072092] and photographic slide [WSY0073700] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Fritillaria* 'Canmore Park'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr R Maxwell, Kemnay, Aberdeenshire on April 17, 2004.

Hairless, bulbous perennial. Stems to 260mm, with 1-2 flowers. Leaves scattered up the stem, all linear, middle and lower leaves alternate, up to 140 × 17mm, three uppermost leaves in a whorl below the flower, narrower, 90 × 8mm. Perianth pendent, 40 × 25mm, with a pronounced shoulder and more or less straight sides, tips not flared. Perianth segments oblanceolate to obovate, rounded at apex, 12-15mm wide, outside dark red (187A), lightly tessellated, inside green with purple markings; nectaries green, ovate, located in the shoulder of the flower; stigma trifid; pollen cream. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 426. Specimen [WSY0046082] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Fritillaria japonica* var. *koidzumiana

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on February 17, 2004.

Bulb with a slender, solitary stem to c. 120mm, nodding at apex, reddish below, green above. Basal leaves with a reddish petiole c. 30mm long and broadly elliptic blades up to 70mm long, green with paler mottling. Stem leaves several, lanceolate to narrowly lanceolate, glossy green. Flowers terminal, solitary, pendent, campanulate with squared shoulders, c. 20 × 20mm; perianth segments oblong,

c. 22×8 -11mm, broadly obtuse at apex, inner shortly fringed; ground colour off-white with the outside slightly mottled/chequered pale green and purplish-pink (with darker spots on the angles of the shoulders), more or less unmarked at tips, inside heavily marked dark reddish-purple at base, the markings reduced in mid segment and absent from apices except around rim; nectary furrow extending down central $\frac{2}{3}$ of each segment, yellowish at apex, green below, fringed. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 390-391. Specimen [WSY0046088] and photographic slide [WSY0047005] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Fritillaria kotschyana* ‘Craigton Max’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr F Hunt, Dundee, Angus on March 20, 2004.

Bulbous perennial. Stem solitary, to 250mm. Leaves 5-7, alternate, oblanceolate, up to 125×40 mm, with 3-7 longitudinal veins, glossy green; uppermost leaf lanceolate, 37×7 mm. Flowers solitary, broadly campanulate, with a distinct 'shoulder' and strongly recurved tips, 60×30 mm. Perianth segments in two whorls of 3, 50×17 mm, outer light yellow-green (145B) with a narrow dark red (183A) tessellated edge, inner with a green central stripe and a 5mm wide tessellated edge; nectaries ovate, black (situated in shoulder of the flower); stamens 6, pollen cream; style trifid. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 414-415. Specimen [WSY0046534] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Fritillaria michailovskyi* ‘Gold Bells’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr F Hunt, Dundee, Angus on March 26, 2005.

Bulbous perennial to 110mm. Stem leaves 5-6, alternate, lanceolate, blunt-tipped, pale glaucous green to 70×18 mm. Bract single, 50×11 mm. Flowers 1-2 per stem, 25×25 mm, broadly pendent with a distinct shoulder. Perianth broadly campanulate, flared, yellow-green (151D); segments $25\text{mm} \times 9\text{mm}$, separate in distal two thirds. Nectaries lanceolate, pale green, 13mm long. Style trifid, pollen yellow. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 436-437. Specimen [WSY0066120] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Gaillardia* ‘Saint Clements’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mrs R Hardy, Whitchurch, Hampshire on September 14, 2004.

Erect habit to 600mm. Good cut flower. Long flowering season, re-blooming continuously. Stem leaves to 80mm long, alternate, lanceolate, sessile, clasping stem, densely pubescent. Flowerhead 70mm diameter, capitula 30mm diam. Disc florets centre pale orange (24A), outer florets tipped dark red (45B). Ray florets up to 20 arranged spirally in 2 rows, 30mm long 28mm wide, broad 3-lobed, orange

(28B) with orange yellow (17A) tips. Phyllaries 10mm long, fine lanceolate, hairy, in 2 to 3 rows, pale green. Specimen [WSY0046507] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Galanthus* ‘Kildare’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr R Mackenzie, Shilton, Oxfordshire on February 15, 2005.

Bulbous perennial. Leaves narrowly oblanceolate *c.* 150 × 12mm at anthesis, rather deep green (closest to 137B), somewhat paler on underside and with bloom on both surfaces. Margins minutely recurved at base, tip small, white, blunt and unhooded. Scape to 130mm. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 426-427. Specimen [WSY0062799] and photographic slide [WSY0062800] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Galanthus nivalis* (Sandersii Group) ‘Janet Aspland’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr V A Aspland, Stourbridge, West Midlands on February 26, 2005.

Bulbous perennial. Leaves linear-lanceolate becoming falcate, *c.* 60 × 4mm at anthesis, upper surface mid-green (closest to 138A), somewhat paler on the underside and with bloom on both surfaces. Margins with a minute silver line, tip prominent, white, blunt and unhooded. Scape *c.* 55mm, yellowish-green, straight. Spathe *c.* 40mm, pale green, yellow at the base, slightly exceeded by the pedicel, with a white, hooded tip. Pedicels straight, bending at apex, pale green at the base becoming yellow. Flowers single, solitary, ovaries top-shaped to suborbicular (7 × 6mm), yellow (13C), rounded at base, rather sharply contracted at apex. Outer segments pure white, narrowly boat-shaped, *c.* 25 × 9mm with a distinct claw (*c.* 2.5mm wide at base), margins decurved, apex hooded; inner segments forming an obconical ‘tube’, each segment 12 × 9mm, outside marked with deep yellow (3C), V-shaped apical mark diffusing into yellow streaks especially on veins; apical notch wide and fairly deep; inside of inner segments with central veins marked yellow from base to apex, becoming V-shaped around the notch. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 433-435. Photographic slide [WSY0073706] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Galanthus plicatus* ‘Sophie North’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Dr E Stevens, Dunblane, Perthshire on February 21, 2004.

Leaves oblong, 100 × 25mm at anthesis, deep green with a glaucous bloom and narrowly plicate margins. Scapes somewhat triangular in section, 120mm tall. Spathe and pedicel 45mm long, erect. Flowers solitary, single. Outer perianth segments 30 × 20mm, white (155D); inner segments 15 × 10mm, with strong yellow-green (143B) markings extending from base to apex on a white ground, strongly notched at apex: the mark a narrow apical V-shape with a broad band

running almost to the base of the segment, waisted just above where it joints the V-marking. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 391. Specimen [WSY0046513] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Galanthus rizehensis* Baytop 34474**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr R Mackenzie, Shilton, Oxfordshire on February 15, 2005.

Bulbous perennial. Leaves somewhat glaucous green, bloomed, 170 × 20mm, margins subrevolute to revolute. Scapes to 150mm, somewhat slender. Spathe c. 40mm long, rather straight, clearly exceeding the pedicel, colour matching the scape, slightly bloomed towards tips, tips pale, very small. Pedicels straight, recurved at apex. Flowers single, solitary, ovaries top-shaped (8 × 5mm), rather pale, rounded at base, slightly contracted at apex. Outer segments broadly boat-shaped, 22 × 12mm with a distinct claw (c. 2.5mm wide at base), margins rather weakly decurved, apex hooded, pure white, inner segments forming an obconical 'tube', each segment 11 × 6mm, very slightly flared at apex, outside with thick, shallow, deep green, V-shaped apical mark on a white ground; apical notch narrow and fairly shallow; inside of inner segments with green veins from base to apex. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4):427-428.

***Galanthus* 'Spindlestone Surprise'**

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by Dr R Mackenzie, Shilton, Oxfordshire on February 17, 2004. Described in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 386. Photographic slide [WSY0050822] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Gasteria nitida* var. *armstrongii

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr T Morris, Hinckley, Leicestershire on August 24, 2004. It was noted that this individual plant was probably more than 30 years old and that this variety was equally well suited to both windowsill and greenhouse cultivation.

***Gentiana* 'Compact Gem'**

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by Mr I Leslie, Mynydd Llandygai, Gwynedd on October 16, 2004.

Herbaceous perennial. Stems pale, ascending. Leaves opposite, to 25 × 2mm, lanceolate, sessile, acute, subglabrous, connate for 3mm. Flowers terminal, solitary; calyx in 5 sections from base, equal, linear with a prominent dark, midvein; corolla to 45 × 25mm, sessile, obconic to funnelform, 5-lobed; corolla lobes to 6mm wide, triangular, mucronate and dark blue (99B-D) marked with a central streak of yellow-green, spotted blue and with a blue vein along the middle; plicae terminating in sharp point to 2mm; stamens inserted on corolla lobes; filaments to 8mm, winged at base; anthers 2mm, yellow; style 10mm; stigma 3mm, linear. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 402-403. Specimen

[WSY0048068] and photographic slide [WSY0048069] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Gladiolus imbricatus

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Prof. A J Richards, Hexham, Northumberland on June 19, 2004.

Hairless, cormous perennial. Stems 400mm tall. Leaves linear-lanceolate, *c.* 8mm broad, with raised longitudinal veins. Flowers *c.* 7, in fairly dense, one-sided spike; each flower subtended by two bracts (broad at base but narrowed to a long linear apex), up to 36mm long, suffused purple. Flowers 30 × 10mm; tube strongly curved at base, segments conspicuously clawed, purple-violet (N80A), with base of petals purple (N79A) and inside of lower petal violet-blue (91C); anthers shorter than filaments. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 436-7. Specimen [WSY0048222] and photographic slide [WSY0048223] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Grammatophyllum elegans* ‘Berggarten’**

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Herrenhausen Garden, Hanover, Germany on June 25, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 298-9.

Guzmania lingulata

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on April 12, 2005. Specimen [WSY0066115] and photographic slide [WSY0066116] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Haworthia magnifica* var. *splendens

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr & Mrs T Smale on August 24, 2004. Although initially discovered in the 1920s, this variety did not get into general cultivation until the 1990s when it was rediscovered in South Africa and named.

***Hedera pastuchovii* ‘Ann Ala’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Fibrex Nurseries, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire on November 12, 2004.

This plant represents the first introduction into cultivation of the Caucasian species of ivy, *H. pastuchovii*. It was collected in the Caspian Forest area of Iran in December 1972 by C R Lancaster (A & L 26) from a population of the very variable species and named for Ann Ala whose husband was working as a surgeon in Iran. It differs from the species in the very elongated unlobed leaves. A hardy, climbing, evergreen plant with widely spaced internodes. Leaves leathery, dark green with paler veins above, narrowly ovate, base cuneate to shallow cordate, apex long tapered, 40-100 × 20-45mm, petiole reddish-brown 10-30mm long. Further

information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 240. Specimen [WSY0050808] and photographic slide [WSY0050809] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Hermannia coccocarpa

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr & Mrs M Sheader, Bitterne, Hampshire on April 17, 2004.

Prostrate plant, 60 × 250mm as exhibited, the whole plant with numerous, very short, gland-tipped hairs. Upper leaves alternate, elliptic, c. 20 × 7mm, with several deep, wavy-edged lobes, truncate at base, short-stalked and subtended by 2 broadly ovate, connate, acuminate stipules. Peduncles borne opposite the upper leaves, 1-2 flowered, c. 30mm long, reddish, with a pair of connate bracteoles. Flowers nodding. Calyx broadly campanulate, c. 6 × 8mm, divided to just over ½-way with long acuminate teeth, green, with darker veining. Corolla c. 9-10 × 10-11mm, broadly campanulate, white, edges flushed blue (N109A) with darker blue marks towards base of corolla; buds white, flushed light violet (91A). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 422-423. Specimen [WSY0046540] and photographic slide [WSY0047045] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Heuchera* 'White Spires'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mrs R Hardy, Whitechurch, Hampshire on May 24, 2004.

Foliage green to 200mm height, flower height 600mm, white-green, elegantly spaced on spike, complements foliage well. Good as cut flower. Introduced in 1997. Specimen [WSY0046626] and photographic slide [WSY0046627] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Hyacinthella dalmatica

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on March 15, 2005.

Hairless, bulbous perennial. Leaves 2-3, c. 55 × 6mm, canaliculate with raised veins on the underside forming ridges, dark green flushed red at the base, curved, abruptly constricted at the apex forming a blunt, hooded point. Stems greenish-yellow 45mm with a terminal spike to c. 15mm. Flowers urceolate c. 3.5mm × 2mm on slender pedicels to 2mm, dark blue (105B) on the lobes, suffusing into pale blue (106B) on the tube. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 436. Specimen [WSY0062791] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Illicium simonsii

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on March 4, 2004. Specimen [WSY0046508] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Iris* ‘Apricot Drops’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mrs O Wells, Maidstone, Kent on May 18, 2004.

Miniature tall bearded. Spreading, vigorous plant, erect, glaucous foliage 540 × 20mm. Straight, erect stems to 660mm, each bearing up to 4 medium, well proportioned flowers. Standards 60 × 39mm, cupped, arching, oblong, wrinkled, pale apricot, near to yellow-orange (19B) with yellow wash particularly round the lower margin, delicate pink wash around midrib. Haft almost translucent with pale maroon veining. Drooping, spatulate, creped falls, 63 × 40mm, greyed orange (165C), tinged with pink towards centre. Haft veined with grey orange (164B), interspersed with orange white (159C). Erect style branches, close on haft, yellow-orange (15D), pink-tinged. Large, elongated, pointed crest, yellow-orange (15C), paling to yellow (12D) around midrib. Inconspicuous beard, deep orange-yellow at base, paling to pale yellow at tip. Flowering 8 May to 4 June. Specimen [WSY0051619] and photographic slide [WSY0056333] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Iris* × *autosyndetica

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mrs T A Blanco White, London on April 12, 2005.

***Iris* ‘Lancer’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr B Baughen, Orpington, Kent on May 11, 2004. Arilbred. Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 238.

***Iris* ‘Nico’**

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on January 20, 2004. Described in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 442-3.

***Iris rosenbachiana* ‘Tovil-Dara’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr B Walker, Solihull, West Midlands on February 26, 2005.

Bulbous perennial with stems to 170mm. Leaves four, little expanded to 90mm at anthesis, glabrous (138B), lanceolate, somewhat falcate with slightly thickened margins. Stem short, not visible. Tube c. 70mm, purple (79C). Standards descending, small, obovate-cuneate, frilled and undulating at the margins, violet-purple (83C). Style crests upright, broadly obovate, frilled and undulate in the last third, notched, violet-purple (83A) becoming paler in the centre. Falls, obovate-cuneate, sharply reflexed in the last third, violet (85B) edged with purple (79B) with a dark violet-purple tip and with a central, linear, yellow (13B) marking. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 407-408. Specimen [WSY0073710] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Iris unguicularis* 'Bob Thompson'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Lady Skelmersdale, Broadleigh Gardens, Taunton, Somerset on January 31, 2004.

Perianth tube longer than 120mm (full length not seen). Standards 65-70 × 23-26 mm, spatulate, erect or slightly arching, violet (87A-88A) with darker veining (89A); haft brownish-violet (183A-187A) along the midvein, shading to or mottled reddish on the edges. Falls 63-75 × 24-26mm, spatulate, horizontal to flaring, the blade coloured slightly darker than the standards (87A-89A), with a yellow signal (12A-14A) edged by white, haft white with dark purple (81A) veining and a central line of greenish-yellow (150A), shading into the signal. Style branches deeply two-lobed, the lobes 15-20 × 2-3mm, slightly fringed at the apex, pale violet (88C) and becoming paler towards the base (81C). Photographic slide [WSY0047773] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Kennedia nigricans

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on March 9, 2004.

Scrambling evergreen climber usually in flower from February to May. Leaves trifoliate with terminal leaflet 4-5 times larger than others; dark green (137C) and slightly glaucous beneath. Flowers in pairs, almost black, (considerably darker than N92A) with yellow green markings (150B-C). Style and filaments white flushed with pale pink, the pink increasing in intensity towards the tip. Photographic slide [WSY0052030] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Kunzea baxteri

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by Tresco Abbey Garden, Isles of Scilly on January 18, 2005.

Evergreen shrub. Grey-green oblong leaves, to 20 × 2.5 mm, with a fine margin of short white hairs, radiating from a pale brown stem with slightly flaking bark. Brilliant scarlet callistemon-like red flowers (45A/B), becoming duller (45C/D) with age, in dense spikes to 55mm in width and length near ends of branches. Anthers pale yellow at the tip of the red filaments. A native of the south coast of Western Australia, this shrub can grow up to 3m in both height and width. The plants in Tresco Abbey Garden are currently small shrubs less than 1.5m high with a bushy, compact habit. They prefer to grow on rocky cliffs where there is not much soil and, although superficially similar, are not as hardy as *Callistemon*. Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 236.

Lachenalia contaminata

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on May 24, 2004.

Hairless bulbous perennial with numerous, linear basal leaves *c.* 30 × 8mm, tapered from base to apex, channelled in cross-section, dull green above, glossy below. Stems simple, erect or slightly geniculate at base, thick, 250 × 5mm, pale green densely spotted purple and with some parts tinged reddish. Inflorescence a dense, cylindrical spike, *c.* 90 × 25mm. Each flower subtended by a toothed, pale green, white-rimmed bract which is broader than long. Pedicels *c.* 2mm long, erect, white. Perianth campanulate, *c.* 10 × 14mm, with lobes spreading above, outer lobes *c.* 7 × 3.5mm, inner lobes *c.* 9 × 4mm, both essentially white but outer tinged green and red-purple towards apex (especially outside), inner similarly coloured but marking narrower. Filaments white. Style long, undivided, white. Flowers with a marzipan-like scent. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 401-403. Specimen [WSY0047757] and photographic slide [WSY0048213] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Lepanthes caprimulgus* 'Clare'**

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Mr J Hermans, Enfield, Middlesex on April 27, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 112: 265-266.

Lepanthes telipogoniflora

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Mr E Eyre, Retford, Nottinghamshire on September 14, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 56.

Leucocoryne narcissoides

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on April 6, 2004. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 446-447. Specimen [WSY0046510] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Lewisia leeana* 'Alba'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr C Lafong, Glenrothes, Fife on May 15, 2004.

Perennial, 350mm wide as exhibited, with rosettes of 30-40, succulent, linear leaves, each 70 × 5mm, occasionally with 1 or more short linear lobes at base. Stems up to 200mm, with irregular whorls of short leaves (20 × 3mm); inflorescence much-branched, each branch with up to 4 flowers. Sepals 2, more or less D-shaped, with a deep fringe of teeth each tipped with a red gland. Flowers 13mm wide, with 7-8, white (155D) petals; anthers pink/purple. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 427-428. Specimen [WSY0047766] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Lycaste fimbriata* 'Inge'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Elsner Orchideen, Wetztingen, Germany on March 13, 2005.

This species comes from Central America. The plant exhibited had nineteen pale green flowers on 150mm tall stems; bract green 50mm long. Overall flower size 80mm long, 60mm wide. Dorsal sepal 60mm long, 25mm wide, sepal 60mm long, 25mm wide; petal 50mm long, 17mm wide. Lip yellow with central paler callosity, 20mm long, 20mm wide; column white 20mm long; ovary 40mm long.

Malesherbia sibayensis

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by RHS Garden Wisley, Woking, Surrey on October 16, 2004.

Spreading perennial. Stems sprawling to 300mm long bearing many side shoots 30-50mm in length. Leaves more or less sessile, obovate to spatulate, undulate-sinuate in the top half, grey-green (191C), tomentose; unexpanded growth silver, velutinous. Flowers solitary on lateral hollow forming a tube 18 × 5mm, widening at the mouth, pinkish; perianth segments 4 outer, 4 inner, similar in appearance, borne on rim of receptacle, 8 × 3mm, notched, red (39B), becoming cream at the base; anthers 3mm long, yellow; styles 3, slender, exserted; stigma small, brown. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 420-421. Specimen [WSY0048072] and photographic slide [WSY0048073] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Malus* ‘Harry Baker’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr T E Read, Loddon, Norfolk on September 16, 2003. Specimen [WSY0043715] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Masdevallia manoloi* ‘Eva May’**

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Mr E Eyre, Retford, Nottinghamshire on January 18, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 118-119.

***Masdevallia* Purple Condor grex ‘Eva May’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr E Eyre, Retford, Nottinghamshire on March 13, 2005.

The plant exhibited had five flower spikes with three open flowers. Deep coloration and a good shape made this a very desirable improvement in *Masdevallia* breeding. The erect stems were 100mm tall, bract green 15mm long. Overall flower size 155mm long, 85mm wide tail to tail. The flowers were deep burgundy red, tails tapering to yellow. Dorsal sepal 80mm long, 14mm at its widest, sepal 80mm long, 15mm at widest; petal white 2mm long, 1mm wide. Lip red, hinged, 2mm wide, 2mm long; ovary green, 12mm long.

***Miltonia* Les Landes grex ‘Trinity’**

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on March 22, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 180.

Monodora myristica

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on April 12, 2005. Specimen [WSY0066132] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Muscari armeniacum* 'Gul'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr & Mrs R Wallace, Carmarthen, Dyfed on March 20, 2004.

Bulbous perennial. Leaves 140-190mm long. Stems purple at base, green towards apex, 140mm tall with a terminal spike 30mm long. Flowers urceolate, lowest deep purplish-pink (67C) at apex, the colour suffusing into tube, apical flowers white. Specimen [WSY0046527] and photographic slide [WSY0046578] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Myosotis albosericca

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr F Hunt, Dundee, Angus on May 15, 2004.

Tufted perennial, making a loose, silvery cushion of basal leaf rosettes (to 60mm high). Leaves narrowly spatulate, 35 × 5mm, covered in dense, silver, appressed hairs. Stems to 140mm, with up to 6 spatulate to broadly linear stem leaves. Flowers in a scorpioid cyme of up to 20 paired flowers. Calyx 5mm long, with 5 sharply pointed teeth. Corolla tube 8mm long, limb light greenish-yellow (3C). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 429-430. Specimen [WSY0047765] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus* 'Betty Mae'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mrs J Wyllie, Dunblane, Perthshire on February 21, 2004.

Cyclamineus; yellow. Leaves 175 × 9mm, erect to somewhat spreading, green. Scapes 165mm tall, compressed. Pedicels 11mm long. Spathe 25mm long. Flowers solitary, star-shaped, held slightly drooping, 41mm wide; perianth tube 8mm long, green. Perianth segments 19 × 8mm, twisted and slightly reflexed, brilliant yellow (7A); corona 19mm long, 11mm wide at base, 17mm wide at the flared, frilled mouth, brilliant yellow (7A); style exceeding stamens, held at the mouth of the corona. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 417-419. Specimen [WSY0045321] and photographic slide [WSY0060832] (Colour print with the International Daffodil Registrar) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus* 'Brooke Ager'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr B Duncan, Omagh, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland on April 6, 2004.

Large-cupped; white perianth segments and pink corona. Flower rounded, 73mm wide; perianth segments very broadly ovate in outline, blunt or rounded at apex, mucronate, white, with a slight suffusion of pink, spreading, slightly concave, or with margins incurling, with broad midrib showing, overlapping half; the inner segments less prominently mucronate; corona cup-shaped, ribbed, deep rose pink (32A), mouth straight, lobed, even, with rim crenate. Dwarf. Mid-season.

***Narcissus* ‘Carneary’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by the Northern Ireland Daffodil Group, Hillsborough, County Down on April 24, 2004.

Small-cupped; white perianth segments and yellow corona. Flower 102mm wide; perianth segments very broadly ovate, rounded at apex or somewhat truncate, only very slightly mucronate, yellowish-white 155B, somewhat reflexed, smooth, concave at apex, overlapping half or more; the inner segments narrower, more nearly spreading, sometimes creased at midrib; corona disc-shaped, vivid yellow 9A, with faint orange at rim at first, rim obscurely crenate. Tall. Late. Photographic slide [WSY0047341] (colour drawing with the International Daffodil Registrar) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus* ‘Dorchester’**

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by Mr B Duncan, Omagh, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland on April 12, 2005.

Double; white perianth segments and pink corona. Flower rounded; perianth and other petaloid segments in several whorls, white; the two outer whorls of about equal length, regularly superimposed, very broadly ovate, spreading or slightly inflexed, overlapping half or more; those at centre irregularly arranged, broad, strongly inflexed, with margins tightly incurled; corona segments short, clean pink, tightly frilled, clustered among the centre petaloid segments and more loosely arranged between the outer whorls. Early to mid-season. $2n=28$. Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 239.

***Narcissus* ‘Freedom Stars’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by the Northern Ireland Daffodil Group, Hillsborough, County Down on April 24, 2004.

Split-corona: collar; white perianth segments and white corona with a yellow base. Flowers 3-5 per stem, 60-70mm wide, facing slightly downwards; perianth segments broadly ovate, pure white, a little reflexed, smooth, deeply overlapping; the inner segments more nearly spreading; corona deeply split, the 6 segments closely overlying the corona, ribbed, white, shading to light greenish-yellow (3C) at base, lobed and frilled. Photographic slide [WSY0047353] (colour print with the International Daffodil Registrar) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus* 'Garden News'**

Award of Merit. Submitted by the Northern Ireland Daffodil Group, Hillsborough, County Down on April 24, 2004.

Small-cupped; yellow perianth segments and orange-red corona. Flower forming a double triangle, 115mm wide; perianth segments very broadly ovate, obscurely truncate, with slight white mucro, vivid yellow (9A), spreading, somewhat concave, with margins incurling at apex, smooth, regular, overlapping half; the inner segments a little more narrowly ovate; corona short broad funnel-shaped, ribbed, orange-red (30C), mouth straight, split in places and overlapping, frilled, with rim minutely crenate. Photographic slide [WSY0060693] (colour print with the International Daffodil Registrar) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus* 'Greenpark'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr B Duncan, Omagh, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland on May 23, 2005.

Poeticus; white perianth segments and green corona with an orange rim. Flowers 75mm wide; perianth segments very broadly ovate or somewhat roundish, slightly truncate, mucronate, white, with a narrow suffusion of yellow-green at base, spreading or somewhat reflexed, concave, with margins incurling, overlapping half; the inner segments more usually spreading; corona shallow bowl-shaped, narrow, lightly ribbed, dark emerald-green, sometimes with yellow-green above, with yellow-orange at rim, frilled. Very late. Scented.

Narcissus jacetanus

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs H Taylor, Dundee, Angus on February 21, 2004.

Leaves 120 × 9mm, erect, with a slight twist, glaucous, the inner surface with finely marked channels. Scapes 105mm tall, suberect, striate. Pedicels 9mm long. Spathe 14mm long. Flowers solitary, 39mm wide, held slightly erect; perianth tube 14mm long, green shading to yellow at outer edge; perianth lobes 19 × 10mm, slightly reflexed, brilliant greenish-yellow (6A); corona 18 × 20mm, toothed and lobed, brilliant greenish-yellow (6A); style exceeding stamens and held well within the corona. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 391-392. Specimen [WSY0046524] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Narcissus* × *koshinomurae

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr F Hunt, Dundee, Angus on March 20, 2004.

Bulbous perennial. Leaves 2-5/bulb, spreading, up to 350 × 3mm, channelled in cross-section, glossy green. Scape to 300mm, laterally compressed, with 1-3 flowers. Pedicels to 35mm long, green. Spathe 35mm long, papery. Ovary 5 × 3mm, green. Perianth 30mm wide; tube 15mm long, green; segments ovate, 17 × 10mm,

spreading, plane, with a mucronate tip, white (155A); corona cup-shaped, 7 × 9mm, wavy, pale greenish-yellow (10D); stamens 6, in two whorls, with golden pollen; style blunt-tipped. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 414. Specimen [WSY0046535] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus* ‘Mitzy’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr A J Leven, Dunblane on February 19, 2005.

Cyclamineus; white. Leaves 2-4 per bulb, 130 × 4mm, keeled, spreading. Scape a flattened ovoid with 2 opposite ribs, 160mm tall. Pedicel 11mm long, spathe 27 × 8mm scarious, ovate with mucronate tip. Ovary top-shaped, 5mm long. Flowers solitary, star-shaped, held slightly erect. Perianth lobes pale yellow (4D), 25 × 7mm, reflexed and mucronate. Corona yellow (5C), 26 × 8mm, cylindrical and ribbed, the mouth flared to 12mm and frilled, the rim flanged and dentate. Perianth tube 5mm long. Style simple, held within the corona, anthers 6, adpressed to style, pollen yellow. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 430. Specimen [WSY0062792] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus* ‘Pentire’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr R A Scamp, Quality Daffodils, Falmouth, Cornwall on April 6, 2004.

Split-corona: collar; yellow perianth segments and red corona. Flower 81mm wide; perianth segments very broadly ovate or somewhat oblong, squarish at apex, vivid yellow (12A), with whitish mucro, spreading or more or less reflexed, overlapping half; the inner segments narrower, square-shouldered at base; corona split to base, the 6 segments half the length and a third the width of the perianth segments, and closely overlying them, orange-red (25A), ribbed, deeply and irregularly lobed or sometimes more obviously bi-lobed. Mid-season.

***Narcissus* ‘Port Noo’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by the Northern Ireland Daffodil Group, Hillsborough, County Down on April 24, 2004.

Small-cupped; white-yellow. Flower 85mm wide, rounded; perianth segments very broad, truncate, only slightly mucronate, reflexed, concave, smooth, overlapping half or more; the inner segments roundish, more nearly spreading; corona shallow bowl-shaped, ribbed, brilliant greenish-yellow (4A), touched with white, mouth with six deeply overlapping lobes, frilled. Photographic slide [WSY0047384] (colour print with the International Daffodil Registrar) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus* ‘Ridgecrest’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Submitted by the Northern Ireland Daffodil Group, Hillsborough, County Down on April 24, 2004.

Small-cupped; white perianth segments and yellow corona, orange at rim. Flower rounded, 98mm wide; perianth segments very broadly ovate, blunt, spreading, with midrib showing, concave, overlapping half; the inner segments a little inflexed; corona shallow bowl-shaped, ribbed, brilliant yellow 7A, with a mottled band of orange and deeper yellow at rim, frilled. Mid-season. Photographic slide [WSY0047388] (colour print with the International Daffodil Registrar) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus viridiflorus* hybrids**

Botanical Certificate to a collection of unnamed hybrids for their novelty, exhibited by C M van Hage and W F Leenen & Sons, The Van Hage Garden Company, Ware, Hertfordshire on April 26, 2005.

***Narcissus* ‘Young Blood’**

Award of Merit. Submitted by Northern Ireland Daffodil Group, Hillsborough, County Down on April 24, 2004.

Large-cupped; white perianth segments and red corona. Flower 115mm wide; perianth segments broadly ovate, blunt or somewhat truncate, white, with a touch of bright yellow at base, spreading, a little concave, overlapping half; the inner segments more narrowly ovate, square-shouldered at base, slightly inflexed; corona bowl-shaped, ribbed, orange-red (28B), with mouth 6-lobed and wavy, rim crenate. Photographic slide [WSY0047409] (colour print with the International Daffodil Registrar) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Nepeta phylloclamys

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on May 24, 2004. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 448-450. Photographic slide [WSY0050834] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Nototriche macleanii

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr M Sheader, Bitterne, Hampshire on May 21, 2005.

Cushion-forming perennial to 40 × 160mm as seen. Rootstock much branched. Leaves spatulate, silvery hairy, to 37 × 14mm; lamina to 10 × 20mm deeply divided into 5, divisions with 2 lobes, lobes with occasional teeth, petiole winged from half to two thirds of length, wings culminating in linear strongly horizontal stipules to 7mm. Flowers to c. 35mm diameter, open, erect, borne singly above foliage. Calyx divided almost to the base, lobes somewhat irregular, fringed by soft white hairs. Petals 5, broad strap-shaped, c. 30 × 10mm, notched at the apex, pink violet (85B) fading to white at the base. Filament tube to 25mm, pollen bright yellow. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 450-452. Specimen [WSY0072091] and photographic slide [WSY0073699] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Odontioda* Tesson Mill grex 'Saint Helier'**

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on November 25, 2003. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **122**: 73.

Omphalodes lojkae

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on May 24, 2004. Described in *RHS Extracts from the Proceedings* **126**: 158-159 (2002). Photographic slide [WSY0050833] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Orchis provincialis

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr C Hardwick, Wolverhampton on April 17, 2004.

Hairless perennial with stems to 130mm. Leaves broadly linear, up to 85 × 15mm, strong yellow-green (144A) and with dark, oval blotches, tip acute and not hooded. Flowers 25-28mm long, the three outer segments more or less erect, *c.* 12mm long, lateral segments pointing forward, 8-10mm long, labellum 10-13 × 14-18mm, shallowly three-lobed, spur *c.* 12mm long, broadly obtuse at its upturned apex; flowers light greenish-yellow (4C) with strong purplish-red (58B) spots on centre line of labellum. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 421-422. Specimen [WSY0046541] and photographic slide [WSY0047046] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Ornithogalum lanceolatum

Award of Merit. Exhibited by RHS Garden Wisley, Woking, Surrey on February 17, 2004.

Bulb with 3-4 leaves. Leaves narrowly to broadly oblong lanceolate, up to 100 × 21mm (broadest towards base), uniformly glossy dark green above, hooded at tip, hairless, held almost erect. Scapes very short so that the tight corymbs of up to 12 flowers are held at the base of the foliage. Pedicels up to *c.* 20mm long, white, each subtended by a narrowly lanceolate bract which may either be all green or white towards base. Perianth segments opening flat or slightly recurved, narrowly ovate to narrowly elliptic, 16-22 × 6-7mm, usually obtuse and sometimes slightly hooded at apex, outer segments minutely papillate at apex, white above, with a broad pale green line from base to apex on lower surface; filaments erect, white, narrowed above; anthers white, pollen pale yellow, style erect, white; ovary strongly lobed, yellowish-green. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 389-390. Specimen [WSY0047772] and photographic slide [WSY0048209] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Ornithogalum sibthorpii

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr I Christie, Kirriemuir, Angus on February 21, 2004.

Dwarf bulb. Leaves lying flat on the ground, 3mm wide, greyish yellow-green (191A) with a longitudinal white stripe on upper surface. Scapes 30mm, carrying starry, up-facing flowers in a flat corymb. Flowers 30mm wide; perianth segments 6, c. 20mm long, spreading, blunt-tipped, white (155D) with fine green striations on the upper surface and a broad, strong yellow-green (143C) stripe on the lower surface. Specimen [WSY0046522] and photographic slide [WSY] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Ourisia* × *bitternensis* ‘Cliftonville Ling’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr & Mrs M Sheader, Bitterne, Hampshire on June 19, 2004.

Plant 30 × 130mm as exhibited. Stems densely leafy, with short, gland-tipped hairs. Leaves ovate, obtuse, up to 5 × 2.5mm. Flowers clustered towards apex of stems. Pedicels c. 4mm long, shorter than bracts. Calyx 5mm long, divided to base into oblong or obovate, obtuse or shortly mucronate glandular hairy lobes. Corollas c. 18-19mm wide, with a slightly waisted tube c. 12mm long, limb red-purple (N74A), with a white eye. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 438-441. Specimen [WSY0048214] and photographic slide [WSY0048215] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Ourisia* × *bitternensis* ‘Cliftonville Pink’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr & Mrs M Sheader, Bitterne, Hampshire on June 19, 2004.

Plant 70 × 140mm as exhibited. Stems densely leafy, with short, gland-tipped hairs. Leaves ovate, to at least 4.5 × 2.5mm. Flowers clustered towards apex of stem. Pedicels c. 3mm long, shorter than bracts. Calyx c. 5.5mm long, divided to base into oblong or narrowly obovate, obtuse, glandular hairy lobes. Corollas to c. 16mm wide, with a slightly waisted tube c. 12mm long, limb moderate purplish-red (186B) with a brilliant yellow-green (150C) eye. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 438-441. Specimen [WSY0048220] and photographic slide [WSY0048221] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Paphiopedilum* Angel Hair grex ‘Roche d’Or’**

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on January 18, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 118-119. Specimen [WSY0061172] and photographic slide [WSY0061173] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Paphiopedilum armeniacum* ‘Marguerite’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Laurence Hobbs Orchid Ltd, Crawley Down, West Sussex on March 13, 2005.

The cultivar ‘Marguerite’, of this Chinese species, was thought to be larger than many other cultivars and with a good rounded shape. The plant exhibited had one

bright canary yellow flower on a 240mm tall green-spotted red spike. The overall flower size was 105mm long, 105mm wide; bract 22mm. Dorsal sepal 50mm long, 30mm wide, synsepal 40mm long, 25mm wide; petal 58mm long, 40mm wide. Pouch 45mm long, 42mm wide, 45mm deep; staminode yellow spotted red, 25mm wide.

***Paphiopedilum delanatii* f. *albinum* ‘Gillian’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr D Mathers, Richmond, Surrey on March 13, 2005.

This plant was a seedling from Taiwan and the species originates from Vietnam. It was thought to be a true albino as there was no pigmentation visible. The stunning white flowers contrasted with the brightly mottled leaves. This interesting form was described by Braem, Baker & Baker in 1998. The plant exhibited had two 210mm tall spikes with two crystalline white flowers and one bud. Overall flower size 75mm long, 82mm wide. Dorsal sepal 40mm long, 28mm wide, synsepal 35mm long, 32mm wide; petal 42mm long, 40mm wide. Pouch 25mm long, 30mm wide, 35mm deep, staminode white with central yellow-green staminode, 18mm wide; ovary green hairy 60mm long.

***Paphiopedilum henryanum* ‘Gaytarn’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr J Gay, Wakefield, West Yorkshire on November 1, 2003. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **112**: 9-10.

***Paphiopedilum* Lady Rothschild grex ‘Victoria Village’**

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on September 14, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **113**: 56. Specimen [WSY0061179] and photographic slide [WSY0061180] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Paphiopedilum* L'Etacq grex ‘Gorey Castle’**

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on October 2, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **113**: 57. Specimen [WSY0061186] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Paphiopedilum* Saint Swithin grex ‘La Hougue Bie’**

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on May 23, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **113**: 238-9.

***Pennisetum glaucum* ‘Purple Majesty’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr S Bradley, Guildford, Surrey on May 24, 2004. Raised by Dr D Andrews of University of Nebraska (retired) in 1980, introduced into UK in 2004. Specimen [WSY0051546] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Petrocosmea minor

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mrs K N Dryden, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire on October 16, 2004.

Stemless perennial herb. Leaves basal, sub-orbicular to obovate, dark green (137B), somewhat succulent; petiole and margins of lamina shaggy pubescent, abaxially white-hairy with conspicuous lateral veins. Flowers purple (89D), borne in 1-3 flowered cymes on a peduncle to 50mm; calyx in 5 sections from base, sepals equal, narrowly triangular, pubescent; corolla zygomorphic, tube shorter than limb, limb to 20mm, 2-lipped, adaxial lip indistinctly 2-lobed; stamens 2, adnate to abaxial side of corolla tube. Ovary conical to broadly ovoid. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **73**(4): 422-423. Specimen [WSY0048070] and photographic slide [WSY0048071] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Petunia patagonica

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Dr M Sheader, Bitterne, Hampshire on May 21, 2005. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **73**(4): 461-463. Specimen [WSY0073697] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Phragmipedium Bouley Bay* grex 'Jersey'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on January 20, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **112**: 136-137.

***Phragmipedium caudata* 'Sasha'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Laurence Hobbs Orchid Ltd, Crawley Down, West Sussex on June 26, 2004.

The plant exhibited was one of the redder colour forms. The species comes from Central South America and was first described by Lindley in 1840. The plant exhibited had two erect spikes 350mm and 310mm tall with three open flowers and one bud. Overall flower size 710mm long to tips of tails, 60mm wide, bract green 60mm long. Dorsal sepal white-green, stripped green, 160mm long, 30mm wide, synsepal white-green, stripped green, 120mm long, 50mm wide. Petal twisted pink, tapering, 7mm wide at widest, 580mm long to tips of tails, pouch pale cream-red, inside cream spotted deep burgundy red, 75mm long, 30mm wide, 45mm deep, staminode yellow-green, red hairy margin, 15mm wide, ovary green, 150mm long.

***Phragmipedium China Dragon* grex 'Jersey'**

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on April 27, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **112**: 264-266.

***Phragmipedium Jason Fischer* grex 'Corbière'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on September 16, 2003.

The cross was originally registered by Orchids Ltd, USA in 1996. The parents are *P. Memoria Dick Clements* grex and *P. besseae*. This cultivar was thought to have a good shape and colour. The cut flower spike exhibited had one deep scarlet flower, one flower opening and one bud; overall flower size 110mm wide, 82mm long, bract green, 72mm long. Dorsal sepal 22mm wide, 42mm long; synsepal 22mm wide, 35mm long; petal 31mm wide, 52mm long. Pouch orange-red becoming yellow on the inner edge, 21mm wide, 34mm long, 25mm deep; staminode red, 14mm wide.

***Primula allionii* ‘Lepus’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr R Rolfe, West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire on February 26, 2005.

Herbaceous perennial with a basal rosette of leaves, each elliptic-obovate, c. 20 × 10mm, obtuse at apex, with small, blunt, irregular teeth, upper surface covered with short, white, adpressed hairs, longer and glandular at the margins. Calyx to 5mm with short, white glandular pubescence, lobes acute, triangular, to 1.5mm. Corolla to 15mm wide with a narrow, pale tube to 12mm long; obovate-orbicular, obcordate, deep violet (closest to 81B) with a white eye surrounding the pale throat. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 435-436. Photographic slide [WSY0073705] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Primula bracteata* subsp. *dubernardiana

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr A R Furness, Hexham, Northumberland on April 2, 2005.

Herbaceous perennial to 30mm × 100mm as seen. Leaves grey-green, mealy, spatulate, much narrowed at the base, jaggedly toothed, to 25mm long. Flowers borne singly on upright pedicels to 9mm. Calyx separated to about half way into 5 triangular segments; corolla white faintly tinged violet (85D) with a bright yellow eye. Limb c. 15mm across, petal-lobes ovate, narrowly notched to about one third into two rounded segments. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 439-441. Photographic slide [WSY0073702] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Primula* ‘Broadwell Milkmaid’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr P Nicholls, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex on March 20, 2004. Described in *RHS Extracts from the Proceedings* 124: 119. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 395. Specimen [WSY0046516] and photographic slide [WSY0046580] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Primula fedtschenkoi

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Mr E Webster, Loughborough, Leicestershire on February 26, 2005. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 458-459. Photographic slide [WSY0073704] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Primula hirsuta* 'Lismore Snow'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr A R Furness, Hexham, Northumberland on April 2, 2005.

Herbaceous perennial to 70mm × 180mm as seen. Leaves obovate to suborbicular tapering to broad, winged petiole. Lamina with coarse, blunt teeth, glossy green, paler on underside. Peduncle yellowish-green with minute pubescence. Flowers arranged in umbels; bracts to 4mm, papery; pedicels slender, to 5mm; calyx separated to about half way into 5 triangular segments; corolla white, tube to 9mm, limb *c.* 20mm across, petal-lobes ovate, broadly notched into two rounded segments. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 441-442. Specimen [WSY0066118] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Primula kweichouensis

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Mrs A Yorston, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire on April 2, 2005. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 459-460. Photographic slide [WSY0073701] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Primula obtusifolia

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs M Taylor, Dundee, Angus on April 17, 2004.

Herbaceous perennial with a basal rosette of *c.* 12 leaves, each broadly spatulate, up to 170 × 40mm, obtuse at apex, gradually tapered below, margins with short, patent, abruptly pointed teeth, strongly white farinose below, lightly farinose above. Scape to 190mm, with 2 whorls of flowers, with *c.* 10 flowers in each whorl. Bracts linear, up to 25mm long, farinose. Pedicels to 35mm long. Calyx 10mm long, divided to $\frac{2}{3}$, basal part campanulate, lobes narrowly triangular, strongly white farinose internally. Corolla 28mm wide, with a long, slender tube to 18mm long; lobes broadly elliptic, emarginate, strong purple (82B), with a white eye surrounding the moderate violet (86A) throat. Thrum-eyed, with purple pollen. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 425-426. Specimen [WSY0046084] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Primula takedana

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs C Bainbridge, Easter Howgate, Midlothian on May 15, 2004.

Herbaceous, rosette-forming perennial. Leaves shallowly and palmately 5-lobed, each lobe with 2-4, shallow teeth, dark green, sparsely hairy above, more hairy beneath especially along the veins and margins; petioles to 100mm long, reddish, with long, erect hairs. Scapes to 180mm, with 1-3 flowers. Bracts linear, 5mm long. Pedicels to 25mm long. Calyx 6mm long, green. Flowers with a funnel-shaped tube 8mm long, lobes 6, white; pin-eyed; pollen yellow. Further information in *The*

Alpine Gardener 72(4): 428-429. Specimen [WSY0047764] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

× ***Propetalum* Bumble Bee grex ‘Beverston Castle’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by R Stevens, Tetbury, Gloucestershire on October 2, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 58-59.

***Protea laurifolia* ‘Rose Mink’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Tresco Abbey Garden, Tresco on January 18, 2005.

Protea lepidocarpodendron

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Tresco Abbey Garden, Tresco on January 18, 2005.

Tall, upright, evergreen shrub of erect habit. Leaves narrowly oblong, stalkless to 150 × 15mm, leathery and with a prominent mid-vein. Flowerheads terminal, oblong, 100 × 45mm, always appearing “closed”. Involucral bracts pale pink (a blend of 186D, N187D and paler than 182D). Outer involucral bracts ovate with pointed tips. Inner bracts oblong to spatulate with tips curved inwards, tips dark purple (N186B) and very hairy. Hairs mostly dark purple (N196B/N79A) but with white hairs at the extreme tip. Style straight, hairy at the base; pollen presenter with a minutely hooked tip; awn creamy white with dense hairs. The plant in Tresco Abbey Garden is 3-4m tall and first flowered in 1984. Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 236.

***Protea* ‘Pink Ice’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Tresco Abbey Garden, Tresco on January 18, 2005.

Puschkinia scilloides

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Dr T Smale, Epsom, Surrey on March 20, 2004.

Hairless, bulbous perennial. Leaves oblong-elliptic, 80 × 13mm, abruptly contracted at apex to a bluntly pointed, hooded apex. Stems 50-80mm tall, with a short raceme of c. 5 outward-facing flowers. Lowest pedicels 12mm long, subtended by a minute (c. 1mm long), pale brown bract. Flowers 20mm wide; perianth segments 14 × 4-5mm, oblong-elliptic, slightly saccate at base and joined for basal 2mm, retuse at apex, white with lines of light blue (101C) up centre of each petal the colour suffused out from midvein and around the centre of the flower. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 394-395. Specimen [WSY0046512] and photographic slide [WSY0046582] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Ramosmania rodriguesii

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on April 6, 2004.

Leaves opposite, oblong-elliptic, very variable but up to 160mm long and 60mm wide and with a prominent central midvein that is tinged with red (41B/C); petioles short (<7mm) and internodes 28-70mm. Bark flaking; stems glabrous and slightly flattened. Flowers in cymes, white (155C), axillary with <9 flowers per cluster and peduncles up to 15mm; corolla tube <20 × 3mm, internally velutinous and with five spreading lobes, giving a star-like effect, each lobe <28 × 8mm and slightly convex. Stamens 5, <10mm long anthers with longitudinal splits, slightly exserted, filaments attached to the tube just below the mouth. Stigma very variable in length, but shorter than the position of the stamens. The café marron is a highly decorative plant that can flower continuously for many months, with flowers all along the branches. It is also a critically endangered Rodrigues endemic that had been thought to be lost, but a single specimen was then discovered in the early 1980s. Cuttings were flown to Kew in a joint conservation project with IUCN and the Mauritian Forestry Commission. After propagation problems cuttings were eventually rooted with some being repatriated to Rodrigues. More recently the self-incompatibility mechanisms have been successfully bypassed and viable seeds have been produced. Specimen [WSY0048207] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Renanthera citrina* ‘Sue Lane’**

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Ms S Lane, Cullompton, Devon on October 2, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **113**: 57-59.

Rhodiola trollii

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs L Martin, Pevensey, East Sussex on June 18, 2005.

Succulent perennial to 30 × 290mm as seen. Stems numerous, fleshy, glabrous, low-growing forming a fairly tight clump. Leaves alternate, tightly clustered at end of stem, small, to 4 × 2mm, obovate-elliptic, glabrous, sessile. Inflorescence a few-flowered cyme, peduncle and pedicels with a few bract-like leaves. Flowers star-like to 15mm diameter. Calyx divided to the base in 5, sepals narrowly ovate. Petals ovate-lanceolate, blunt-tipped, papery, white. Filaments thread-like, anthers small and brown. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **73**(4): 455-456 (as *Sedum trollii*). Specimen [WSY0072087] and photographic slide [WSY0073624] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Rhododendron* ‘Ambrose Bristow’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr M Robinson, Forest Row, East Sussex on April 18, 2004.

Truss c. 180mm diameter of c. 15 flowers. Corolla ventricose-campanulate, 60 × 40mm, yellowish-white (155A-154D), dorsal nectaries maroon red (59A) giving impression of small eye inside base of corolla; tube 30-35mm; lobes 7-8, 15 × 20mm. Stamens 11-16, included, 20-45mm; filaments white, slightly white pubescent at base; anthers dark brown. Style c. 45mm long; stigma red; ovary green

with dense white pubescence. Calyx insignificant. Pedicel 25-40mm. Leaves elliptic, blade *c.* 170 × 80mm, matt green above, compacted thin silvery indumentum beneath. Specimen [WSY0046884] and photographic slide [WSY0046882] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Rhododendron* ‘Crème Brûlée’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Millais Nurseries, Churt, Surrey on May 23, 2005.

Truss 180mm wide of *c.* 15 flowers. Corolla widely funnel-shaped, 110 × 30mm, white (155B), flushed yellow (4D) towards centre and base of petals, the central dorsal petal and proximal sides of adjacent petals with ochre (162A) speckles in lines radiating from the base. Petals 55 × 40mm, joined halfway from tip to base. Stamens 10, 25-40mm, filaments white (155C), glabrous except for a few scattered hairs at the base, anthers dark brown. Style 50mm, yellow green (150C). Stigma capitate, red-purple (71A). Ovary cylindrical 5 × 4mm, 10-locular with axile placentation, mid-green (137A), slightly pubescent. Pedicel *c.* 50mm, yellow-green (150B) flushed orange-red (40B). Leaves leathery, elliptical, entire, acute, to 160 × 50mm, dark green (137A/B) and dull on upper side, paler (143C) below mottled dark brown (165A). Central mid-rib pale yellow-green (150A), prominent on underside, slightly impressed on upper side. Young shoots shiny green (143C). Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 240. Specimen [WSY0066122] and photographic slide [WSY0070092] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Rhododendron* ‘David Rockefeller’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr E de Rothschild, Exbury Gardens, Hampshire on May 23, 2005.

Rounded truss of 12-15 fragrant flowers, 100mm in diameter. Corolla tubular-funnel shaped, 60 × 35mm, with 6 wavy-edged lobes, *c.* 35-40 × 25mm, brilliant yellow (outer 15A, inner 15A/17B), flushed orange-yellow (23A) on central dorsal petal. Petals joined halfway from tip to base, with central groove on each face, corolla tube pubescent outside, sparsely so inside. Stamens 5, exserted, 50mm, pubescent towards base, with yellow-orange (17C) filaments grading to white or greenish-white at base, anthers orange. Style *c.* 60mm, same colour as filaments, stigma capitate, green. Ovary mid-green (139C), pilose with translucent glandular hairs. Pedicel *c.* 15mm with translucent glandular hairs. Young leaves elliptic, to 55 × 25mm, green (144A) flushed bronze (166B), shortly pubescent above and on veins below. Veins paler, *c.* 16 pairs. Petiole 1-2mm. Young stems reddish-brown (166B), shortly pubescent. Specimen [WSY0073456] and photographic slide [WSY0072076] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Rhododendron* Dragonfly Group**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr E de Rothschild, Exbury Gardens, Hampshire on July 15, 2005.

Rounded truss of *c.* 10 slightly fragrant flowers, 160mm in diameter. Bud-scales aristate, 35×15 mm. Corolla tubular-campanulate, 75×70 mm, 6-7-lobed. Petals glabrous, *c.* 70×20 -25mm, lower three quarters joined, pink (63C/63D), flushed darker outside (63C) and at base inside (63A) and with darker veins and slight speckling (63A) to upper half of dorsal petal. Petal margins turning violet (90C) on drying. Stamens 12-14, 45-55mm, with brown anthers and white filaments, and at the base a slight pink tint and sparse, short, translucent hairs. Style shortly glandular hairy, coloured pale yellow-green (150D), *c.* 50mm, curving towards dorsal petal. Stigma capitate. Ovary pale green (142C), 8-locular, pilose with translucent glandular hairs. Pedicel *c.* 30mm, with sticky, glandular hairs near calyx. Sepals 6-8, connate, 1-3mm, longest on dorsal side, acute, red-purple (60A), with sparse short hairs on the margins and lower surface. Leaves thinly leathery, oblanceolate, obtuse, with mucronulate tip and rounded base, dark green (147A) above, paler (143D) below and with loose, greyed-orange (169C) indumentum below. Mid-rib prominent below, impressed above, yellow-green (145C), with *c.* 12 pairs of veins on either side, slightly raised below. Petiole yellow-green (144A/145A), *c.* 25mm. Young shoots yellow-green (144A). Specimen [WSY0070221] in the RHS Herbarium (**WSY**).

***Rhododendron* ‘Fantastica’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr E de Rothschild, Exbury Gardens, Hampshire on May 24, 2004.

Truss 150mm across of *c.* 18 flowers. Corolla campanulate, 40×50 mm, white with deep pink (63B) flushing on external surface and internally at lobe margins, giving a picotee appearance, scattered greenish-brown spots on inside of upper lobe; tube 20mm; lobes 5, *c.* 24×27 mm. Stamens 10, 10-20mm, included; filaments pale pink, white pubescent at base; anthers pale brown. Style *c.* 30mm, pink, stigma red; ovary densely white tomentose. Calyx insignificant. Pedicel 40-50mm with scurfy pubescence. Leaves elliptic 90 - 140×35 -50mm, underside with loose fawn indumentum. Specimen [WSY0047768] and photographic slide [WSY0048211] in the RHS Herbarium (**WSY**).

***Rhododendron* Intrepid Group**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr E de Rothschild, Exbury Gardens, Hampshire on July 15, 2005.

Rounded truss of *c.* 17 flowers, 150mm in diameter. Bud-scales to 35×20 mm, sticky. Corolla tubular-funnel-shaped, 70×55 mm, 5-lobed. Petals with basal nectary, waxy, rather thick, *c.* 55×30 mm, lower two thirds connate, coloured scarlet (45A/46B). Specimen [WSY0070225] and photographic slide [WSY0070258] in the RHS Herbarium (**WSY**).

***Rhododendron* ‘Princess Margaret of Windsor’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr E de Rothschild, Exbury Gardens, Hampshire on May 23, 2005.

Rounded truss of 12-15 fragrant flowers, 100mm in diameter. Corolla tubular-funnel shaped, 60 × 35mm, with 6 wavy-edged lobes, c. 35-40 × 25mm, brilliant yellow (outer 15A, inner 15A/17B), flushed orange-yellow (23A) on central dorsal petal. Petals joined half way from tip to base, with central groove on each face, corolla tube pubescent outside, sparsely so inside. Stamens 5, exserted, 50mm, pubescent towards base, with yellow-orange (17C) filaments grading to white or greenish-white at base, anthers orange. Style c. 60mm, same colour as filaments, stigma capitate, green. Ovary mid-green (139C), pilose with translucent glandular hairs. Pedicel c. 15mm with translucent glandular hairs. Young leaves elliptic, to 55 × 25mm, green (144A) flushed bronze (166B), shortly pubescent above and on veins below. Veins paler, c. 16 pairs. Petiole 1-2mm. Young stems reddish-brown (166B), shortly pubescent. Specimen [WSY0066160] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Rhododendron* ‘Ted Millais’**

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by RHS Garden Wisley on April 18, 2004.

Truss 90mm across of c. 16 flowers, generally consisting of 3-4 sub-trusses of 3-4 flowers each. Corolla broadly funnel-shaped, 30 × 45mm, purple (78A) with flare of brownish-red spots in throat, extending to base of upper lobe; tube 15-20mm; lobes 5, c. 15-18mm. Stamens 10, 20-35mm; filaments purple (78A), white pubescent at base; anthers pale brown. Style red-purple (71D), 35mm, stigma brown; ovary green, glabrous, scaly. Calyx insignificant. Pedicel 10-20mm. Leaves narrowly elliptic, blade c. 80 × 35mm, dark green above, dense covering of dark brown scales beneath. Specimen [WSY0047597] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Rhododendron* ‘Wisley Pearl’**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by RHS Garden Wisley on May 4, 2004.

Truss 120mm wide of 8-10 flowers. Corolla broadly campanulate, 35 × 70mm, white, flushed pink (55B), especially on both surfaces of lobes and externally on mid veins, flare of diffuse green spots; tube 25mm; lobes 5, 20 × 30mm, deeply notched; buds deep pink (67A). Stamens 9-10, included, 15-30mm; filaments white, pubescent at base; anthers pale brown. Style 40mm, white, stigma and style apex flushed deep pink; ovary green with dense white pubescence. Calyx insignificant. Pedicel 25-40mm with glandular white pubescence. Leaves elliptic, blade c. 120 × 30mm, undersurface with dense fawn indumentum. Specimen [WSY0051468] and photographic slide [WSY0051466] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Rhodohypoxis baurii* 'Badger'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by D Mountfort, Egginton, Derbyshire on May 15, 2004.

Leaves linear lanceolate, 48×6 mm, acuminate at apex, with numerous, spreading or appressed, white hairs of very variable length. Pedicels *c.* 40mm long, similarly hairy. Perianth *c.* 30mm wide, purplish-pink (N66C), streaked white down centre of each lobe, the outer lobes broadly elliptic, *c.* 9.5mm wide, white hairy externally, bluntly acute at apex, inner lobes elliptic, 8mm wide. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 430-431. Specimen [WSY0046529] and photographic slide [WSY0047039] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Rhodohypoxis* 'Great Scot'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by D Mountfort, Egginton, Derbyshire on May 15, 2004.

Leaves linear-lanceolate, $30-40 \times 5$ mm, acute at apex, with numerous, spreading or appressed white hairs of very variable length. Pedicels *c.* 35mm long, similarly hairy. Perianth 15-20mm wide, strong purplish-red (64B), the outer lobes broadly elliptic, 7mm wide, densely white hairy externally, obtuse at apex, inner lobes elliptic, *c.* 5mm broad, not hairy, obtuse at apex. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 399-400. Specimen [WSY0046533] and photographic slide [WSY0047041] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Richteria leontopodium

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr B Davidson, Gatehouse of Fleet, Galloway on April 23, 2005.

Tufted perennial to 100mm tall, the whole plant silver-grey woolly. Leaves alternate, up to 6 per stem, bipinnatifid with up to 12 alternate segments; leaflets 8 per segment blunt tipped and covered on upper and lower surface with fine white woolly hairs (191B). Flowers borne singly to 40mm across, ray florets white (155D); disk yellow (7A), stem and calyx white woolly hairy. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **73**(4): 446-447. Specimen [WSY0072097] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Rosenia humilis

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Dr & Mrs M Sheader, Bitterne, Hampshire on April 17, 2004.

Perennial 110×140 mm as exhibited. Leaves linear, up to 13×1 mm, ascending in habit, acuminate at apex, with rows of glistening glands in leaf surface. Capitulum 20×13 mm; involucre obconical, with several imbricate rows of hairless, papery bracts, outermost *c.* 4mm long, obtuse, pale yellow-green, innermost *c.* 15mm long, with a broadened, pale brown, acute apex, ligules *c.* 6mm long, vivid yellow (9A), erect. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4):

420-421. Specimen [WSY0046543] and photographic slide [WSY0047030] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Saxifraga portosanctana

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on May 23, 2005.

Plant forming an open cushion *c.* 300 × 600mm at anthesis. Stems much branched, wiry, glabrous, becoming woody. Leaf lamina to 20 × 20mm, cuneate, rhomboid to deltoid, ternately lobed, cut into several narrowly triangular segments at the apex, coriaceous, fleshy, glabrous. Flowers to *c.* 15mm diameter borne in leafy, rather diffuse axillary cymes; sepals linear-lanceolate, glabrous, dark green; petals *c.* 10 × 3mm, white. Further information in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 453. Specimen [WSY0066124] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Scilla aristidis

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr R Cobb, Wollaton, Nottinghamshire on January 20, 2004.

Bulb without a tunic, producing two, erect, glossy green, oblanceolate, hairless leaves, up to 70 × 15mm at anthesis, broadly acute to obtuse at apex, apiculate. Scape *c.* 40mm tall, with a more or less one-sided raceme (*c.* 35mm long) held at about same level as or just exceeding the leaves. Pedicels subtended by 2 very narrowly triangular, white bracts; lower pedicels arching out so flowers are held outwards, upper more or less erect so flowers face upwards. Flowers *c.* 18mm wide, lowest opening flat or with slightly recurved perianth segments; segments oblong-elliptic, *c.* 9 × 2.5mm; filaments white, flattened, attached towards base of segments; anthers deep blue; ovary deep blue with a short slightly paler, erect style. Specimen [WSY0047771] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Scilla greilhuberi

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on March 15, 2005.

Hairless, bulbous perennial. Leaves linear-lanceolate, to *c.* 300 × 8mm, keeled, somewhat fleshy, abruptly contracted at apex to a blunt, hooded point. Stems *c.* 240mm tall, erect, succulent, pale green becoming lilac-tinged toward the tapering apex, round in cross-section becoming strongly triangular above the lowest flower. Inflorescence a widely spaced raceme of *c.* 9 flowers each subtended by a prominent bract to 8 × 3mm. Pedicels pale purple, slender, to 16mm, held horizontally, dipping at the apex so the flowers become pendulous. Perianth segments 6, similar, 8 × 3mm, tapering to an acute point, joined for basal 2mm, sharply recurved, light purple (94D) but darker at tips and on mid rib giving overall impression of 96B. Ovary, style and filaments light purple (94D), anthers notably dark (95A). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 410-412. Specimen

[WSY0066157] and photographic slide [WSY0066158] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Scilla madeirensis

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on November 12, 2004. This plant was described in *RHS Extracts from the Proceedings* **116**: 140-141 (1992). Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **73**(4): 404-405. Photographic slide [WSY0050846] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Sebaea thomasii

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by Mr C Lafong, Glenrothes, Fife on April 17, 2004.

Plant forming a flat cushion 60 × 300mm as exhibited. Stems c. 60mm, with c. 8 decussate pairs of broadly ovate leaves, 10 × 8mm, cuspidate at apex, hairless except for a ring of very short, thick hairs around the node. Flowers solitary, terminal (or with another undeveloped bud to one side), carried on strongly angled pedicels c. 2.5mm long. Calyx 10mm long, with long, erect, narrow, acuminate lobes, joined towards the base. Corolla to 30mm wide, with a long (to 18mm), narrow, slender tube and spreading, elliptic lobes 10-11 × 4-5mm; lobes brilliant yellow (7A). Anthers 5, with mid brown pollen; style simple, yellow; both anthers and style held deep within the tube. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 386-8. Specimen [WSY0046081] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Silene pusilla

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs L Martin, Pevensey, East Sussex on June 19, 2004.

Slender perennial. Plant exhibited 120 × 300mm. Stems much branched. Leaves opposite, linear, to c. 35 × 1.5mm, ciliate at base, obtuse at apex, gradually reducing in size up the stems. Inflorescence a spreading dichasium. Upper parts of stems, pedicels and calyx with numerous, short, gland-tipped hairs. Calyx obconical, 5mm long, divided to c. ½-way by obtuse teeth with broad hyaline margins. Petals c. 8mm long, deeply emarginate and each lobe with one blunt lateral tooth, white. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **72**(4): 403-404. Specimen [WSY0048218] and photographic slide [WSY0048219] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Silene viscariopsis

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on May 24, 2004.

Clump-forming, evergreen, biennial to perennial. Stems slender, erect, c. 200mm tall, with swollen nodes, viscid above. Basal leaves linear, 35 × 2mm, grey-green, ciliate below and covered, like the remainder of the plant in short, dense, eglandular hairs. Inflorescence a panicle, with long, slender, spreading, 1-3 flowered branches.

Calyx shortly obovate, 6mm long, tapered at base, contracted at apex, whitish ground with 10 conspicuous, longitudinal, purple veins. Flowers *c.* 12mm wide. Petals 12mm long, deeply bilobed with a long claw, magenta, with long exserted stamens; filaments magenta; anthers tinged blue. Styles 3, white, tinged magenta. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 434-436. Specimen [WSY0048205] and photographic slide [WSY0048206] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Stanhopea Plemont grex 'Elizabeth Castle'

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on April 30, 2005. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 113: 238.

Sternbergia greuteriana

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr A M Edwards, Dorking, Surrey on October 5, 2004.

Bulbous perennial. Leaves several, spreading, linear, up to 80 × 3.5mm at anthesis, bright green, with only the faintest grey line down the midvein, hyaline margin minutely crenate, apex obtuse, glabrous. Stems to *c.* 60mm, becoming more or less horizontal, strongly angled. Spathe 32mm long, tubular below, papery. Ovary ellipsoid, 8 × 3.5mm. Perianth to 43 × 45-50mm, tubular below, divided above into 6 spreading to somewhat recurved, narrowly elliptic, obtuse segments, the outer 7.5mm wide, the inner 5mm wide, vivid yellow (14B); stamens 6, filaments pale yellow; style and anthers vivid yellow. Specimen [WSY0050811] and photographic slide [WSY0050812] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Streptocarpus 'Gwen'

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited by Dibleys Nurseries, Ruthin, Denbighshire on May 24, 2004.

Pot plant with flowering stems to 250mm tall. Leaves basal, oblong-lanceolate with a rounded apex, hirsute; mid green (137A/B), paler below (slightly paler than 138B). Flower stems hairy, up to 10 flowers per stem with a sequential flowering. Corolla white (155C) to 35mm in height and width; tube gradually flaring, 25mm long, yellow (2B/C) flash internally, externally covered with glandular hairs, mostly clear, but some pale violet; upper 2 corolla lobes white with a faint violet tinge at their margin; lower 3 corolla lobes white, thickly veined blue-violet (N89A) with paler hues in between. Calyx 5-lobed, lanceolate to 8mm long and hirsute. A sport of *S.* 'Bethan'. Specimen [WSY0051527] and photographic slide [WSY0051526] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Streptocarpus 'Nia'

Award of Merit. Raised and exhibited by Dibleys Nurseries, Ruthin, Denbighshire on May 24, 2004.

Pot plant with hirsute, dark green (147A/B) flowering stems to 250mm tall. Leaves basal, oval-oblong, hirsute, mid green (137A/B), paler below (slightly paler than 138B). Up to 6 flowers per stem open at any one time. Corolla 5-lobed pink to 38mm tall and 34mm wide; tube gradually flaring, externally glandular hairy and white darkening to pale pink towards the lobes; lobes pink (68B) at margin gradually fading to blush pink (69C/D) towards the centre; lower 3 corolla lobes flushed with yellow (2C) towards the throat. Calyx 5-lobed, lanceolate to 9mm long. A sport of *S. 'Party Doll'*. Specimen [WSY0051536] and photographic slide [WSY0051535] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Trillium nivale

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on March 9, 2004.

Hairless, herbaceous perennial. Stems *c.* 50mm (above ground), white suffused and mottled reddish. Leaves in a whorl of three at the apex of the stem; petioles *c.* 7mm long held almost erect, blades spreading, broadly elliptic, *c.* 45 × 35mm, truncate at base, obtuse at apex, dull green and with very indistinct purplish mottling near the edges. Pedicels *c.* 22mm long, greenish-white heavily suffused/mottled reddish, holding the flower between erect and patent. Sepals oblong-lanceolate, 24 × 8mm, recurved at apex, green. Petals 3, broadly elliptic, *c.* 34 × 23mm, obtuse at apex, pure white at first, acquiring a slight pink tinge with age, partially reflexed; filaments white, erect; pollen yellow; ovary green, with 3 styles held just below tips of anthers, filaments white above, greenish at base. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 72(4): 392-394. Specimen [WSY0046518] and photographic slide [WSY0046520] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Trillium 'Purple Haze'

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mrs K N Dryden, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire on April 12, 2005.

Hairless, herbaceous perennial. Stems to *c.* 450mm. Leaves in a whorl of 3 at the apex of the stem, each rhomboid and acuminate with 3 deeply inset, longitudinal veins, bright glossy green, without blotching. Sepals 3, elliptic-ovate, acute, somewhat keeled and hooded, *c.* 25 × 15mm. Petals 3, broadly ovate, shortly acuminate, 40 × 35mm with prominent longitudinal veins, white blotched with pink-purple markings (78B), darker (77A) at the base and tip of the petals, the colour distributed as though administered with a dry sponge. Ovary deep red, with 3 stigmas held just below tips of anthers; filaments short, red, anthers *c.* 7mm, pollen beige. Further information and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 73(4): 442-443.

Tulipa aucheriana

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on April 12, 2005.

***Tulipa humilis* 'Alanya'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on April 6, 2004.

Tulipa orthopoda

Botanical Certificate and Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey on January 18, 2005. Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 237-238. Photographic slide [WSY0052754] in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Tulipa* 'World's Favourite'**

First Class Certificate. Exhibited by Wendy Akers, Wrenthorpe, North Yorkshire on April 26, 2005. Further information in *The Plantsman* n.s. 4(4): 238.

Uebelmannia pectinifera

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by Mr & Mrs T Mace, Anstey, West Sussex on August 24, 2004.

Introduced from Brazil in 1964, this slow-growing plant is probably the most attractive of the genus. It has a very dark green body with white to creamy-yellow wool down the ridges at the base of the areoles, which are very dark red to almost black. Although easily cultivated it was noted that it does require a higher temperature, around 10°C, than other cacti during the winter months.

***Vanda Paki grex* 'Esther Motes'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr C Carter, Romsey, Hampshire on June 26, 2004.

This cultivar was awarded a Preliminary Certificate in 2002 (see *The Orchid Review* 110: 330-332). This more mature plant had more flowers and its superior award quality was confirmed. The plant exhibited had two pendulous spikes 240mm long both with fourteen open flowers. Overall flower size 52mm long, 60mm wide. Dorsal sepal 25mm long, 12mm wide; sepal 28mm long, 10mm wide at widest. Petal 25mm long, 8mm at widest, lip contrasting bright red streaked white, 20mm long, 9mm wide, column 7mm long.

***Vanda Pat Delight grex* 'Pink Tango'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by Mr M Tibbs, Hermanus, South Africa on May 24, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 112: 271-272.

***Vascostylis Prapawan grex* 'Tanzanite'**

Award of Merit. Exhibited by RF Orchids, Homestead, Florida, USA on May 24, 2004. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 112: 269-271.

***Zygoneria Adelaide Meadows grex* 'Chailey Majestic'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by McBean's Orchids, Cooksbridge, Lewes, East Sussex on April 6, 2004.

The cut spike exhibited had three open flowers, overall flower size 72mm long, 73mm wide; bract green 25mm long. The flowers had an attractive cinnamon-clove scent. Petals and sepals with deep red blotches on pale green background. Dorsal sepal 25mm long, 20mm wide, sepal 35mm long, 20mm wide; petal 32mm long, 21mm wide. Lip contrasting deep purple, velvet textured effect, mauve callus, 42mm long, 45mm wide; column purple 15mm long; ovary green 35mm long.

***Zygopetalum Kosciusko* grex 'Sophie'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Exhibited by McBean's Orchids, Cooksbridge, Lewes, East Sussex on November 25, 2003. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **112**: 72-73.