

RHS Orchid Awards

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HERMANS describe the
best plants submitted
to the RHS Orchid
Committee for judging

Vuyistekeara Mont de la Rocque
'Gorey Village', Award of Merit

RHS Awards

17 January 2011 The RHS Orchid Committee met at the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey, for a study day (see p80). Thirty-six plants were submitted for judging; seven Awards of Merit and four Certificates of Preliminary Commendation were recommended.

Award of Merit

■ For *Vuykstekeara* Mont de la Rocque 'Gorey Village' **1** raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were nine in favour, four against. The parents were *Vuykstekeara* Saint Aubin and *Odontoglossum* Faldouet, the cross was first registered by the Foundation in 2008.

The plant exhibited had one 47cm tall spike with nine open mauve-white flowers. The overall flower size was 80 x 85mm. Dorsal sepal 45 x 25mm; lateral sepals 45 x 25mm. Petals 40 x 30mm; lip paler, central maroon red, yellow callus at throat, 40 x 35mm; column white-mauve, 10mm long.

Award of Merit

■ For *Phragmipedium* La Vingtain 'Victoria Village' **2**, raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were eleven in favour, one against. The parents were *Phragmipedium*. Memoria Dick Clements and *P. kovachii* and the cross was first registered by the Foundation in 2005. This grex generally showed little variation but 'Victoria Village' was felt to be a slightly larger form. The flowers were an attractive deep red-pink and had a good shape.

The plant exhibited had one 75cm tall spike with two open flowers and two buds. The overall flower size was 110 x 140mm. The dorsal sepal was 50 x 25mm; synsepal cream and pink, 4 x 35mm. Petals 70 x 40mm;



Phragmipedium La Vingtain
'Victoria Village', Award of Merit

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Lycaste Shoalhaven 'Saint
Lawrence', Award of Merit

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pouch red-pink, yellow spotted red inside, 60 x 40mm, 30mm deep; disc 17mm long, cream, pink hairs.

Award of Merit

■ For *Lycaste* Shoalhaven 'Saint Lawrence' **3** raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were ten in favour, two against. The parents were *Lycaste skinneri* and *L. Koolena* and the cross was first registered by John Apperly, New South Wales, Australia in 1976. The cultivar 'Saint Lawrence' was line bred and being triploid had excellent

substance. Two previous cultivars from the Foundation 'Grouville', and 'Trinity', received Awards of Merit in 2009 (see *Orch. Rev.* 118: p54). 'Saint Lawrence' was an equally attractive cultivar and had white flowers with a faint flush of pink.

The plant exhibited had five 33cm tall spikes with five open flowers. The overall flower size was 140 x 170mm. The dorsal sepal was 90 x 65mm; lateral sepals 90 x 65mm. Petals 50 x 40mm; lip pale pink, yellow at throat, 30 x 20mm; column yellow, 30mm long.



Cymbidium
Mont Issac
'Saint Clement',
Award of Merit

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Cymbidium Mont Issac
'Saint Clement'

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Cymbidium Mont Pretre
'Saint Helier',
Award of Merit

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Award of Merit

■ For *Cymbidium* Mont Issac 'Saint Clement' **4** and **5** raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were nine in favour, three against. The parents were *Cymbidium* Paradise Wonder and *C. La Rosiere*, the cross was first registered by the Foundation in 2011. The flowers were scented and an attractive pale pink colour.

The plant exhibited had two 70 and 83cm tall spikes with nine and twelve flowers. The overall flower size was 110 x 135mm. Dorsal sepal 70 x 45mm; lateral sepals 70 x 45mm. Petals 70 x 35mm; lip 50 x 40mm, 45cm deep, pink heavily spotted red, yellow callus; column pink, 45mm long.



Cymbidium Early Style
'Saint Martin',
Award of Merit



Cymbidium Early Style
'Saint Martin'

Award of Merit

■ For *Cymbidium* Mont Pretre 'Saint Helier' **6** raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were unanimous. The parents were *Cymbidium* Paternoster and *C. Victor Hugo*, the cross was first registered by the Foundation in 2008. The flowers were a striking bronze colour faintly striped red with a contrasting cream lip.

The plant exhibited had one 95cm spike with fourteen open flowers. The overall flower size was 80 x 110mm. Dorsal sepal 65 x 45mm; lateral sepals 75 x 45mm. Petals 70 x 40mm; lip 50 x 40mm, 45mm deep, cream, red edge, spotted red; column yellow, 50mm long.



Calanthe Mont Cochon
'Saint Mary', Award of Merit



Award of Merit

■ For *Cymbidium* Early Style 'Saint Martin' **7** and **8** exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were eleven in favour, one against. The parents were *Cymbidium elegans* and *C. erythrostylum*. The cross was first registered by N. Grundron in 1988. This attractive primary hybrid has not had any previous awards, it flowers early in the

season and has dainty white blooms with a yellow spotted mauve lip.

The plant exhibited had one arching 120cm spike with thirty two open flowers and six buds. The overall flower size was 50 x 50mm. Dorsal sepal 45 x 18mm; lateral sepals

45 x 18mm. Petals 35 x 15mm; lip 20 x 12mm; column pink, 25mm long.

Award of Merit

■ For *Calanthe* Mont Cochon 'Saint Mary' **9** raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation,



Jersey. Votes were eleven in favour, one against. The parents were *Calanthe* Five Oaks and *C. Beresford*. The cross was first registered by the Foundation in 2011. The flowers showed a nice contrast in colour with mauve petals and sepals and a paler trilobed white and mauve lip which had a central darker mauve spot.

The plant exhibited had one 90cm arching spike with twenty-seven open flowers and three buds. The overall flower size was 70 x 55mm. Dorsal sepal 30 x 15mm; lateral sepals 32 x 10mm. Petals 25 x 15mm; lip 30 x 38mm, spur pink, 30mm long; column mauve, 10mm long.

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation

PCs are given to new plants of promise for exhibition.

■ For *Vuykstekeara* La Marquanderie 'Victoria Village' ¹⁰ raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were eight in favour, three against. The parents were *Vuykstekeara* Saint Aubin and *Odontioda* Moulin de Louis, and the cross was first registered by the Foundation in 2008. The flowers had good substance, being deep mauve with darker blotches and having a paler mauve lip with a central yellow callus.

The plant exhibited had one 55cm spike with six flowers. The overall flower size was 100 x 90mm. Dorsal sepal 50 x 30mm; lateral sepals 50 x 25mm. Petals 45 x 30mm; lip 35 x 30mm; column mauve, 10mm long.

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation

■ For *Vuykstekeara* La Marquanderie 'Saint Ouens Village' ¹¹ raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were nine in favour, one against. The parents were *Vuykstekeara* Saint Aubin and *Odontioda* Moulin de Louis, and the cross was first registered by the



Foundation in 2008.

The plant exhibited had one 66cm tall spike with seven open mauve splashed red, flowers. The overall flower size was 100 x 100mm. Dorsal sepal 50 x 25mm; lateral sepals 50 x 25mm. Petals 45 x 30mm; lip paler, 40 x 40mm, yellow callus at the throat; column white-mauve, 10mm long.

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation

■ For *Vuykstekeara* Mont des Louannes 'Grouville Village' ¹² raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were unanimous. The parents were

Vuykstekeara Saint Aubin and *Odontioda* Mont Cambrai, and the cross was first registered by the Foundation in 2008.

The plant exhibited had one 50cm spike with seven open mauve splashed red flowers. The overall flower size was 90 x 90mm. Dorsal sepal 50 x 30mm; lateral sepals 50 x 30mm. Petals 45 x 35mm; lip 35 x 40mm, yellow callus at the throat; column white, 10mm long.

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation

■ For *Cymbidium* Mont Pelier 'Saint Lawrence' ¹³ raised and

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exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were seven in favour, three against. The parents were *Cymbidium* Cotil Point and *C. Paternoster*, and the cross was first registered by the Foundation in 2011. The flowers were cream striped pink with a contrasting lip that was cream spotted red with a fine dark red edge.

The plant exhibited had one 70cm spike with seven open flowers. The overall flower size was 110 x 110mm wide. The dorsal sepal was 90 x 45mm; lateral sepals 60 x 50mm. Petals 65 x 40mm; lip 50 x 40mm, 40mm deep, central yellow callus; column white, spotted pink, 40mm long.

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15 February 2011 The RHS Orchid Committee met at the RHS Lawrence Hall, London. Eight plants were exhibited; three Awards of Merit and one Certificate of Preliminary Commendation were recommended.

Award of Merit

■ For *Gastrorchis pulchra* 'Trinity' ¹⁴ raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were fourteen in favour, one



against. The cultivar 'Trinity' was a sibling cross of a selfing made by the Foundation and was a pure white colour with a yellow centre to the lip. The species, which comes from Madagascar, usually has a mauve or pink lip. It has had two previous Awards of Merit, one as *Phaius pulchra* in 1996 for the cultivar 'Clare' (*Orch. Rev.* 104: p309, 312), and the other for *Gastrorchis pulchra* var. *perrieri*, which has a paler pink lip, in 2001 (*Orch. Rev.* 109: p132, 138).

The cut spike exhibited had five

open flowers and two buds. Overall flower size was 45 x 45mm. Dorsal sepal 25 x 17mm; lateral sepals 30 x 17mm. Petals 25 x 15mm; lip 27 x 27mm.

Award of Merit

■ For *Cymbidium* Saie Harbour 'Saint Brelades Bay' ¹⁵ and ¹⁶ raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Foundation, Jersey. Votes were fourteen in favour, one against. The parents were *Cymbidium* Beauport and *C. Icho* Tower and the cross was first registered by the Foundation in 2002. The cultivar 'Saint Brelades Bay' was a very attractive burnt sienna colour and is one of the best examples of this colour awarded so far.

The cut spike exhibited had eight open flowers. Overall flower size was 130 x 130mm. Dorsal sepal 70 x 50mm; lateral sepals 70 x 50mm. Petals 70 x 40mm; lip 50 x 45mm, 50mm deep, central yellow callus, deep red on edge, column yellow, spotted red, 40mm long.

Award of Merit

■ For *Cymbidium* Rocco Tower 'Ouaisne Bay' ¹⁷ raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were



twelve in favour, two against. The parents were *Cymbidium* Plemont and *C. Christmas Joy*. The cross was first registered by the Foundation in 2002; had excellent shape and substance with a clear, lemon yellow colour to its petals and sepals with a contrasting red edged lip.

The cut spike exhibited had ten open flowers. Overall flower size was 110 x 120mm. Dorsal sepal 70 x 40mm; lateral sepals 70 x 50mm. Petals 70 x 40mm; lip 55 x 35mm, central yellow callus, deep red on edge; column yellow, striped red, 40mm long.

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation

■ For *Phragmipedium* Plemont 'Blushing Beauty' ¹⁸ exhibited by Ratcliffe Orchids, Owslebury, Winchester. Votes were twelve in favour, four against. The parents were *Phragmipedium dalessandroi* and *P. Hanna Popow*, and the cross was registered by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation in 2004. The flowers were an attractive pale pink and cream. The cultivar 'Blushing Beauty' was still a young plant and it was felt that it had not yet reached its full potential, hence the Certificate of Preliminary Commendation.

The plant exhibited had a 180mm spike with two open flowers. Overall flower size was 65 x 82mm. Dorsal sepal cream, 35 x 19mm; synsepal cream, 30 x 22mm. Petals cream, flushed pink in centre, 42 x 25mm; pouch cream-pink, cream inside 25 x 18mm, 18mm deep; disc yellow-pink, 5mm wide.

Grower's advice

Phragmipedium Plemont 'Blushing Beauty'

“ This plant is about 10-years-old, and we had recently divided it before deciding to put it up for an award. When judged, it had one old growth, the flowering



Cymbidium Rocco Tower
'Ouaisne Bay', Award of Merit

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Phragmipedium Plemont 'Blushing
Beauty', Preliminary Commendation

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Odontioda Mont Fliquet
'Elizabeth Castle',
Award of Merit

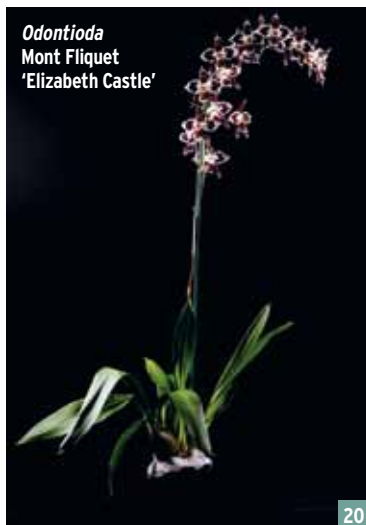


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growth, and one new break, so perhaps submitting the plant at its original size could have resulted in a higher award.

We grow *Phragmipedium* Plemont 'Blushing Beauty' with our *Paphiopedilum* plants. Day temperatures are around 18–20°C, dropping to 13°C at night. We grow it in rockwool cubes with a top dressing of fine bark as this helps to retain moisture within the rockwool, and also stops moss and weeds growing on the surface, which rockwool is susceptible to. We water about every 5–7 days, dropping to 3–5 days in the heat of the summer, but it is essential that the cubes do not dry out. From March to September we feed it with a growth formula feed, and from September to March with a flowering feed. ” Paul Phillips

Odontioda
Mont Fliquet
'Elizabeth Castle'



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19 March 2011 The RHS Orchid Committee met at the RHS Lawrence Hall, London, during the RHS London Orchid Show. Fourteen plants were exhibited; two Awards

of Merit, two Botanical Certificates and two Certificates of Cultural Commendation were recommended.

Award of Merit

■ For *Odontioda* Mont Fliquet 'Elizabeth Castle' 19 and 20 raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were unanimous. The parents were *Odontoglossum cirrhosum* and *Odontioda* Gorey Castle, and the cross was first registered by the Foundation in 1995. The flowers were well-spaced along the spike and had an excellent shape with evenly pointed sepals and petals. Colouration was bold and attractive.

The plant exhibited had a 117cm branched spike with sixteen open flowers. The flowers were white with regular burgundy blotches on the sepals and petals. The overall flower size was 100 x 95mm. Dorsal sepal 55 x 23mm; lateral sepals 40 x 20mm.

Angraecum vigueri
'Gorey Castle',
Award of Merit



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Petals 40 x 30mm; lip 40 x 25mm, yellow callus at throat; column white, 15mm long.

Award of Merit

■ For *Angraecum vigueri* 'Gorey Castle' ²¹ a sibling cross raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey. Votes were unanimous. This very attractive species from Madagascar has had two previous Awards of Merit; one for 'Sherwood' in 1968 (*Orch. Rev.* 76: p182, *Orch. Rev.* 83: p13) and one for 'Thatched Lodge' in 1992 (*Orch. Rev.* 100: p254, 261). The cultivar 'Gorey Castle' was larger than usual, a very good shape and a deep bronze colour.

The plant exhibited had two 4cm flower spikes with two flowers and two buds on each. Overall flower size 150 x 130mm. Dorsal sepal 80 x 8mm at widest; lateral sepals 90 x 8mm at widest. Petals 75 x 8mm at widest; lip

70 x 60mm, contrasting white with bronze edge, spur 100mm long; column green-brown, 10mm long.

Botanical Certificate

■ For *Bulbophyllum clipeibulbum* 'Ryanne' ²² and ²³ exhibited by Ryanne Orchidée, Bavay, France. Votes were twelve in favour, five against. The species comes from IndoChina and the Botanical Certificate was awarded to encourage its introduction into cultivation. The species was described by JJ Vermeulen in 2001. The flowers were red-green, deeper red inside.

The plant exhibited had three pendulous 44cm spikes with an average of 40 open flowers on each. Overall flower size was 15 x 10mm. Dorsal sepal 10 x 3mm at widest; lateral sepals 10 x 2mm wide at widest. Petals 3 x 1mm; lip fimbriated at tip, hinged, 10 x 2mm wide at widest.

Grower's advice

Bulbophyllum clipeibulbum
'Ryanne'

“We bought this plant as a division from an Italian hobby grower in 2006, but he did not know the name of the plant. We snapped it up because my husband, Yves, and I love all *Bulbophyllum* and *Coelogyne* plants and are always looking for more. This species has beautiful flattened pseudo-bulbs that overlap each other at the edges, and give it its name, which means shield-like pseudobulbs.

We grow it, like nearly all *Bulbophyllum* plants, in a mix of medium and small-size bark with sphagnum and a little bit of perlite. This plant hangs in our intermediate glasshouse in half shade. Temperatures

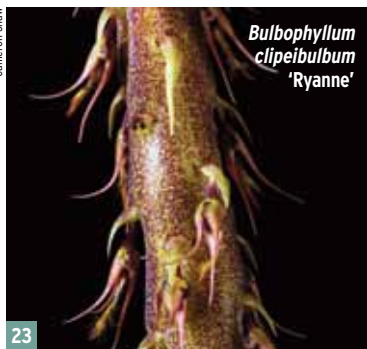
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Bulbophyllum
clipeibulbum 'Ryenne',
Botanical Certificate

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Bulbophyllum
clipeibulbum
'Ryenne'

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Coelogyne
multiflora
'Burnham'

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are 14°C at night and 18°C by day. In the summer we open all the glasshouse doors in the day. We water with rainwater. Each spring, we give all our *Bulbophyllum* plants some extra organic fertilizer so they make strong new shoots. The flower spike takes a long time to grow, more than half a year to extend and to open its flowers, which, of course, like a *Bulbophyllum* should, smell bad.” Rianne Wubben

Botanical Certificate

■ For *Coelogyne multiflora* 'Burnham' 24 and 25 exhibited by Burnham Nurseries, Newton Abbot, Devon. Votes were fifteen in favour, one against. The Botanical Certificate was awarded to encourage its introduction into cultivation. The species comes from Sulawesi where it grows at an altitude of 1,200m. It was first described by Rudolf Schlechter in 1911, and the flowers are scented of cloves.

The plant exhibited had seven pendulous 42cm spikes with an average of 80 white flowers on each. The overall flower size was 20 x 12mm. The dorsal sepal was 14 x 7mm; lateral sepals 14 x 2mm. Petal 14 x 2mm; lip 12 x 8mm, central lemon-yellow stripe; column white, 2mm long.

Grower's advice

Coelogyne multiflora 'Burnham'

“We have grown this plant for eight years, and had never managed to flower it until we moved its position to a new house four years ago. With the increased light that it then received the plant thrived and grew even better and flowered for the first time. This year it has performed its best yet. It grows in a hanging basket

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Coelogyne multiflora 'Burnham',
Botanical Certificate and
Cultural Commendation

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so gets the maximum light available in the house. The temperature does not drop below 12°C. The leaves are sprayed regularly, which it really enjoys, and the plant is watered and fed regularly through the summer growing season to ensure the new pseudobulbs grow well.”

Sara Rittershausen

Certificate of Cultural Commendation

■ To John Walters, Cranbrook, Kent for *Dendrobium petiolatum* ‘Kenneth Bridges’ [26](#) and [27](#). The plant exhibited was 25cm across and grown on a 28cm mount. It had twelve flower spikes with an average of twelve open flowers on each. Votes were sixteen in favour, one against. The species comes from high mountain forest in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. It grows there in very shady areas but requires high air movement.

Grower’s advice

Dendrobium petiolatum
‘Kenneth Bridges’

“I grow this plant mounted on a cork branch, with a pad of moss tied to the cork then the plant placed on the surface. The roots are quick to bind into the moss. Watering is via a narrow strip of capillary matting placed under the moss, then into a small vessel. I half fill this twice-weekly during the growing season, and once-weekly in the winter flowering period. The plant also benefits from a daily spray during the summer months. Fertilizer is given at quarter strength from May to August. This is then supplemented by quarter-strength Tomorite from August to October. The flowers develop from leafless bulbs, and the plant is in flower for three to four months in good condition. The plant is

placed in good light with good air movement.” *John Walters*

Certificate of Cultural Commendation

■ To Burnham Nurseries, Newton Abbot, Devon, for *Coelogyne multiflora* ‘Burnham’ [24](#) and [25](#). (see opposite). The plant exhibited was 111cm across, and grown in a 22cm diameter basket. It had seven flowers spikes with an average of 80 open flowers on each. Votes were thirteen in favour, three against.

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RHS AWARDS

For details about future meetings of the RHS Orchid Committee and entering plants for awards, see Forthcoming Events on p111.