
Plants given RHS Exhibition Awards 2007–2008

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The following list of 189 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 September 2007 until the end of August 2008. Awards made prior to this that were confirmed during this period, following, for example, application or registration of a cultivar name, are also included.

References to further information and catalogued herbarium specimens and images relating to plant awards are included. Please note that where more than one specimen or image is catalogued for a plant, only one reference barcode has been given here. Anyone wishing to visit the Herbarium at Wisley, to view the herbarium specimens or images, should contact the Keeper of the Herbarium. Paintings are commissioned for many orchids that are given awards and these can be consulted by contacting the Lindley Library.

References such as 155D refer to colours in the RHS Colour Chart (Fifth edition, 2007)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.

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Acis fabrei

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB on 15 April 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 67–68. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101150) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Allium oreophiloides

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mrs C Coller, Norwich, Norfolk on 7 June 2008.

Bulbous perennial to 80mm as exhibited. Leaves more or less absent at anthesis. Peduncle to 60mm, strongly upright, glabrous. Inflorescence a crowded umbel of c. 18 flowers subtended by broad ovate bracts $8 \times 6\text{mm}^2$, long-acuminate, papery, translucent. Pedicels c. 10mm, straight. Flowers star-like; perianth segments narrow, c. $8 \times 2\text{mm}$, elliptic-lanceolate, acute, white, tinged purple with a prominent purple midvein; stamens c. 4mm, filaments translucent. Photographic slide (WSY0099634) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Allium perdulce

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr R Drew, Laindon, Essex on 15 April 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 72–73. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101148) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Androsace lehmanniana

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr G Rollinson, 3 Woodside View, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, HD9 2PT on 15 March 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 60–62. Herbarium specimen (WSY0107001) and photographic slide (WSY0099643) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Androsace muscoidea* 'Breviscapa'**

Award of Merit as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dr A C Lafong, Fife on 5 April 2008.

Cushion-forming perennial to 25cm across as exhibited. Rosettes 11mm across borne on a whorl of dead leaves. Leaves $5 \times 2\text{mm}$, obovate, densely covered with long, straight, eglandular, silky hairs. Flower stems strongly upright to 3mm, pale green, woolly. Stem leaves lanceolate, c. 2mm, woolly. Calyx cup-shaped; sepals oval, $2 \times 1\text{mm}$, silky hairy. Flowers white (155D), pin-eyed, 8mm across with a raised yellow annulus; petals ovate, $4 \times 3\text{mm}$; pollen pale yellow. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112272) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Anguloa Lorna grex* 'La Ponterrin'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Raised by Dr H Oakeley and exhibited by the Eric Young Foundation, Jersey on 14 June 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 116: 293. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112280) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***× Angulocaste Noirmont grex* 'Isle of Jersey'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on 19 May 2008. Description and colour picture in *The*

² Length precedes width in measurements, unless otherwise stated

Orchid Review 116: 236–237. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112278) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Anthemis* 'Cally White'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised by Mr M Wickenden, Cally Gardens and exhibited by Mr F Garrett, Great Dixter, Northiam, East Sussex TN31 6PH on 3 July 2008.

Stem 60cm, 2mm diameter, wiry, stiff, mid-green (137D). Flower heads 5.5cm diameter, disc 2cm diameter, deep golden yellow (14A), ray florets, 2 × 0.6cm, white, blunt-tipped, extreme base with a 2mm blotch of golden yellow (12A).

***Anthurium* 'Champion'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant. Exhibited by Mr Jean Pierre and Mr Tin Tsin Fong, Kelvic Court, Suite 32, Cnr St Jean and Stevenson Street, Quatre Bornes, Mauritius on 19 May 2008.

Longest stem to 32cm. Spathe cordate with an acuminate apex, creamy white (155A) with a hint of pink, particularly towards the apex. Spadix continuing the line of the stem, pink (43D) but darker when immature (c. 47D). Herbarium specimen (WSY0107007) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Anthurium* 'Osaki'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mrs C Veerasamy, N. Decotter Street, Beau Bassin, Mauritius on 19 May 2008.

Longest stem to 26cm. Spathe 7 × 3.3cm, ovate with a truncate base and acuminate, slightly twisted, tip; pink-red (47B/C). Spadix held c. 45° to the spathe, pale pink (39C) with a green tip. Herbarium specimen (WSY0107008) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Anthurium* 'Tropical'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mrs C Veerasamy, N. Decotter Street, Beau Bassin, Mauritius on 19 May 2008.

Longest stem to 39cm. Spathe 12 × 9.5cm, cordate with overlapping base and acuminate tip, puckered, glossy red (close to 40A). Spadix to 5.5cm, held parallel to spathe, yellow (13A) to green when immature, turning cream (158A) at maturity. Herbarium specimen (WSY0107006) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Calceolaria glacialis

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dr M and Mrs A Sheader, Southampton, Hampshire on 7 June 2008.

Mat-forming perennial to 70 × 110mm as exhibited. Leaves borne in rosettes, erect, subsessile, to 35 × 20mm, ovate, blunt-tipped, margins entire, ciliate, green (138B). Flower stems to 50mm, upright, slender, evenly covered with long, patent hairs. Flowers solitary held horizontally; calyx split to base, sepals 5 × 3mm, triangular, reflexed, margins ciliate; petals fused into swollen pouch, suborbicular-obovate, 17 × 17mm when pressed, yellow (2A). Photographic slide (WSY0099638) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Calceolaria lanigera

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Regius Keeper, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, 20A Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR on 31 May 2008.

Rosette-forming biennial. Basal leaves in 2 opposite pairs, suborbicular, pale green, densely grey hairy above with pronounced reticulate venation, ribbed on the underside with a crenate edge. Single stem per rosette, reddish with short, white hairs, erect, to 80cm with paired, opposite suborbicular stem-leaves at c. 15cm intervals. Inflorescence a loose cyme with up to 60 flowers. Bracts paired, small, green and leafy. Calyx a shallow cup 3mm diameter with 4 orbicular sepals 3mm across. Flower a 2-lipped pouch, red-purple (64C), the upper lip hooded, 10 × 6mm, the lower lip 10 × 10mm; stamens 2 positioned laterally, ovary superior, style simple. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112078) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Calceolaria umbellata

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dr M and Mrs A Sheader, Southampton, Hampshire on 7 June 2008.

Mat-forming perennial to 12 × 15cm as exhibited. Leaves borne in rosettes, erect, subsessile, to 80 × 20mm, elliptic-oblongate, blunt-tipped, margins entire, sparsely ciliate, green (143B). Flower stems to 80mm, upright, slender, evenly covered with long, patent hairs. Inflorescence a few-flowered umbel subtended by 2 opposite, long-ovate, blunt-tipped bracts, 8 × 3mm. Pedicels slender, erect becoming arching. Calyx split to base, sepals 4 × 3mm, ovate, reflexed, margin ciliate; petals fused into swollen pouch, obovate to rectangular in outline, 15 × 15mm when pressed, yellow (2B). Photographic slide (WSY0099637) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Camellia japonica* 'Doctor Burnside'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr A Congreve, Mount Congreve Garden, Co. Waterford, Republic of Ireland on 13 March 2008.

Semi-double to peony form, to 100mm across × c. 35mm deep, deep red (53B). Stamens fused at base of filament, free part to 20mm long, filament pale orange-red (37A). Leaves broadly ovate to 120 × 70mm, including petiole of c. 10mm, mid-green (c. 137B), serrate, acuminate, lower surface slightly paler (greener than 146B). Herbarium specimen (WSY0101121) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Camellia* × *williamsii* 'Cupcake'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr A W Simons, Bedfordshire on 15 April 2008.

Buds bright pink (c. 54B) and darker (53D). Flowers single, petals to 50mm long of variable widths, white flushed pink generally in apical half (55B), exterior apical portion pink (55C). Anthers yellow (162B), filaments cream (c. 158B). Leaves to 85 × 35mm, dentate, acuminate mostly glossy, some semi-glossy, dark green (c. 147A), veins bright green, exterior bright green (avocado green) (146A–146B). Herbarium specimen (WSY0112023) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Camellia* × *williamsii* 'Laura Boscawen'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr A Congreve, Mount Congreve Garden, Co. Waterford, Republic of Ireland on 13 March 2008.

Anemone form, to 100mm across × c. 35mm deep, 2 rows of petals surrounding central petaloid stamens and true stamens, petals and petaloid stamens bright pink (c. 52B), outer petals pink (c. 54A). Stamens fused at base, free part to 18mm long, filaments pale yellow-orange (c. 22D). Leaves to 105mm, including petiole of c. 10mm, serrate, acuminate, upper surface of leaf blade dark green (greener than 147A), lower surface of leaf blade lighter green (greener than 146B). Herbarium specimen (WSY0101123) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Camellia* × *williamsii* 'Mirage'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr A Congreve, Mount Congreve Garden, Co. Waterford, Republic of Ireland on 13 March 2008.

Semi-double form, to 100mm across × 60mm deep, rose pink (58C). Leaves serrate, acuminate, to 110mm, including petiole of c. 10mm, upper surface glossy mid-green (c. 147A but darker), lower surface lighter (c. 146B). Stamens fused at base, free part to 25mm long, pale salmon-pink (49B/C). Herbarium specimen (WSY0101125) and digital image (WSYD0004512) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Caryopteris* *forrestii

Botanical Certificate. Exhibited by Mr P Catt, Liss Forest Nursery Ltd, Petersfield Road, Greatham, Liss, Hampshire, GU33 6HA on 9 November 2007.

Greenish-yellow-flowered species, collected in W Sichuan, growing on poor shale soil, near the border of Tibet. Introduced from W Sichuan by Mr Foster in 2005.

Castilleja* *pruinosa

Botanical Certificate for its narrow native range and rarity in cultivation. Exhibited by The Curator, RHS Garden Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB on 19 May 2008.

***Celmisia* *spectabilis* 'Eggleston Silver'**

Award of Merit as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Prof. D and Mrs S Rankin, Midlothian on 31 May 2008.

Clump-forming perennial to 30cm. Leaves wide-spreading, lanceolate, to 280 × 30mm, petiole to 60mm, margins inrolled, upper surface green, grey-pubescent, lower surface thickly coated with white tomentum. Flowers held singly on stiff upright stems. Stems with 15–20 linear leafy bracts from 85 × 5mm (becoming smaller towards apex), stem and bracts densely white tomentose. Involucre c. 15mm long, the apical half brown, tomentose. Flower 65mm, comprising c. 100 overlapping ray florets 22 × 3mm, white (155B). Central disc comprising many florets, 25mm across, yellow (14A). Herbarium specimen (WSY0112080) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Aikilon Pink'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by FlorElite Plants & Seeds B.V., Rijnsburg, the Netherlands, trial number 52, and awarded on 11 September 2007. Belgian chrysanthemum; pink.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Allegro'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex, trial number 15, and awarded on 11 September 2007. Digital image (WSYD0004627) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Caukeel Chirpy'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition and as a flowering plant for cutting. Exhibited by Southway Nurseries, East Yorkshire, on 14 September 2007. Early-flowering outdoor spray: reflexed; red (53B).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Caukeel Crystal'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition and as a flowering plant for cutting. Exhibited by Southway Nurseries, East Yorkshire on 14 September 2007. Early-flowering outdoor spray: intermediate; light pink (65D).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Cheyenne'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Miss A Brook, West Yorkshire on 16 November 2007. Indoor single: large-flowered; dark red (53D).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Dawn Run'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr J Nevill, Staffordshire on 2 November 2007. Indoor medium (exhibition); dark pink/pale purple (76D).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Dolly'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 41, awarded on 11 September 2007. Charm: reflexed. Digital image (WSYD0004513) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Domenico Orange'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by FlorElite Plants & Seeds B.V., Rijnsburg, the Netherlands, trial number 51, awarded on 25 September 2007. Belgian chrysanthemum; dark bronze.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Emperor'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex, trial number 6, awarded on 25 September 2007. Digital image (WSYD0004626) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Fantasy'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex, trial number 9, awarded on 11 September 2007. Digital image (WSYD0004514) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Gigi'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 27, awarded on 25 September 2007. Mid-season cushion chrysanthemum; mid-pink.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Gigi Gold'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 43, awarded on 11 September 2007. Digital image (WSYD0004623) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Gigi Pink'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 28, awarded on 11 September 2007. Digital image (WSYD0004629) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Gigi White'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 25, awarded on 11 September 2007.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Gold Cheryl'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 46, awarded on 8 October 2007.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Gudrun'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 32, awarded on 11 September 2007. Digital image (WSYD0004631) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Harry Tolley'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr J Nevill, Staffordshire on 2 November 2007. Indoor reflexed: medium-flowered; purple (76C).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Herbie McCauley'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr H Lawson, Hartlepool on 7 September 2007. Early-flowering outdoor reflexed: medium-flowered; white (155D).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Inez'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 48, awarded on 11 September 2007. Charm; late-season cushion chrysanthemum; yellow.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Intermezzo'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex, trial number 19, awarded on 8 October 2007. Mid- to late-season cushion chrysanthemum; yellow.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Interval'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex, trial number 5, awarded on 8 October 2007.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Jazzy'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex, trial number 17, awarded on 8 October 2007. Single cushion chrysanthemum; red.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Jimmy Tranter'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr J Nevill, Staffordshire on 2 November 2007. October-flowering reflexed: medium-flowered; dark bronze (34B).

***Chrysanthemum* 'John Lowry'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr H Lawson, Hartlepool on 7 September 2007. Early-flowering outdoor reflexed: large-flowered; light purple (74D).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Jolly Cheryl'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 36, awarded on 8 October 2007.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Kerry'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 45, awarded on 11 September 2007. Digital image (WSYD0004633) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Lemon Fizz'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex, trial number 22, awarded on 25 September 2007.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Magical'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex, trial number 2, awarded on 8 October 2007. Single cushion chrysanthemum; white.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Marlene Red'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 37, awarded on 25 September 2007.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Michele'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 44, awarded on 11 September 2007. Early season single cushion chrysanthemum; yellow.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Morgan'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 33, awarded on 11 September 2007.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Natalie Sarah'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr V Aldred on 7 September 2007. Early-flowering outdoor spray: single; white.

***Chrysanthemum* SHELLEY ('Yoshelley')**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 40, on 8 October 2007. Charm: pompom.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Sherry'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Yoder Toddington, Littlehampton, West Sussex, trial number 38, awarded on 8 October 2007.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Southway Sorbet'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Southway Nurseries, East Yorkshire on 7 September 2007. Early-flowering outdoor spray: single; light pink (65B).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Southway Sphynx'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Southway Nurseries, East Yorkshire on 7 September 2007. Early-flowering outdoor spray: single; light bronze (17A).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Southway Superior'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for cutting. Exhibited by Southway Nurseries, East Yorkshire on 14 September 2007. Early-flowering outdoor spray: single; bronze (168D).

***Chrysanthemum* 'Starstruck Pink'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex, trial number 7, awarded on 25 September 2007.

***Chrysanthemum* 'Wendy' AGM**

First Class Certificate as a flowering plant for exhibition and as a flowering plant for cutting. Submitted by Mr W B Wade, Leeds, trial number 68, awarded on 25 September 2007. Early-flowering outdoor spray: reflexed; light bronze.

***Chrysanthemum* 'White Lights'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for pot cultivation. Submitted by Cleangro Ltd, Chichester, West Sussex, trial number 1, awarded on 11 September 2007.

***Cochlioda noezliana* 'Gaytarn'**

Botanical Certificate as a tender flowering plant. Exhibited by Mr John Gay, Wakefield, Yorkshire on 15 July 2008. Description and colour pictures in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 299. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112283) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Corydalis tauricola

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey on 12 February 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **77**(1): 44–45. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101016) and digital image (WSYD0004523) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Cynoches loddigesii* 'Marie'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr M Hopkinson, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire on 11 September 2007. Description and colour pictures in *The Orchid Review* **115**: 356–357. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101217) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Cymbidium Avranches* grex 'Roche d'Or'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on 12 February 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 172–173. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101678; nomenclatural standard) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Cymbidium* Loch Jess grex 'Lewes'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by McBean's Orchids, Cooksbridge, Lewes, East Sussex on 15 March 2008. Description and colour pictures in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 175. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101671; nomenclatural standard) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Cymbidium* Mourier Point grex 'Saint Mary's Village'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey, on 15 March 2008. Description and colour pictures in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 173–174. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101677; nomenclatural standard) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Cymbidium* Paternoster grex 'Trinity'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on 12 February 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 172–173. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101676; nomenclatural standard) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Cynorkis guttata* 'Clare'**

Botanical Certificate as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr J Hermans, Enfield on 19 May 2008. Description and colour pictures in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 237.

***Cypripedium* Hank Small grex**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr I Christie, Angus on 31 May 2008.

Herbaceous, clump-forming, terrestrial orchid. Stems single, arising from underground rhizomes, to 30cm. Leaves 3–5, the lower ovate, acuminate, to 110 × 55mm, the upper ovate-lanceolate, to 85 × 30mm, with pronounced parallel veins. Flowers 2–3 per stem; sepals greyed purple (187A), dorsal sepal 30 × 10mm ovate-lanceolate; synsepal 25 × 10mm, ovate-lanceolate; petals 2, greyed purple (187A), deflexed, linear-lanceolate, 25 × 4mm, lip a deep pouch held horizontally, 22mm long × 15mm deep × 12mm across, green-yellow (1B) spotted with dark red and lined within; column with 3 staminodes, green-yellow (1B) spotted with dark red, 2 minute and the central one triangular, 11 × 6mm, with a green central keel. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112075) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dahlia* 'Cherwell Linnet'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr P Godsmark, Storrington, Sussex, trial number 41, awarded on 12 August 2008.

Small ball; plant to 130cm tall. Flowers 11–12cm wide, blends of orange (167A), red (46B) and yellow (2A/7A), centre florets red (185A); lower surface red (N34A), veins and base yellow (2B). Leaves green (137A).

***Dahlia* 'Oakwood Royale'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr G Carey, Blackwood, Gwent, trial number 98, awarded on 26 August 2008.

Small decorative; plant to 150cm tall. Flower diameter 95–130mm, vivid reddish purple (N74A), maturing to vivid pink brighter than (67A-71C). Leaves green (N137A-147A).

***Dahlia* 'Trelyn Daisy'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr R G Tudor, Blackwood, Gwent, trial number 77, awarded on 19 August 2008. Collerette. Plant to 125cm. Ray florets white, with white collar; disc florets orange-yellow.

***Dendrobium* Rainbow Dance grex 'Akazukinchan'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr H Nagata, Aichi, Japan on 19 May 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 235–236. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112284) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dianthus* 'Anders Fay Seagrave'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised by Mr A J Derrick and exhibited by Mr B Gamble, 17 Welton Old Road, Welton HU15 1NU on 17 June 2008.

Garden pink; flowers single, 40mm diameter, white ground with deep maroon eye (c. 187B) and lighter maroon (N79C) lacing; inner edge of lacing and outer edge of eye irregular; not scented. Petals broad, very shallowly toothed. Digital image (WSYD0004516) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dianthus* BERTA ('Barberta')**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr P Booker, 15 Kings Road, Barnetby le Wold DN38 6HF on 17 June 2008.

Perpetual-flowering carnation; flowers fully double, effect mid-pink self (c. 65B), 80mm diameter, very lightly scented. Petals broad, pink (65D), almost entire to very shallowly dentate. Digital image (WSYD0004515) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dianthus* 'Clifford Pipperoo'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by Mr M Woodfield, Woodend, Clifford Chambers, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 8HR on 15 July 2008.

Perpetual-flowering carnation; flowers fully double, 70mm diameter, effect is white to pale pink ground, with magenta-purple picotee and fine streaks (c. 71C). Petals lightly toothed; white ground, edged and streaked magenta-purple (c. to 71C).

***Dianthus* 'Florence Franklin'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised by Mr M Woodfield and exhibited by Mr P Booker, 15 Kings Road, Barnetby le Wold DN38 6HF on 17 June 2008.

Perpetual-flowering carnation; flowers fully double, yellow with raspberry wire-edge and ticks, giving an overall apricot colour, 85mm diameter; not scented. Petals broad, pale yellow (c. 9D), very lightly flushed with pale magenta (N74D); wire-edged and ticked with rich, dark-purple (N79A); shallowly dentate.

***Dianthus* 'Linfield Julie'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by Mr J Linnell, Linfield, Duncote, Towcester, NN12 8AH on 19 May 2008.

Garden pink; flowers semi-double, 55mm diameter, very pale pink (c. 76D) with dark-red (59A) eye and picotee.

***Dianthus* 'Olive Tolley'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by Mr M Woodfield, Woodend, Clifford Chambers, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 8HR on 19 May 2008. Perpetual-flowering carnation; fully double, salmon-pink self.

***Dianthus* 'Oxford Magic'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised by Mr S Webb and exhibited by Mr B Gamble, 17 Welton Old Road, Welton HU15 1NU on 17 June 2008.

Garden pink; flowers semi-double, with 2 rows of petals, 40mm diameter, white ground with deep maroon (187B) eye and lacing. Petals broad, mainly entire to very shallowly toothed. Digital image (WSYD0004517) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dianthus* 'Pennine Chancer'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised by Mr R Bowers and exhibited by Mr B Gamble, 17 Welton Old Road, Welton HU15 1NU on 17 June 2008.

Garden pink; flowers single, 40mm diameter, effect is pink ground with maroon eye and dark pink lacing. Petals faintly dentate, white ground, heavily blushed and speckled red-purple (72B), rich red-purple eye (71A) with white ground showing through as speckles and central ray extending towards lacing; lacing red-purple (72A) brushed and speckled inwards up to 4mm wide. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101354) and digital image (WSYD0004518) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dianthus* 'Prado Mint'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Curator, RHS Garden Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB on 19 May 2008. Perpetual-flowering carnation; fully double, pale yellowish green (150D) self; margins shallowly toothed. Digital image (WSYD0004519) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dianthus* 'Sutton Olivia Newby'**

First Class Certificate as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised by Mr M Newby and exhibited by Mr J Linnell, Linfield, Duncote, Towcester, NN12 8AH on 17 June 2008.

Garden pink; flowers fully double, pure white self, 45mm diameter, perfectly rounded outline when viewed from above; strongly scented. Petals broad, very shallowly dentate.

***Dianthus* 'Welton Stripes'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by Mr B Gamble, 17 Welton Old Road, Welton HU15 1NU on 17 June 2008.

Garden pink; flowers single, 35mm diameter, white ground, ticked and streaked light purple-red (N74C), with markings stronger (N74A) at the eye. Digital image (WSYD0004520) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dicentra cucullaria* 'Carl Gehenio'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr R Drew, Laindon, Essex on 15 April 2008.

Hairless, herbaceous perennial. Leaves all basal with petioles to c. 20mm long at anthesis, blade triangular in outline, to 35 × 40mm, divided into 3 sections, each section 2-pinnate, green (137C). Scapes curved, held above foliage, c. 10cm long. Inflorescence a

tight, terminal panicle, flowers pendent; pedicels to 4mm, purple becoming green at the apex. Bracts ovate-acuminate. Sepals ovate c. 2 × 1.5mm. Outer petals c. 12mm long, deeply saccate at base, white-pink (62B), with reflexed boat-shaped, orangey tip (20A); inner petals 9mm long, white. Further information and a colour picture can be found in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 71–72. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101149) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dionysia* 'Bolero'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr and Mrs P Ranson, 27 Dickson Way, Audley Gate, Pewsham, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 3FW on 1 March 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 52–53. Herbarium specimen WSY0111913 and photographic slide WSY0099632 in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Dionysia curviflora* 'Ewesley Edinburgh'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr A Newton, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE20 9NR on 16 February 2008. Description in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 47–48. Herbarium specimen (WSY0107005) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Dionysia gaubae

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr G Rollinson, 3 Woodside View, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire, HD9 2PT on 15 March 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 74(4): 499–502 upon the award of a Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Further information and a colour picture can be found in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 34–36.

***Dionysia* 'Geist'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr and Mrs P Ranson, 27 Dickson Way, Audley Gate, Pewsham, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 3FW on 1 March 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 50–52.

***Dionysia* 'Tess'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mrs J Bramley, 124 Holymoore Road, Holymoorside, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S42 7DU on 15 March 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 62–63. Herbarium specimen (WSY0107002) and photographic slide (WSY0099639) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Dionysia zschummelii

Botanical Certificate for its rarity in the wild and in cultivation. Exhibited by Mrs J Bramley, 124 Holymoore Road, Holymoorside, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S42 7DU on 15 March 2008. Photographic slide (WSY0099642) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Disporum smithii* 'Criele'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr I Betteridge, Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire on 7 June 2008.

Clump-forming perennial to 70 × 270mm as exhibited. Leaves alternate, sessile, elliptic, c. 40 × 20mm, acuminate, acute, margins entire, undulate, glabrous, heavily variegated, base and central portion cream (2D), streaked very unevenly with green (144C) and pale

green, mostly in the upper third and along the margins but flecks and lines appearing irregularly elsewhere, mostly along the veins. Stems prostrate, slender, reddish with patent, wavy hairs becoming thicker towards the apex. Photographic slide (WSY0099640) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Echeveria glauca* 'Compton Carousel'**

Award of Merit as a tender plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Southfield Nurseries, Lincolnshire on 16 August 2008. Typical of the species, but with variegated foliage. Leaves primarily grey-green (191B) with grey (190B) streaking, green (13A) patches towards the apex, a clear broad white (155D) margin and a pink (62B) marginal edge.

***Epigeneium nakaharaei* 'Patrick'**

Botanical Certificate as a tender flowering plant. Exhibited by Ms J Kelleher, Orpington, Kent on 9 November 2007. Description and colour pictures in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 52–53. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101228) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Eranthis hyemalis* 'Schwefelglanz'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr A Street, Avon Bulbs Ltd, Burnt House Farm, Mid Lambrook, South Petherton, Somerset TA13 5HE on 12 February 2008. Description in *The Alpine Gardener* **77**(1): 45–46. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101015) and digital image (WSYD0004524) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Eucrosia bicolor

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dr J C David, Staines, Middlesex on 15 April 2008.

Bulbous perennial. Leaves 2–3 per bulb, emerging at the time of flowering, yellow-green, elongate-ovate with a broad leaf lamina and a distinct petiole, 15–20 × 7–8cm, petiole 40 × 10mm. Scape rounded, green (between 137C and 146B) with a distinct glaucous bloom, 35–45cm tall, 5mm in diameter. Inflorescence with 5–7 flowers, c. 10cm across, subtended by up to 6 scarious bracts at the base of the pedicels, straw-coloured (N155D), 30–40mm long. Pedicels 30–40mm long, concolorous with the stem (137C–D). Flowers in bud predominantly darkish green (136C) with orange stripes which increase and broaden as the flower develops; on opening the tepals are reddish orange (22C), with a red base (N34C/180C), tips are creamy orange (22B), 32–35 × 6–7mm. Stamens 6, conspicuously exserted, declinate, withering and hanging down after dehiscence, filaments pale yellow (15D) 55–60mm long, anthers yellow-green (151A), becoming darker after dehiscence, 7–10mm long. Style initially declinate, becoming deflexed, pale yellow, with a capitate-trilobate, finely papillate stigma, 70–75mm long. Ovary glabrous, three-cornered, with distinct furrows appearing as the capsule forms, dark greyed green (189A). Herbarium specimen (WSY0101179) and digital image (WSYD0004522) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Fritillaria acmopetala* subsp. *wendelboi

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mrs D Clement, Wolverhampton on 15 March 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* **77**(1): 63–64. Photographic slide (WSY0099635) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Fritillaria* 'Canmore Park'**

Award of Merit as a flowering for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr M Hopkins, Sunfield, Leschangie, Kenway, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire AB51 5PP on 5 April 2008. Description in *Hanburyana* 1: 48 upon the award of a Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Further information can be found in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 36.

***Fritillaria graeca* subsp. *graeca* 'Bill Ivey'**

Award of Merit as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr F Hunt, Dundee on 5 April 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 36–38. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112273; nomenclatural standard) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Gagea wilczekii

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey on 1 March 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 53–54. Herbarium specimen (WSY0111912) and photographic slide (WSY0099641) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Galanthus* 'E.A. Bowles'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr J Sharman, Monksilver Nursery, Oakington Road, Cottenham, Cambridge CB24 8TW on 12 February 2008. Description in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 43–44. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101020) and digital image (WSYD0004535) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Galanthus* 'Greenfinch'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dr R MacKenzie, Barn Cottage, Shilton, Oxfordshire, OX18 4AB on 12 February 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 42–43. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101013) and digital image (WSYD0004525) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Galanthus* 'Lady Dalhousie'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr I Christie, Downfield, Main Road, Kirriemuir, Angus DD8 5LP on 16 February 2008.

Bulbous perennial to 20cm as seen. Leaves 2 per stem, 115 × 15mm, plicate at base. Stems erect, to 13cm. Pedicel straight, to 60mm, extending beyond spathe at maturity. Spathe to 50mm, little curving, sharply hooked at the apex. Ovary top-shaped, more or less parallel-sided. Flowers single, solitary, horizontal to drooping; outer tepals 30 × 18mm, boat-shaped, white; inner tepals 14 × 12mm forming a 'tube', apical notch rounded, bordered outside by a bold, V-shaped green (143B) band, inside striped green (143C) along the veins with a white margin. Further information can be found in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 46–47. Herbarium specimen (WSY0107004) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Galanthus nivalis* 'Llo 'n' Green'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr J Sharman, Monksilver Nursery, Oakington Road, Cottenham, Cambridge CB24 8TW on 15 January 2008. Description in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 41–42. Herbarium specimen (WSY0100861) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Galanthus peshmenii* 'Kastellorhizo'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dr and Mrs R Wallis, Carmarthen on 13 October 2007. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 31–32. Herbarium specimen (WSY0099283) and photographic slide (WSY0099627) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Galanthus plicatus* 'Three Ships'**

Award of Merit as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr and Mrs R J Leeds, Chestnuts, Whelp Street, Preston St Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 9NL on 15 January 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 32–33. Herbarium specimen (WSY0100862) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Gaura lindheimeri* 'Tutti Frutti'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised by R A Meredith/Sahin, first flowered in 2005, introduced in 2007 by Blooms of Bressingham and exhibited by Mr S Crawford, Flowers by Design, 12 Roman Row, Whichford, Warwickshire CV36 5PJ on 3 July 2008.

Plant 50cm high. Leaves 4–6 × 1–2cm, ovate, mid-green, many with large central purplish blotch. Flower stem very fine green heavily flushed purplish red particularly at top; c. 20–30 flowers per stem; individual flower 5cm diameter, 4 spaced-out petals, bright pink (73B), midrib purplish red (66A), buds dark purplish red (61A/B), 2cm long, pale pink filaments becoming paler pink towards base.

***Grevillea* 'Elegance'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Ms H Angrave, The Old Walled Garden, Oxon Hoath, Oxenhoath Road, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9SS on 15 April 2008. This red-flowered cultivar arose from the hybrid *G. johnsonii* × *G. longistyla* and is not to be confused with the yellow-flowered *G. 'Poorinda Elegance'* sometimes also referred to as *G. 'Elegance'*.

Hakea microcarpa

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Curator on behalf of the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Jermyns Lane, Ampfield, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 0QA on 19 May 2008.

Plant 3 × 2m. Stems slightly zigzag, changing direction at branch junctions. Leaves 18–60 × 2mm, rigid, needle-like, ± terete, spine-tipped and without a petiole. New growth is less rigid, paler green and downy with hairs. Flowers in clusters in leaf axils, cream (4D); pedicel <7mm; style c. 6mm straight for half its length and coiled for the other half; 4 narrow petal-like filaments, <1mm wide and shorter than the style, strongly recurved and frequently coiled, spring-like, bearing the stamens. Herbarium specimen (WSY0105627) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Helleborus* × *ericsmithii* 'Winter Moonbeam'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by Harveys Garden Plants, Great Green, Thurston, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP31 3SJ on 12 February 2008.

Leaves dark green (147A), veined pale green, reverse pale yellowish green (147C) with dark maroon red midrib. Five leaflets, margins distinctly spiny. Flower stem 16cm stout, pale green densely spotted greyed pinkish red (176B). Inflorescence 2 flowers per stem;

2 leaf-like bracts, 35 × 20mm, ovate, encase flower bud giving pinkish bronze effect; flower diameter 8cm, perianth segments 40 × 30mm, base apple green (144B) fading outwards to white. 12 tubular nectaries, bright green (144A), anthers pale yellow, elliptic, styles stout, slightly curved. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101019; nomenclatural standard) and digital image (WSYD0004526) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Hyacinthus* 'Blue Tango'**

First Class Certificate as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by J S Pennings, Breezand, the Netherlands on 19 May 2008. Flowers light violet (91A) with touches of a darker tone.

***Hyacinthus orientalis* 'Aiolos'**

Award of Merit as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by J S Pennings, Breezand, the Netherlands on 19 May 2008. Plant 28cm tall. Inflorescence 16cm tall × 8cm wide. Flowers white, with the apical centre portion tipped green. Highly scented. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101946) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Hyacinthus orientalis* 'Blue Jacket' AGM**

First Class Certificate as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by J S Pennings, Breezand, the Netherlands on 19 May 2008. Plant 32cm tall. Inflorescence 17cm tall × 8cm wide. Flowers dark blue (95A), with paler blue (96C) stripes on the outer surface and violet-blue (N88A), paling (to 91A) at margins on the inner surface. Stem purplish grey (N187C). Herbarium specimen (WSY0101945) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Hyacinthus orientalis* 'Hollyhock'**

Award of Merit as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by J S Pennings, Breezand, the Netherlands on 19 May 2008. Plant 26cm tall. Inflorescence 90mm tall × 45mm wide. Flowers double, 35mm wide, deep red c. 60A, with margins pink (c. 70B), occasionally touched green on the lower surfaces. Highly scented. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101937) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Hyacinthus orientalis* 'Miss Saigon'**

Award of Merit as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by J S Pennings, Breezand, the Netherlands on 19 May 2008. Flowers reddish purple (78A).

***Iris magnifica* 'Margaret Mathew'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey on 11 March 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 55–58. Herbarium specimen (WSY0111727) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Iris* 'Mainstream Spring'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised by M Betts and submitted by Mr C E Bartlett, trial number 25, awarded on 29 May 2008. Digital image (WSYD0004528) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Iris sibirica* 'Banish Misfortune'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and submitted by Mrs J Hewitt, Worcestershire, trial number 53, awarded on 22 May 2008. Digital image (WSYD0004530) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

× *Jancaemonda vandedemii* 'Inchbrae'

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr B and Mrs M Wilson, Aberdeen on 14 April 2007.

Rosetted, clump-forming perennial to 13cm tall as exhibited. Leaves broadly elliptic, dark green, rugose with woolly white or brown hairs on both surfaces. Inflorescence branching with 8–10 flowers per stem; flowers 4-lobed to 40mm across, violet blue (92A) with a yellow-orange (22A) spot edged white at the base of each lobe.

Lachenalia latimerae

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey on 15 April 2008.

Bulbous perennial. Leaves basal, hairless, lanceolate, 170 × 15mm at anthesis, fairly glossy, vivid green. Stems fleshy, erect, green (144C), with a bloom, flecked red at the lowest pedicels becoming pink (70B) in the final quarter. Inflorescence a dense cylindrical spike, c. 80 × 30mm. Each flower subtended by a small, translucent tooth with pale speckling; pedicels purple-pink, 5mm, slender, horizontal; perianth campanulate, c. 9 × 12mm, white with an apical green marking; base of segments bluish (paler than 95D) especially in bud; stamens exserted, filaments white, anthers purple; attractively fragrant. Further information and a colour picture can be found in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 68–71. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101145) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Ledum palustre* subsp. *diversipilosum

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mrs D Clement, Wolverhampton on 10 May 2008.

Small, evergreen shrub to 20 × 30cm as exhibited. Leaves alternate, ovate-elliptic, c. 35 × 18mm pointed at the tip, margins entire, slightly inrolled, underside with thick covering of rusty hairs, upper surface glossy, dark green (137A/B). Stems spreading from low down, thickly covered with rusty hairs in the upper part. Inflorescence a dense, terminal, globular umbel, c. 80mm across. Pedicels slender, to 15mm; calyx c. 1mm across, lobed to halfway; flowers saucer-shaped; petals separate almost to base, obovate, 6 × 3mm, white (155C); stamens strongly exserted; anthers small, cream, filaments to 6mm, white; stigma green, style to 3mm, white; ovaries globular, prominent, green.

***Lycaste Astra* grex 'Hatsune'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr H Nagata, Aichi, Japan on 19 May 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 116: 236. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112279) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Mammillaria bombycina

First Class Certificate as a tender species for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr M Barton, 29 Lascelles Avenue, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 4AW on 16 August 2008.

Plant exhibited to 30cm tall × 65cm wide; with 110–130 separate stems. Underlying colour bright green (N134A), but masked by the colour of the spines and particularly the hairs. Tuberculate; spines at the apex of the tubercles and densely white-woolly (155C) between. Spines creamy white (155C) at base of stems, dark orange (N163A) one third of the way up the stem and orange-brown (166A) from there to the top of the stem.

Mazus radicans

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey on 19 May 2008.

Creeping perennial, rooting at nodes. Leaves congested to 25 × 6mm, pilose, spatulate, upper portion oblong, margins undulate. Flower stems erect, pilose; supporting few-flowered inflorescence. Bracts 1 to 2, 5 × 0.5mm, acute. Calyx narrowly campanulate, dissected to c. halfway, pilose; lobes lanceolate, blunt-tipped, 4 × 1.5mm. Corolla 2-lipped, to 18mm, upper lip violet (N88A), lower lip white with yellow patch at centre becoming purple in throat. Stamens 4, unequal, upper pair shorter than corolla, lower equalling corolla. Herbarium specimen (WSY0111903) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Meconopsis* (Infertile Blue Group) 'Bobby Masterton'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dr E Stevens, Perthshire on 31 May 2008.

Rosette-forming perennial to 120cm at anthesis. Basal leaves to 370 × 60mm or more with stalk to 16cm; blade narrowly ovate-lanceolate gradually tapering, margins occasionally toothed, surface light green, paler on the underside with a prominent greenish midrib and covered with occasional bristly brown hairs becoming longer and forming a fringe on the petiole. Flower stalk green with short, bristly brown hairs becoming thicker towards the apex; cauline leaves to 260 × 55mm, sessile, ovate-lanceolate, margins with few, irregular, square teeth, surface covered with bristly, brown hairs forming a fringe at the margins. Buds to c. 35mm with an even covering of long, brown hairs. Flowers to c. 80mm forming a cup to c. 50mm depth; petals 4, orbicular obovate to 70 × 60mm, margins unevenly undulate, violet blue (97A fading to 97B); stamens numerous, filaments thread-like to 10mm, anthers orange; ovary with bristly, pale brown hairs, style long, to 11mm, stigma capitate. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112156) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Meconopsis* 'P.C. Abildgaard'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dr E Stevens, Perthshire and Mr I Christie, Angus on 31 May 2008.

Rosette-forming perennial to 100cm at anthesis. Basal leaves to 700 × 90mm or more with stalk to 40cm; blade ovate-lanceolate margins shallowly toothed, surface light green, paler on the underside with a prominent green midrib and sparsely covered with pale brown hairs. Flower stalk pale green with bristly, pale brown hairs becoming thicker towards the apex; cauline leaves to 300 × 55mm, sessile, ovate-lanceolate, margins with few, irregular, square teeth, surface covered with pale brown hairs forming a fringe at the margins. Buds to c. 30mm with an even covering of pale brown hairs. Flowers to c. 110mm forming an open cup to c. 40mm depth; petals 4, orbicular-obovate to 65 × 60mm, margins unevenly undulate, violet blue (97A); stamens numerous, filaments thread-like to 14mm, anthers orange; ovary with adpressed, whitish hairs, style long, to 10mm, stigma capitate and shortly hairy.

***Meconopsis* 'Willie Duncan'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dr E Stevens, Perthshire on 31 May 2008.

Rosette-forming perennial to 120cm at anthesis. Basal leaves to 450 × 85mm or more with stalk to 15cm; blade narrowly ovate-lanceolate gradually tapering, margins occasionally toothed, surface light green, paler on the underside with a prominent whitish midrib and covered with bristly, pale brown hairs becoming longer and forming a fringe at the margins and on the petiole. Flower stalk pale green with short, pale brown hairs becoming thicker towards the apex; cauline leaves to 300 × 95mm, sessile, lanceolate, margins with few, irregular, square teeth, surface covered with pale brown hairs forming a fringe at the margins. Buds to c. 40mm with an even covering of long, pale brown hairs. Flowers to c. 75mm forming a cup to c. 50mm depth; petals 4, orbicular-obovate to 60 × 60mm, margins unevenly undulate, blue (101B), suffused with violet (188B); stamens numerous, filaments thread-like to 13mm, anthers orange; ovary with adpressed, pale brown hairs, style long, to 9mm, stigma capitate and cruciform. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112153) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Miersia chilensis

Botanical Certificate for its flowers, which resemble flies; it is therefore one of the very few non-orchideous monocots that display insect mimicry. Exhibited by The Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey on 15 January 2008.

Narcissus cantabricus* subsp. *tananicus

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Regius Keeper, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, 20A Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR on 5 April 2008.

Bulbous perennial to 20cm as exhibited. Leaves 2 per stem 240 × 2.5mm, linear, glabrous, canaliculate, finely ribbed. Flower stem strongly upright, c. 14cm, minutely ridged. Spathe papery, tapering, to 35mm, sheathing ovary. Ovary oblong, green, 15 × 5mm. Flower single, solitary, conical to 50 × 40mm; perianth tube to 25mm; perianth lobes spreading, 18 × 8mm, triangular, acute, yellow (12A); corona wide-spreading, frilled at apex, yellow (12A); style simple, yellow, to 50mm; stamens to 40mm, pollen yellow. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112271) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus* Eira Group**

Award of Merit as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dr and Mrs R Wallis, Carmarthen on 1 March 2008. Description in *Proceedings of the Royal Horticultural Society* **126**: 157 upon the award of a Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. Further information and a colour picture can be found in *The Alpine Gardener* **77**(1): 33–34. Photographic slide (WSY0099629) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus* 'Good Friend'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr J Gibson, Kettering, Northamptonshire on 11 March 2008. Cyclamineus.

***Narcissus* 'Jammin'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr B Duncan, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland on 29 April 2008.

Small-cupped; flower rounded, 106mm wide; perianth segments very broad, blunt, mucronate, white, slightly reflexed, plane, with margins incurved at apex, smooth and of heavy substance, overlapping half; the inner segments broadly ovate, not noticeably mucronate, more nearly spreading, with margins plane; corona bowl-shaped, ribbed,

deep lemon yellow (9B), with green at base, mouth expanded, lobed, deeply frilled. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112087) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Narcissus* 'Sheelagh Rowan'**

First Class Certificate as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr C Yates, Bicknoller, Somerset on 15 April 2008.

Large-cupped; flower forming a double triangle, 13cm wide; perianth segments very broad, off-white, spreading, smooth and of very thick substance, overlapping half; the inner segments a little twisted or with margins wavy; corona cylindrical, of a purer white than the perianth, with green at base, mouth flared, with 6 shallow overlapping lobes, lightly frilled, rim obscurely crenate.

***Narcissus* 'Triple Crown' AGM**

Award of Merit as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr R Hilson, Haywards Heath, West Sussex on 29 April 2008.

Small-cupped: flower rounded, 80mm wide; perianth segments very broad, rounded at apex, deep golden yellow (3C), with a slight, white mucro, a little reflexed, concave at apex, overlapping half; the inner segments narrower, roundish, more nearly spreading; corona shallow bowl-shaped, ribbed, deep golden yellow (9A), with emerald green at base and a narrow band of red (N30B) at rim, mouth expanded and minutely frilled.

Nepeta kubanica

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr F Garrett, Great Dixter, Northiam, East Sussex TN31 6PH on 3 July 2008. Stem stiff, erect, 1.2m, branched. Leaves opposite, serrate, lanceolate, base rounded, tip apiculate. Inflorescence to 12 many-flowered verticillasters in heads of 18–20cm long, 5cm diameter. Flowers rich purplish violet, calyx 15mm long, hairy, very pale brownish pink with purplish pink teeth that are 5mm long.

***Nerine* 'Regina'**

Award of Merit flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr K Hall, Springbank Nursery, Winford Road, Newchurch, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0JX on 9 October 2007. Herbarium specimen (WSY0100574) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Nerine sarniensis* 'Anne Baring'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr K Hall, Springbank Nursery, Winford Road, Newchurch, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0JX on 9 October 2007.

***Nerine sarniensis* 'Grandeur'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr K Hall, Springbank Nursery, Winford Road, Newchurch, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0JX on 9 October 2007.

***Nerine sarniensis* 'Grogarry Loch'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr K Hall, Springbank Nursery, Winford Road, Newchurch, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0JX on 9 October 2007.

***Nerine sarniensis* 'Harry Dalton'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr K Hall, Springbank Nursery, Winford Road, Newchurch, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0JX on 9 October 2007.

***Nerine sarniensis* 'Loch Boisdale'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr K Hall, Springbank Nursery, Winford Road, Newchurch, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0JX on 9 October 2007.

***Nerine sarniensis* 'Maiden's Blush'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr C Edwards, Isle of Wight on 9 October 2007.

***Nerine sarniensis* 'Noel'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr K Hall, Springbank Nursery, Winford Road, Newchurch, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0JX on 9 October 2007.

***Nerine sarniensis* 'Tamilla'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr K Hall, Springbank Nursery, Winford Road, Newchurch, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0JX on 9 October 2007.

***Nerine sarniensis* 'Tregony'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr K Hall, Springbank Nursery, Winford Road, Newchurch, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0JX on 9 October 2007.

***Nerine sarniensis* 'Victor'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr K Hall, Springbank Nursery, Winford Road, Newchurch, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 0JX on 9 October 2007.

Nothoscordum andicola

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant. Exhibited by The Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey on 9 November 2007.

Bulbous perennial to c. 20cm. Leaves glabrous, linear, canaliculate, blunt-tipped, without aroma. Scape slightly succulent, c. 15cm long. Inflorescence an umbel of c. 11 flowers subtended by 2 bracts, ovate-acuminate, 15mm long, margins scarious, veins deep reddish pink (64A). Pedicels to 20mm, becoming pendulous. Tepals 6, joined at base, boat-shaped, 11 × 6mm, culminating in a minute tip, base green, lower portion suffused with red (64A) extending along the vein, fainter on the inside; filaments pale green, very broad at the base, anthers brown, equalling the style. Sweetly fragrant. Further information and a colour picture can be found in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 40–41, 59. Herbarium specimen (WSY0111527) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

× *Odontioda* Bouley Bay grex 'Jersey'

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on 15 January 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* 116: 113. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101672) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

× *Odontioda* La Villaise grex 'Saint Clement'

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on 11 December 2007. Description and colour pictures in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 109–110. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101663; nomenclatural standard) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Odontoglossum* Les Niemes grex 'Jersey'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on 19 May 2008. Description and colour pictures in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 236–237. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112286; nomenclatural standard) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Ozothamnus selago* var. *intermedium

Award of Merit as a hardy foliage plant. Exhibited by Mr A Furness, St Luke's Cottage, North Road, Wooley, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 1TT on 13 October 2007. Description and colour pictures in *The Alpine Gardener* **77**(1): 29–30. Herbarium specimen (WSY0099278) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Papaver somniferum* 'Lauren's Grape'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Raised by L Springer, USA and exhibited by Mr F Garrett, Great Dixter, Northiam, East Sussex TN31 6PH on 3 July 2008.

Stem 45cm long, 3mm diameter, stiff, upright, pale green (138B), with cauline leaves to 20cm below flower head. Flower 10cm diameter, 7cm deep, 4 petals rich purple (71A) with glossy black central blotch.

***Paphiopedilum* Alois Handlbauer grex 'Only Make Believe'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Ms G Benn, Chilton, Oxfordshire on 14 June 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 293–294. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112277) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Paphiopedilum godefroyae* 'White Fairy'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by In-Charm Orchids, Taichung, Taiwan on 14 June 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 294–295.

***Paphiopedilum* Knob Mochizuki grex 'Victoria Village'**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on 15 January 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 112–113. Herbarium specimen WSY0101682; nomenclatural standard) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Paris polyphylla* AGM**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr F Garrett, Great Dixter, Northiam, East Sussex TN31 6PH on 3 July 2008.

Stout stiff stem 6–8mm diameter. Leaves 9–10, 110 × 45mm, 5-veined, glabrous, tapering at base, petioles 3cm long. Petals 6–8, 80 × 3mm; sepals 6–8, 60 × 20mm, stamens 12–16, styles fused into short column.

Paris polyphylla* var. *stenophylla

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Prof. D and Mrs S Rankin, Midlothian on 31 May 2008.

Rhizomatous perennial, stems to 30cm, dark green. Leaves in a single whorl of 15–18, linear-lanceolate, 80 × 10mm, margins undulate, keeled, dark green above, suffused violet below, glabrous. Flowers borne terminally with 9–10 leafy, lanceolate, dark green sepals 35 × 8mm; petals thread-like to 95mm, purple at base and yellow green (144B) towards the apex; ovary purplish green; stamens 9–10, 20mm, filaments purple-brown, pollen orange. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112079) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Phlox maculata* ‘Snow Blush’**

First Class Certificate as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mrs R Clay, Pinklands, St Hilary, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan on 3 July 2008.

Stems 5mm diameter, stiff, mid-green densely spotted maroon red. Leaves glabrous above. Flower panicle 30cm long, 15cm wide at base, 8cm wide at top, strongly scented. Flowers 3cm diameter, white with faint purplish pink in throat and bright yellow anthers, corolla lobes 1.5 × 1cm, orbicular; calyx 1cm long, lobes acute tips, pale green with dark purple midrib. Good scent.

***Phragmipedium Augres* grex ‘Saint Helier’**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on 11 December 2007. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 110. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101684; nomenclatural standard) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Phragmipedium Grouville* grex ‘Trinity’**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Raised and exhibited by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, Jersey on 12 February 2008. Description and colour picture in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 171–172. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101674; nomenclatural standard) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Primula aurantiaca

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Prof. D and Mrs S Rankin, Midlothian on 31 May 2008.

Proliferae: rosette-forming perennial to 30cm, efarinose. Leaves to 170 × 50mm, obovate, margins with irregular, fine teeth, surface glabrous, green, the underside with a prominent pale green midrib, flushed pink on the upper side with prominent veins. Flower stalk brownish red to 15cm to the first whorl of flowers, efarinose. Inflorescence in 3–4 whorls of 8–15 flowers per whorl. Bracts linear, to 15mm. Pedicels to 15mm. Calyx, cup-shaped, 9mm, 5-toothed. Flowers orange (24A fading to 24C), 13mm across with an annulus, tube 10mm long, petals 5, ovate to c. 6 × 4mm slightly notched; thrum-eyed; stamens 5, pollen yellow brown, style simple. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112157) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Primula edelbergii

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey on 11 March 2008.

Sphondylia: rosette-forming perennial to 25cm tall. Leaves to c. 120 × 80mm, blade suborbicular, sticky with short glandular hairs, olive green, margin with fine, irregular teeth, slightly undulate, base cuneate. Stems c. 20cm with 2 or 3 whorls of about 7 flowers subtended by a whorl of oblanceolate bracts, toothed in the upper half, c. 55 × 10mm. Flowers on slender, upright pedicels to 40mm; calyx parallel-sided, 7 × 5mm with

triangular, acuminate lobes; corolla to 12mm across, golden (9A) with a small orange eye (17A); tube to 12mm long; lobes 6 × 8mm with a deep central notch. Thrum-eyed. Further information can be found in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 58–59. Herbarium specimen (WSY0111526) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Primula japonica* 'Apple Blossom'**

Award of Merit as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Prof. D and Mrs S Rankin, Midlothian on 31 May 2008.

Proliferae: rosette-forming perennial to 40cm, efarinose. Leaves to 18.5 × 10cm, broadly ovate, margins with irregular coarse teeth, surface glabrous, green, the underside with a prominent pale green midrib and prominent veins. Flower stalk to 31cm to the first whorl of flowers. Inflorescence in 3–4 whorls, 8–10 flowers per whorl. Bracts linear, acuminate, to 16mm. Pedicels to 18mm. Calyx cup-shaped, 9mm, 5-toothed. Flower tube 14mm long, flowers 5-petalled, to 25mm, petals orbicular to c. 13mm with a broad central notch. Flowers pink (65B) fading to white, with an orange annulus, thrum-eyed; stamens 5, pollen slate-grey. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112073) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Primula japonica* 'Postford White' AGM**

Award of Merit as a hardy plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Prof. D and Mrs S Rankin, Midlothian on 31 May 2008.

Proliferae: rosette-forming perennial to c. 60cm, efarinose. Leaves to 28 × 10cm, broadly ovate, margins with irregular coarse teeth, surface glabrous, green, the underside with a prominent pale green midrib and prominent veins. Flower stalk to 41cm to the first whorl of flowers. Inflorescence in 3–4 whorls, 7–10 flowers per whorl, to 15 in terminal whorl. Bracts linear, acuminate, to 17mm. Pedicels to 25mm. Calyx cup-shaped, 10mm, 5–7-toothed. Flower tube 20mm long, flowers 5–6-petalled, to 33mm, petals obovate to c. 10 × 16mm with a broad central notch. Flowers white (155D), with an orange annulus, pin-eyed, stamens 5, pollen grey brown. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112077) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Primula luteola

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Prof. D and Mrs S Rankin, Midlothian on 31 May 2008.

Oreophlomis: rosette-forming perennial to 42cm. Leaves to 210 × 35mm or more with stalk to 70mm; blade narrowly ovate, gradually tapering, margins with regular small teeth, surface mid-green, the underside with a prominent white midrib, efarinose. Flower stalk pale green becoming farinose towards the apex. Inflorescence subtended by a ring of apical, triangular, farinose bracts 12 × 3mm, a loose umbel of 20–30 flowers; pedicels to 17mm, farinose; calyx 10mm, tubular and 5-toothed, farinose. Flowers yellow (8C), 18mm across, tube c. 13mm, orbicular to c. 9mm with a central notch, eye darker, exannulate, thrum; stamens 5, pollen sandy brown.

Primula moupinensis* subsp. *moupinensis

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Prof. J Richards, High Trees, South Park, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 1BT on 1 March 2008.

Petiolares: leaves to 10 × 3.5mm at flowering, oblong, later with an obovate blade to 100 × 80mm and a petiole to 50 × 5mm, white farinose throughout at flowering,

becoming more sharply erose-dentate as leaves develop. Plants without stolons at flowering, but later stolons stout, more than 2mm thick, with large, terminal plantlets. Flowers scapose from first flowering, up to 13 together; scape thick, more than 3mm in diameter; pedicels thick to 10 × 1.5mm; calyx farinose, campanulate, 8–9mm, lobes 4mm, acute ; corolla heterostylous, bright pink (74D) with a well-marked white centre, 25–30mm in diameter, exannulate, spreading, obovate-retuse to slightly and shallowly emarginate. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101931) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Prunus cerasifera* ‘Hessei’**

First Class Certificate as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr Ivan Dickings, Rumah Kita, Bedfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 7JJ on 12 February 2008.

Slow-growing, free-flowering, white-flowered shrub to small tree, introduced around 1906 by Hesse of Weener, Germany. Flowers 20 to 25mm across, borne on shoot tips or short spurs singly or in short, 2- to 5-flowered racemes. Petals 5, white, ovate, c. 10 × 8mm. Sepals 5, long-triangular, c. 3 × 2mm at base, reflexed, with rounded tips, serrulate, pale greenish grey-brown, the margins and teeth pinkish purple. Perigynous zone and pedicel greyed purple (184A), glabrous, the pedicel 12 to 18mm long. Style c. 5mm, pale greenish yellow. Stamens c. 20, 3 to 7mm long, with white filaments and purplish anthers. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101017) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Renanthera storiei* ‘Jorg’**

Award of Merit as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr J Frehsonke, % Orchideen Lucke, Neukirchen-Vluyn, Germany on 14 June 2008. Description and colour pictures in *The Orchid Review* **116**: 294–295. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112281) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Rhododendron* ‘Caerhays Lavender’**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr C H Williams, Burncoose Nurseries, Cornwall on 26 April 2008.

Flower buds rose-mauve (c. N78D), c. 20 × 5mm in clusters of 2 or 3. Calyx with long hairs. Leaves obelliptic c. 27 × 11mm, with long hairs, tips submucronate; upper surface mid-green (lighter than 147A), lower surface slightly paler (c. 147B, but lighter). Juvenile leaves larger, to c. 40 × 15mm, oblanceolate, showy, with long hairs, yellow (c. 6D), reported to turn white and then green as flowers open. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112021; nomenclatural standard) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Rhododendron* (Nimrod Group) ‘Scheherezade’**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr A Congreve, Mount Congreve Garden, Co. Waterford, Republic of Ireland on 12 March 2008.

Trusses up to 17cm across, of up to 18 flowers. Corolla widely funnel-shaped, glabrous, apart from few hairs on interior at base of the tube, to 55 × 65mm, with 6 ± equal lobes, petals joined from c. 23mm from the top to the base with the central upper the largest, creamy white (155D), the interior speckled red-purple (grading from 59A–C), most dense on the upper 3 petals, with a solid blotch at base of upper middle petal and edges of those either side (59B). Younger buds and on some petals of some flowers, the interior red-purple showing through to the exterior. Peduncle to 27mm long, peduncle pink-red on upper surface (46D); lower surface yellow-white (158B) flushed pink-red (46D). Stamens 13, 31–42mm long, filaments white, anthers fawn (between 166B/C), style to

39mm long, greenish yellow (1D), ovary to 1cm long, green with a slight flush of red. Calyx insignificant, pale green-yellow c. 2mm long. Leaves to 214 × 53mm, leaf blade 189mm long, petiole 25mm long. Leaves mid-green (c. 147A, but lighter), lower surface paler (c. 147C). Herbarium specimen (WSY0101115) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Roscoea cautleyoides* 'Pennine Purple'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr N Huntley on 31 May 2008.

Tuberous-rooted, clump-forming herbaceous perennial. Single stem to c. 25cm at anthesis. Stem leaves 4–5, alternate, clasping the stem, lowest scale-like, increasing in size towards the apex, with a hyaline edge, the largest ovate-lanceolate c. 130 × 25mm. Bracts leafy, triangular to 45 × 10mm. Flowers greyed purple (187A) with 2 cream marks at the base of the lip, borne terminally, in groups of 3–4 with a long (30mm) slender tube; petals 3, the upper somewhat hooded, 30 × 14mm, ovate and acuminate, the laterals deflexed, 20 × 6mm, narrowly linear-ovate; staminodes 3, the upper 2 ovate, forming a hood-like structure, 22 × 9mm, the lower, lip-like 32 × 20mm, divided into 2 lobes with an undulate edge; stamens 2, held fused beneath the stigma, pollen yellow. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112074) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Roscoea humeana* f. *tyria* 'Inkling'**

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mrs C Collier, Norwich, Norfolk on 7 June 2008. Photographic slide (WSY0099636) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Rupicapnos africana* subsp. *gaetula

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Drs I and C Bainbridge, Penicuik, Midlothian, on 6 October 2007.

Tufted perennial, arising from fleshy rootstock. Plant branched at base. Leaves mostly basal to 10cm with long petiole, bipinnatisect and pale green (138C). Flowers with 4 petals, the upper petal extended into a spur. Flowers white (155D) to 17mm long of which the spur is up to 5mm. The outer petals with a green stripe, inner petals with a purple tip (59A). Stigma 2-lobed. Further information can be found in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 39–40. Herbarium specimen (WSY0111728) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Saxifraga* × *dinninaris

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr S Sutherland, Fife on 5 April 2008.

Porphyron: cushion-forming perennial to 48mm tall as exhibited. Rosettes upright, tight, comprising c. 20 oblong-ovate leaves, 3 × 2mm, greyish green with a prominent midrib and sparse hairs at the margin. Flower stem to 25mm, sparsely covered with long, white, curly hairs, with c. 8 linear, adpressed leaves, 4 × 1mm, scarcely overlapping. Calyx cup-shaped; sepals oval, blunt, fleshy, 5 × 3mm, hairy, green suffused vinous red. Flowers solitary, purple (78A), lobes 5, spathulate, 11 × 6mm, frilled at the margins; style pale pink, 9mm long, exserted; stamens concolorous with petals, arranged in 2 whorls, the superior whorl exserted. Further information and a colour picture can be found in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 65–67. Herbarium specimen (WSY0112274) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Solanum trinominum

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dr M and Mrs A Sheader, Southampton, Hampshire on 26 April 2008.

Perennial shrub to c. 20cm tall. Stems erect, densely pubescent, hairs to c. 0.5mm. Leaves c. 25 × 10mm pinnatisect, sessile, grey-green, both surfaces densely tomentose, margins regularly lobed to two thirds, with c. 5 pairs of lobes, rounded, sometimes with a secondary lobe at the base of the primary lobe. Inflorescence c. 60mm long with c. 5 flowers; pedicels c. 12mm long at anthesis; calyx 10mm across, tube to 1.5mm, lobes equal, 4 × 2mm, oblong, rounded ciliate; corolla 25mm in diameter, pentagonal, white to bluish, tube to 1.5mm, lobes c. 10 × 12mm, ciliate, margins wavy; stamens unequal, 2 larger and 3 smaller, larger anthers to 6.5mm, smaller to 4.5mm, larger filaments to 3mm, smaller to 1mm; style c. 8mm; stigma globose, 0.8mm in diameter. Photographic slide (WSY0099645) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Sorbus carmesina* 'Emberglow'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a fruiting plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr C R Sanders on behalf of Dr H McAllister, Ness Botanic Gardens, University of Liverpool, Ness, Neston, South Wirral, CH64 4AY on 9 November 2007.

A description of this cultivar is given in *The Genus Sorbus: mountain ash and other rowans* by Hugh McAllister, published in 2005 by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. This exhibit had fruits that were predominantly deep rose pink (54A/B), often with paler shades of pink or white on one side and with some fruits tinged bright red (46B). Collected in China in 1987, B&L 12545, and introduced to horticulture by Bridgemere Nurseries in 2000. Herbarium specimen (WSY0099280) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Stachyurus yunnanensis

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Honourable Evelyn Boscawen, Tregothnan, Truro, Cornwall, TR2 4AN on 15 April 2008.

Vigorous, evergreen shrub with arching, scandent habit and distinctive foliage. Leaves glabrous, alternate, lustrous deep green (N137A/B) above, sub-lustrous, yellowish green (146A/B) below, with paler midrib. Leaves ovate or oblong-lanceolate, somewhat willow-like, with finely serrate margins, long-acuminate tips and cuneate bases, c. 6–10 × 2–3cm. Petioles 13–20mm, tinged pink and grooved above. Young shoots green, older shoots reddish brown, striate, with scattered, raised, pale lenticels. Flowers cup-shaped, actinomorphic, bisexual, c. 50mm across, borne on very short pedicels, c. 1mm in pendent, axillary racemes, 5–11cm long. Petals 4, free, overlapping, broadly ovate to rhomboidal, pale greenish yellow (1C), 5 × 2.5mm. Sepals 4, free, 2.5 × 2mm. Superior ovary c. 2.5mm long with pale yellowish green style, c. 2mm, and greenish stigma. Stamens 8, free, in 2 whorls. Introduced from SW China by Mikiyori Ogisu. Herbarium specimen (WSY0111896) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Streptocarpus* 'Alissa'**

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a tender flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Dibleys Nurseries, Llanelidan, Ruthin, Denbighshire LL15 2LG on 19 May 2008. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101198) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Tulipa australis

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by The Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey on 11 March 2008. Description in *The Alpine Gardener* 77(1): 54–55. Herbarium specimen (WSY0111726) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Tulipa* 'Ballerina' AGM**

First Class Certificate as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by Broadleigh Gardens, Bishops Hull, Taunton, Somerset, TA4 1AE on 19 May 2008.

Lily-flowered Group: flowering stems to 52cm tall. Tepals 8 × 4cm at widest point, ovate, blunt to acute, mucronate, orange-yellow (23A), touched red (53A) at margins and apex and along the veins, with yellow (9A) at base. Inside the tepals are less heavily marked with red and have a double crease at the mid-vein. Anthers yellow. Leaves 23cm from base to tip, 4.5cm at widest point, broadly lanceolate, with distinctive longitudinal veining, margins incurving towards apex; mid-green (137A) on upper surface and paler (137B) on lower surface, with a thin pale margin. Stem yellow-green (143C). Herbarium specimen (WSY0101942) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Tulipa* 'Barcelona' AGM**

Award of Merit as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr R Blom, Shelton, Huntingdon on 29 April 2008.

Triumph Group: flower held upright on 63cm tall stems. Tepals 7 × 6.5cm at broadest point, very broadly ovate, blunt or slightly truncate at apex, margins minutely crenate, pink (67B), flushed with white and fully white at base. Inside the tepals are predominantly pink (67B), with a narrow band of white below and yellow at the base. Leaves 17cm from base to tip, 6cm wide at broadest point, broadly lanceolate, many leaves bifurcated at tip, moderate yellowish green (139B). Stem similar in colour to the leaves, but with a little more yellow. Herbarium specimen (WSY0101948) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Tulipa* 'Dordogne' AGM**

Award of Merit as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by Bloms Bulbs, Primrose Nurseries, Melchbourne, Bedfordshire MK44 1ZZ on 19 May 2008.

Single Late Group: flowering stems to 68cm tall. Tepals 7.5 × 6cm at widest point, rounded, minutely truncate at apex, with margins slightly incurved, yellow-pink (37D) rising in palmate pattern from base, with the mid-vein rising to the apex, touched pale yellow (158A) at the centre of the base, orange-yellow (21A) running from apex to mid-vein, with yellow (9A) at the base of the margins. The inner tepals orange-yellow (21A), paling towards the creased mid-vein, with yellow-pink (37D) at base. Inside the tepals are yellow (9A) at base with a narrow band of green above, then a broad band of red (N30A) with a point of pink (51A) at the mid-vein, orange (N25C) up to the apex, with a point of yellow (6A) at the mid-vein. Anthers yellow-orange. Leaves smooth, dark grey-green (N138B) on upper surface, greener (138A) on lower surface, with paler veins. Stem yellow-green (143C). Herbarium specimen (WSY0101941) and digital image (WSYD0004532) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

***Tulipa* 'Menton' AGM**

First Class Certificate as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by Bloms Bulbs, Primrose Nurseries, Melchbourne, Bedfordshire MK44 1ZZ on 19 May 2008.

Single Late Group: flowering stems to 73cm tall. Tepals 8.5 × 6.5cm at widest point, rounded, truncate or split at apex, pink (51D), paling to margins, yellowish white (158D) at base, with a thin line of orange-yellow (21A) following the margins from apex to just above the base. Inside the tepals are more prominently white along the basal margin and up the mid-vein, with yellow (9A), then banded green (N135A) and then red (46D), with orange (26A) above and a point of white (158D) at the apex. Anthers yellow-orange.

Leaves smooth, dark grey-green (N138B) on upper surface, greener (138A) on lower surface, with paler veins. Stem yellow-green (143C). Herbarium specimen (WSY0101939) and digital image (WSYD0004534) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Tulipa 'Pink Panther'

Award of Merit as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by Bloms Bulbs, Primrose Nurseries, Melchbourne, Bedfordshire MK44 1ZZ on 19 May 2008.

Parrot Group: flowering stems to 49cm tall. Tepals 8 × 7cm at widest point, broadly ovate, split at apex, with margins deeply dentate and also split, purplish pink (62A), touched yellow-green (138A), with white at base and purple-red (58C) at margins. Inside the tepals are yellowish pink (46D), with white at base and a narrow band of purple (N86B) separating the two. Anthers purple. Leaves smooth dark grey-green (N138B) on upper surface, greener (138A) on lower surface, with paler veins. Stem yellow-green (143C). Herbarium specimen (WSY0101940) and digital image (WSYD0004533) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Tulipa 'Professor Röntgen'

First Class Certificate as a flowering bulb for exhibition. Exhibited by Bloms Bulbs, Primrose Nurseries, Melchbourne, Bedfordshire MK44 1ZZ on 19 May 2008.

Parrot Group: flowering stems to 47cm tall. Tepals 8 × 6cm at widest point. Tepals rounded, with margins incurving, creased and frilled, greenish yellow (5C), paler (1D) at base, with a band of dark orange (169B) following the margins and touches of green (141B) across the tepals. Tepals with many small lobules scattered over the outside of the tepals. Inner tepals yellow (6A), with dark orange (169B) at margins. Inside the tepals are bright orange (25A), touched with darker orange (169B), with yellow (9A) at base and a narrow band of green (N137A) above. Anthers purple-black. Leaves smooth, dark grey-green (N138B) on upper surface, greener (138A) on lower surface, with a narrow, pale band at margins. Stem yellow-green (143C). Herbarium specimen (WSY0101944) in the RHS Herbarium (WSY).

Uebelmannia pectinifera

Award of Merit as a tender species for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr M Weobley, 48 Rowan Drive, Billingshurst, West Sussex RH14 9NF on 16 August 2008.

Plant exhibited to 12cm high × 10cm diameter; single stem. Mainly grey-green (N189A) but greener (147A) towards the growing point. Spines on vertical ribs, grouped 3–6: old spines near the base of the plant grey-white (N155A) surrounded by very dense pale greyed yellow hairs (161D); most recently emerged spines dark purple-black (N186A/B) surrounded by very dense, slightly darker, greyed yellow hairs (161C).

Viola 'Rebecca'

Award of Merit as a flowering plant for exhibition. Exhibited by Mr G Goddard, 25 Mornington Road, Chingford, London E4 7DT on 3 July 2008.

Violetta: stems stiff, bright green 3mm diameter. Flowers 4cm wide × 3.5cm long, cream with outer edges and large parts of the petals heavily flushed violet (86B); petals slight frilled; base of lower petal flushed yellow (8C) becoming darker toward centre of flower. Reverse of flower very pale cream flushed overall to varying degrees with pale violet (86D); centre of flower a very small bright yellow dot. Calyx lobes linear with acute tips.