



NZ ODONTOGLOSSUM ALLIANCE

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR:

Thank you all for your supporting subscriptions during the year. I trust your collections have not suffered too much during the winter and now with the high temperatures — the hottest at this time here since 1946 ! It looks like a hot and humid summer.

The main thing to say in this issue is THANKS. Firstly to Dee and Jeff Hibberd of Wairarapa for their amazing effort in getting our conference display off the ground, over to Palmerston North and set up. Thanks also to Don Isles for lending staging, Jane Frear for ticketing and overseeing during setting up and to that great couple Jim and Maureen Grantham from Perth who worked untiringly setting up, dismantling and so on. Thanks also to all those who lent us plants for the display. Jane extracted 60 plants from hers and other Aucklanders collections and drove down 528 kilometres with her sister and the car bursting with plants ! My grateful thanks to Bob and Beryl Goodger of Tauranga who took all these photos of the first prize odont winners at the Conference. They laboured long and hard several days to locate the plants, write them up and try to get the best shots — all this before they had the prize list to help them.

We also have to thank Alan Moon who came to the NZOA dinner at the conference and joined in the fun and kept smiling when the hired projector ate up some of his prize slides ! With him seated on the floor and the other 73 of us crowded round he topped off a great meal with his fascinating Odont and Phrag slides from Jersey E.Y.O.F.

Alan brought us several flasks of E.Y.O.F. odonts to grow on for members but unfortunately these got smashed up enroute from Auckland to Palmerston North by air. He has promised to send us more when he can get a courier to bring them back — up the right way ?

I was only able to put in the occasional visit to the display area myself once the sales table area opened as I had a sales stall.

The Summer Display in New Plymouth is only weeks away — 12/13/14 January. Jim and Eloise Harper from Ohio are bringing slides of awarded US Odonts to show us and maybe we can (or lend out) the videos of the US Odont Alliance meeting at Portland ,Oregon. I have had them converted to PAL and seen Sandro Cusi from Mexico talking on Lemboglossums. The range of clones of rossii etc would make your mouth water !

Finally thanks to all the contributors of articles and to Jim and Rae and Alan for their help and support.

Best wishes

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P.S. If you have any prints or slides of interest from the conference please send them in for me to see and use in the next issue.

Ron.

NZ ODONTOGLOSSUM ALLIANCE TROPHY

The trophy we donated for the best Odont Alliance plant in the 3rd NZ Expo went to Beallara Witches Cauldron 'Magic Brew'. Our congratulations to Gwenda Parkinson of Hawera.

SOME REFLECTIONS ON EXPO '95

Our Editor has asked me for my thoughts about the Palmerston North Expo, in particular the plants on display from within the *Odontoglossum* alliance, and also some comments on the winners of various classes. These will be my own thoughts and will probably be at odds with many others, however here we go.

Firstly I would congratulate the Show committee and the many exhibitors on what I considered to be an excellent display of our favourite flowers, it would compare well with any other show that I have attended both here and overseas, the individual displays have improved over the years and are now quite professional. As is usual at this time of year *Cymbidium* and Australian *Dendrobium* were to the fore, but there were also some fine examples of most other genera.

I must say that I was rather disappointed with the overall standard of my particular passion, the Odonts, if the spring has been dull and cool over the whole country as it has in the lower half of the North Island this is perfectly understandable. It was rather noticeable that most of the better plants were from further north. Two plants that I thought memorable were the lovely *Blira*. Witches Cauldron 'Magic Brew', displayed by Gwenda Parkinson and the delightful little *Vuyl*. Howard Liebman 'Frolic' displayed by Dave Watt.

It was interesting to see many of the older hybrids still managing to hold their own in competition and also pleasing to note that a large number of Odont Alliance members were featured on the prize list. A few observations from the provisional results that were probably caused by the rush to get them displayed or maybe wrong labelling.

Class 142. 2nd. *Odm.* Hallio-crispum 'Parade'. This is almost certainly *Odm.* Hallio-crispum x *Odm.* Parade.

Class 143. 1st. *Odm.* (*rossii* x *cirrhosum*) = *Odm.* Fowlerianum. — Sander 1906

Class 146. 1st. *Odm.* (Hyrastro x Stroperry) = *Odm.* Hyperry. — Brashear 1989

Class 152. 1st. *Wils.* Widecome Fair, should read Widecombe Fair.

Class 164. 2nd. *Odm.* (Echanson x Point Lonsdale) — Both are *Odontiodas*.

Now for a commentary on some of the class winners that not all may agree with.

Class 140. ODONTOGLOSSUM SPECIES. *Odm. hallii*. — G. Fuller. 7 flowers. A small version of what can be a rather large plant, flowers nicely coloured although somewhat small and about half the number that you can expect on a mature plant.

Class 142. ODM. CRISPUM TYPE HYBRID. — *Odm.* Connero 'Lyoth Nimbus' x self. F. Brljevic. 7 flowers. A selfing of an old favourite (Charlesworth '57). Flowers a deep plum purple, the lip has an attractive white picotee border, good shaped blooms nicely arranged on an upright spike, would have been enhanced with a few more flowers.

Class 143. ODM. HYBRID OTHER THAN CRISPUM TYPE — intrageneric — *Odm.* Fowlerianum. — Tudor Orchids. 6 flowers 1 bud. A really old primary hybrid (Sander 1906), very colourful, star shaped flowers rather loosely arranged. *rossii* seems to produce this colour and pattern in many of its hybrids eg. *Odm.* La Ponterrin. It appears that

Odm. Fowlerianum has never been used as a parent, probably because of its shape which is heavily influenced by *cirrhosum*.

Class 144. ODONTIODA. — *Oda. Sleeping Parade*. F. Brljovich. 10 flowers. A very nice spike of good shaped, well presented burnt orange flowers, the lip is a paler shade of orange with a lavender purple edging. This must be a fairly recent hybrid as I can find no registration details.

Class 146. ODONTONIA FROM BRAZILIAN MILTONIA. — *Milt. spectabilis* x *Odm. Stroperry*. A. Locke. Eleven large 'spectabilis' type blooms on a 70cm. branching spike, sepals and petals mauve with a faint patterning, the large lip a lighter mauve with a 'waterfall' pattern basally, a good flower count for an *Odontonia* with *Milt. spectabilis* as an immediate parent.

Class 151. ODONTOCIDIDIUM. — *Odcdm. Don Richardson*. P & G. Fox. 3 spikes with approx. 30 flowers. A typical *Onc. tigrinum* hybrid, registered in 1972 its parents are *Onc. tigrinum* x *Odm. Crowborough sunrise*. A good number of golden yellow slightly starry flowers with chestnut brown colouring on the basal half of the petals and sepals and with a clear golden yellow labellum.

Class 153. MILTONIOPSIS SPECIES OR INTRAGENERIC HYBRID. — *Milt. Carpenteria 'Rob'*. Sherlocks Orchids. 5 spikes, 9 flowers, 13 buds. Good sized and shaped dark red flowers with a chestnut mask edged in white. Seedlings of this cross (Alan Iseri x Franz Wichman) have been awarded with over 150 flowers. I suspect by the clonal name that this plant came from flasks imported from USA some years ago by Rob Verschoor.

Class 160. ONCIDIDIUM HYBRID, OTHER THAN EQUITANT OR VARICOSUM TYPE
Onc. John Louis Shirrah. S. Wray. 2 spikes of 60+ flowers. Another old favourite from the late 70's, two branching spikes of light purple blooms with a white lip with a purple stripe. The crossing of two very floriferous species (*ornithorynchum* x *hyphaematicum*) gives us this very rewarding primary hybrid with the long branching spikes of *hyphaematicum* and the delicate colouring of the *orbithorynchum*.

Paul Cable
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Photos 1 to 8. The first colour page of eight photos are described in Paul Cable's article entitled 'Some Reflections on Expo '95'.

Photo 9. *Bakerara* Chuckanut Island 'Everglades'. This striking chocolate and yellow flowered orchid registered by Bealls in 1976 was mericlone and bred with by Everglades orchids a number of years later. Its parents are *Aliceara* Pacesetter and *Odm. Mirum* and its shape is greatly influenced by its *Brassia* blood. This plant gained second prize in Class 149 'Intergeneric Hybrids including *Brassia*', for Graham Jackson, Palmerston North.

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ODONTOGLOSSUM ALLIANCE FLASKS

Qty	Code	Cross
4	116	<i>Onc.concolor</i> O.x. 2 selected clones, one with very large flowers
7	118	<i>Odm.bictoniense</i> x <i>Oda.Kaleidoscope</i> 'Vibrant Purple'. Looking for very dark mauve/red blooms.
5	124	<i>Odm.Kaleidoscope</i> 'Vibrant Purple' x <i>Odm.Nicky Strauss</i> 'EYOF'. Purple predominating with some lighter markings
3	140	<i>Odm.cristatellum</i> x <i>Odm.naevium</i> . An interesting cross between 2 vigorous species.
4	160	<i>Coch.noezliana</i> x <i>Odm.edwardii</i> . Expect very bright cerise/magenta blooms with high flower count.
8	164	<i>Odm.hallii</i> o.x. One of the most vigorous odont species.
5	166	<i>Oda.Bradshawiae</i> x <i>Onc.Specialty's Cameo</i> 'Crackerjack'. A speculative cross in Wilsonaras using a <i>Onc.concolor</i> hybrid
2	167	(<i>Onc.tigrinum</i> x <i>Odm.Ron Smith</i>) x <i>Oda.Bradshawiae</i> . Hoping for oranges with yellow markings.
6	217	<i>Oda.Echanson</i> 'Abie' x <i>Oda.Eric Young</i> . An interesting cross with a large pure colour Eric Young.
5	169	<i>Oda.</i> (St.Helier x Trixon) x <i>Oda.</i> (Ingmar x Coupe Point). Tetraploid cross combining a solid red with a fine dark mauve.
5	188	<i>Oda.Gorey Castle</i> x (Gorey Castle x Tordonia). Pod parent is a fine clone from the E.Y.O.F. We expect quality flowers, base of white with vibrant markings.
5	195	<i>Odm.</i> Stroperry 'William' x <i>Odm.</i> Nicky Strauss 'Stonehurst'. Large blooms with rich purple markings.
10	197	<i>Odm.</i> Mt.Diablo 'Hawk Hill' x <i>Odm.</i> Nicky Strauss 'Stonehurst'. Whites with dark mauve splashes.
10	200	<i>Oda.</i> (Ingmar x Coupe Point) x (Gorey Castle x Tordonia). Another cross featuring 2 clones from the E.Y.O.F. Heavily marked mauves.

Flasks have 16 strong plants ready for deflasking, and are priced at \$A35.00 ea. plus a share of freight. Please send a deposit of \$NZ40.00 per flask made out to E.M.Frear, 78 Portage Road, Papatoetoe Nth. Auckland. Phone (09) 278 4698. Offer closes December 30th, so flasks may be shipped in time for the Taranaki Summer Display on 12.1.96.

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Photo 10. *Baptistonia echinata* — This unusual member of the Oncidiinae was once known as *Onc.brunleesianum* after Brunlees, who introduced it to England from Brazil in 1879. Now given its own genus because of its different characteristics, it is being used to breed some unusual hybrids. The species epithet means prickly or perhaps hedgehog like? It does not appear to open widely although Veitch's Manual shows a full page line drawing of a spray with each flower well open. There were several plants in the show but the judges chose this plant grown by Euan Perrott of Te Awamutu as first in Class 141 'Oncidiinae — species not otherwise listed'

THE ODONT ALLIANCE DINNER

One of the many enjoyable aspects of the 3rd International Orchid Expo was the opportunity to sit down and chat informally with fellow *Odontoglossum* enthusiasts over a glass of wine and a good meal. Admittedly we had to share the venue with the "Paph" and "Masdie" people but they are not such a bad bunch of people I guess. Actually I suspect that many present are members of all three interest groups anyway!

Our dinner was held at the Northcote Inn Restaurant on the Friday evening. Both the upstairs and downstairs areas had been booked for us and Ron Munder, bless his cotton socks, made sure we all had a drink in our hands and a seat to sit on. It had after all been a hard day listening to some fascinating lectures as well as attempting to discipline ourselves when walking past the very tempting sales tables. After a delicious meal everyone congregated in the upstairs room to listen to Alan Moon and to look at more of his wonderful slide collection. Alan is a great speaker — he has a dry sense of humour and such a wealth of knowledge and interesting orchid stories that we could have listened to him for hours!

It's probably good that he does have a sense of humour too because the slide projector decided to jam with a couple of Alan's slides in it. Ron and Alan with some help from other members of the group, tried to help and did succeed in prising the slides out of the projector. Alan managed to show us a few more of his slides before the machine jammed again so he decided to call it a day. But no matter — we enjoyed talking to each other anyway. I was sitting next to a man who, I found out later, was Alf Day. Alf was a really friendly guy and we chatted away about odonts and got onto the subject of pollination. I had had a few futile attempts at pollinating *masdevallias* so I asked Alf if he could give me a few hints — he obviously knew a lot more about it than I did! This must have amused Alf because he called across the room to a friend of his — George Fuller — telling him that "a young lady wanted to learn about sex". Of course there were hoots of laughter. I felt more than a little embarrassed but flattered too at being called a young lady. Anyway, George enjoyed the joke and came over to sit with me. It was really interesting talking with him and from the other people gathered round to listen, I realised that I wasn't the only one who unsuccessfully fiddled with a toothpick and a couple of orchids in a clumsy attempt at hybridisation. George offered to meet with us the following morning to explain in detail his methods of hybridisation — an offer we gladly accepted.

I think this really sums up the atmosphere at our "Odont Alliance" dinner and in fact the Expo as a whole. It was a warm friendly occasion, full of opportunities to learn more about orchids and I wouldn't have missed it for anything!

So, a big thankyou to everyone who was involved in organising the many different activities that made up the 3rd International Orchid Expo — the dinners, the lectures, the accommodation. It was a truly wonderful week

Heather Verstraeten
Nelson.

PALMERSTON NORTH STAND NZ ODONT ALLIANCE

Thanks a bunch to all members (and non members) who assisted in the providing of flowering Odonts and or ferns. Thanks especially to Jim and Maureen Grantham from Perth, Werstern Australia, who were there for the set up and breakdown of the stand (and for putting out the computer tickets on plants to be judged which I had forgotten). Considering the time spent writing them out and getting along to the computers I must have slipped a cog somewhere ! About the design and arrangement of the stand and the many hours work put in on the various 'props' by Dee and Jeff Hibberd beforehand, all deserves our highest praise. I think the public said it all when they complimented us on a setup where they could walk right up to the exhibits and easily read the large script writing on the cards for note taking and photography and OH! how grateful they were for Jeff's 2 rustic seats (set strategically at each end of of the display) to ease tired feet!! We might not have won gold but we certainly made many friends.

Jane Frear

TUCKERS ORCHID NURSERY

HOBBY FLASKS of 10 PLANTS

Odm. Stropheon 'Bayswater' AM/OCNZ x *Odm. crispum* 'Bayswater'

Oda. Star Trek x *Oda.* Joe's Drum

Oda. (Golden Rialto x Elsie) x (Royal Delight x Golden Rialto)

Oda. Echanson 'Operetta' x City of Birmingham

Oda. Flocalo 'Abundance' x Golden Rialto

Oda. Saint Clement 'Lacey' AM/OCNZ x Pescalo 'Stonehurst'

Oda. Trixmahnee 'Coppertone' x Bellway

SPECIAL# from Eric Young — replated into hobby size

#1. *Oda.* Mont Ube x Panise 'Mont Millias'

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Photo 11. *Baptirettia* Royal Marble — an interesting ne intergeneric between *Baptistonia* (Photo 10) and *Comparettia falcata*. This plant came first in Class 150 'Oncidiinae Intergeneric hybrid - not including *Brassia* and not otherwise listed.' Grower Jim James, Hamilton.

Photo 12. *Brassia* (Mem. Walter Bertsch x Edvah Loo). An attractive brassia hybrid which won a first for Alf Day of Auckland in Class 155 '*Brassia* — species or intrageneric hybrid'.

BREEDERS CORNER

How long does species' scent descend through seedling progeny? I've been looking through a list of some 7 primary hybrids in my shadehouse and even among seedlings of the same cross there is a marked difference in the strength of scent emitted.

Odm. Megaglossum 'Vanilla' whose 4 spikes graced the Alliance stand and earned itself a 2nd prize, is easily the strongest scent I've met with even allowing for *Odm. pulchellum*. Having donated the cross made with *Odm. Moselle* 'Moxham' (a deep gold) to the Alliance for fund raising I will be most keen to hear whether the scent has come through to 3rd generation seedlings. These 3 clones at least, I am sure have the same *Odm. hallii* 'strain' — they are, *Odm. hallii* 'Apollo Eleven' x *Odm. Gavotte* 'Snowstorm', *Odm. hallii* 'Apollo Eleven' x *Odm. Golden Ransom* 'Finch', and *Odm. Megaglossum* 'Vanilla', because all have the same lip pattern of an *Odm. hallii* I flowered here years ago and likewise very strong on scent.

Also, all 3 have another extra good habit, they hold their flowers in show condition for 2 months! They all make good bulbs, very often 2 growths to a bulb and each in turn, 2 flower spikes per bulb. Pods have gone in for flasking of the first 2 named. I will list the others here and see if I can stir up any interest in members to exchange pollen or suggest scented plants already 3rd or 4th generation from the species.

Odm. Fowlerianum, Sanders 1906, and remade recently by Geyserland using a white *Lemboglossum rossii* and *Odm. cirrhosum* as a pod parent. I have reversed this and have a large pod on *Lemb. (rossii var majus* 'L & R' x *rossii var majus* 'Pinkie') the *Odm. cirrhosum* being Val Warren's quality clone, much branched and strongly scented. With the *Lemb. rossii* being a mauve pink these should be interesting on 2 counts, colour and the amazing number of growths the *Lemb. rossii* puts up. Although a dwarf plant, it will be a specimen in a few years and I am most grateful for the hints on culture received from Mr. Cusi's article in the American Odont. Newsletter. Sandro Cusi has the Rio Verde Orchids in Mexico.

Oda. Daphne 1910, also remade recently by Geyserland, is *Oda. Heatonensis* x *Odm. edwardii* and very interesting too. Tall dainty branching stems of small flowers of varying perfume strength — strongest in one with puce coloured flowers and weakest in one with mustard hues but all are worthwhile.

Onc. incurvum x *Odm. laeve*. Ron will you please get on and register this delightful cross?? (I'll name it *Odcdm. Jane Frear* — Ed.). Not only a lovely scent but a tall branching affair of dainty purple and white flowers which I am sure could be hybridized further on.

Lemb. bicktoniense x *Odm. odoratum*. This also is highly scented and the long tongue like lips are covered in a velvety plush down and I would dearly like to get seedlings from this coppery orange treasure but so far, the *bicktoniense* side of the equation says NO. If any bright ideas out there flash among you please let's have the benefit of them either in an article for the newsletter or call me (collect) 09 2784698 or call Ron 07 5525570.

Jane Frear
Auckland

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Photo 13. *Vuyl.*Howard Liebman 'Frolic' — This striking *Vuylstekeara*, registered by Geyserland in 1986 was on most peoples 'take home' list. There were two or three plants of this clone in the show but the one depicted won first in class 147 'Vuyltekearas bred from Miltoniopsis' for Dave Watt of Palmerston North. The parents of this plant are *Oda*.Shelley which gets its lovely spots from *Odm.cirrhosum* and *Milt.*Athene, (Charlesworth 1934).

Photo 14. *Onc.*(Barbie x Star Wars) — This plant won first in Class 159 '*Oncidium* - varicosum type' for Euan perrott of Te Awamutu and although it showed more varicosum blood its Barbie parentage is all variegata or equitant *oncidium*.

Photo 15. *Oncidium* Golden Sunset 'Waiamao' - several cut stems sent over to NZ by the Townsville O.S. in North Queensland, Australia. This took first prize in Class 158 '*Oncidium* Equitant Hybrid' and was greatly admired until it started to collapse later in the week.

Photo 16. *Odm.*Heatoniensis x *Oda.*(Point Lonsdale x Joe's Drum) This plant gained first prize in Class 164 'First Flowering Seedling classes 142- 144 *Odm/Oda*'. It carried five small flowers which strongly showed the Heatoniensis and *Odm cirrhosum* background, grower was Alf Day.

FLASKS — — ORDERS TAKEN

The following crosses are ready for replating at the lab. Hobby flasks of 15 plants can be made up if any members are interested. Cost is \$30 per flask plus freight plus GST. For further information contact Alan Lewington, Gisborne. Ph (06) 8672134 after hours or Fax 06 8679526 business hours.

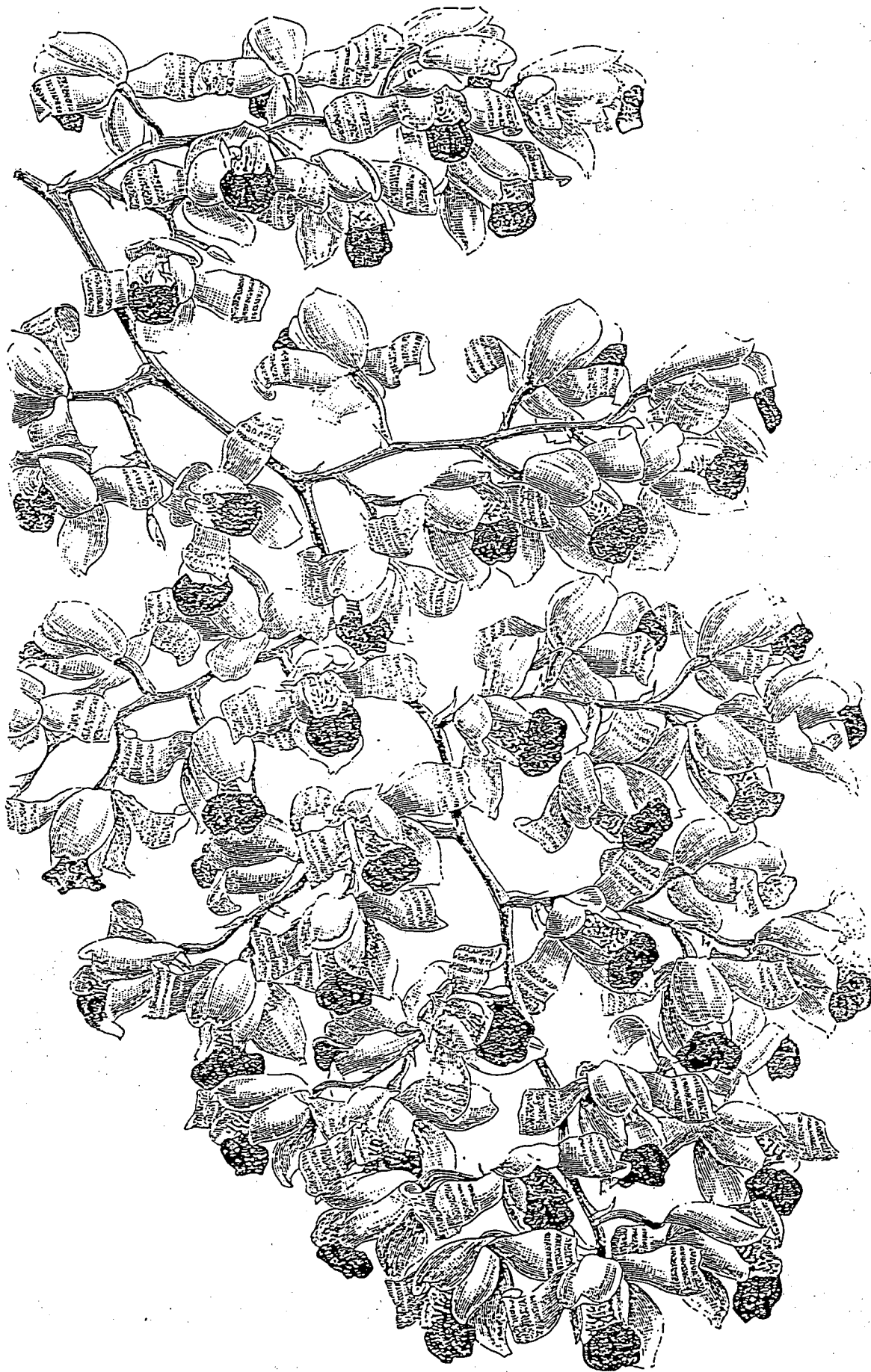
#4.*Oda.*Echanson 'Operetta' x [(*Odtm.*Mena x *Oda.*Cristo) x Wearside Galaxy 'Alba']. Expect mostly strong growing plums to patterns with a few albas maybe.

#5.*Oda.*Echanson 'Operetta' x *Odm.*(Hallio-crispum 'alba' x Parade)'Alba Gold'. Expect similar to above -possibly some yellow albas

#6.(*Oda.*Echanson x *Odm.*Somelle) x *Odm.*(Moselle x Sunmar) . An orange/yellow crossed with bright yellow with large brown spots.

#7. *Oda.*Wearside Galaxy x *Oda.*Concade 'Paradise Plum' HCC/OCNZ. Two lovely plums. Expect vigorous growers and long spikes.

#8. *Oda.*Wearside Galaxy x *Oda.*Bluera. Expect pink and plum patterns.

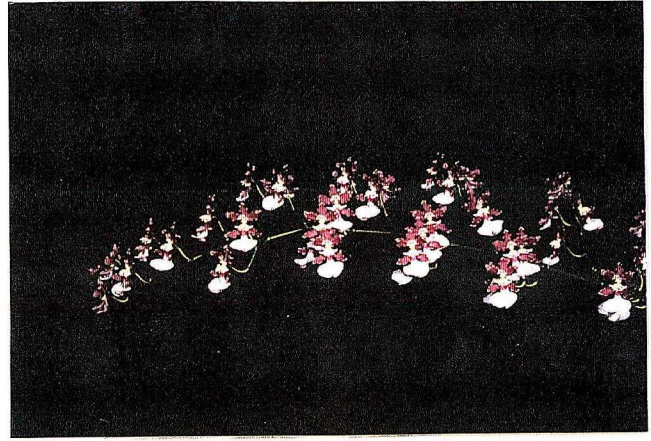


Oncidium Brunleesianum.
(From the *Gardeners' Chronicle*).

Odonts at 3rd NZ Orchid Expo



1. Odcdm Don Richardson



2. Onc John Louis Shirrah



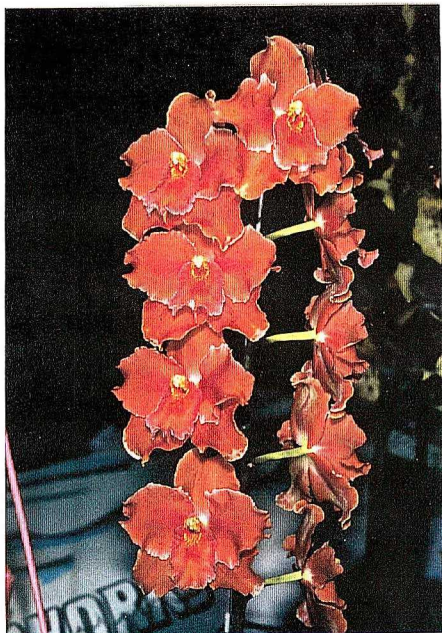
Odtna
(Milt spectabilis x Odm Hyperry)



4. Milt Carpinteria 'Rob'



5. Odm hallii



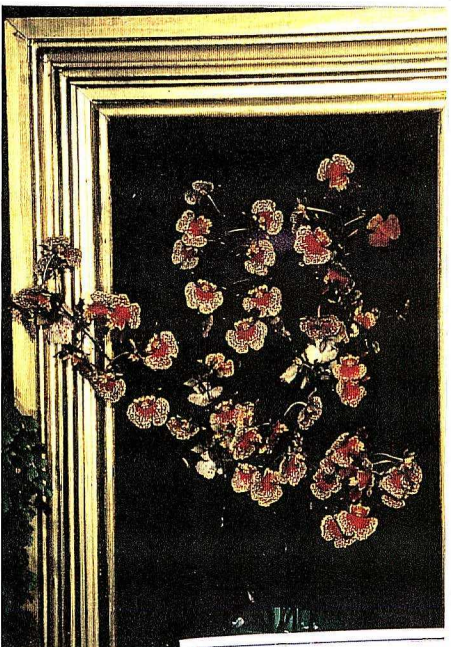
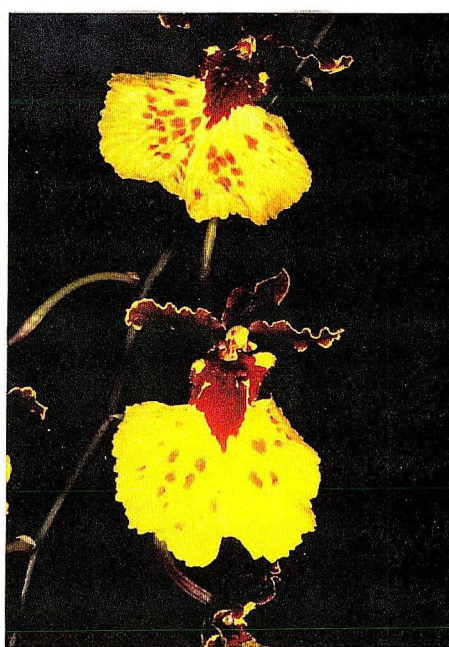
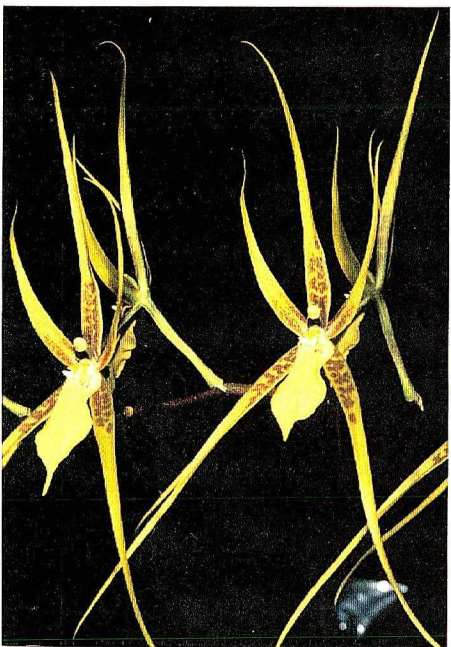
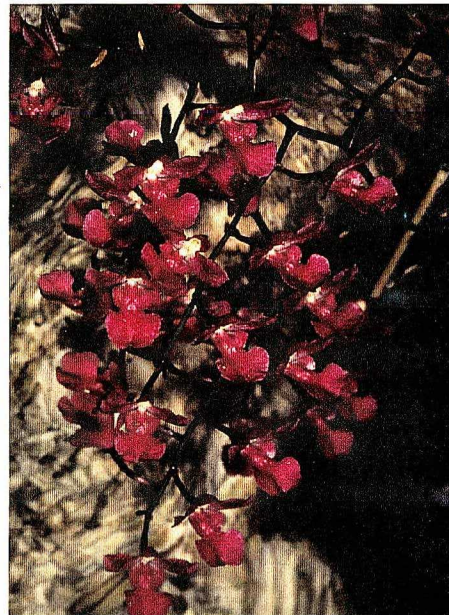
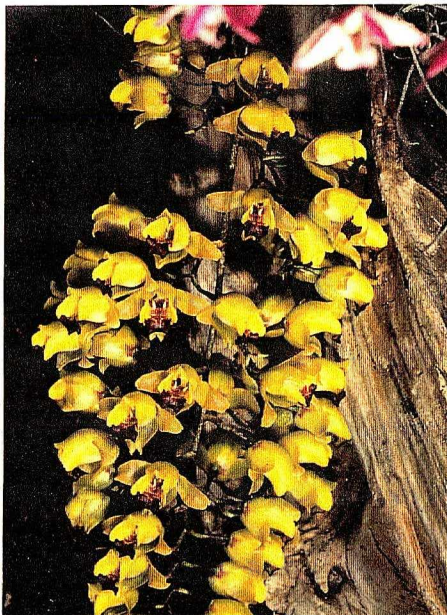
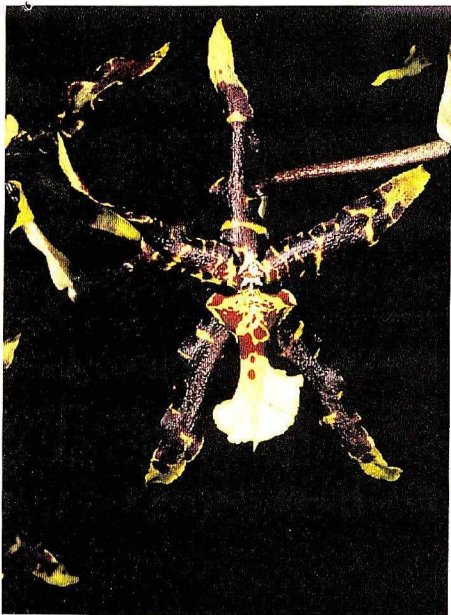
6. Oda Sleeping Parade



7. Odm Fowlerianum



8. Odm Connerio



9. Bakerara Chukanut Is
'Everglades'
10. Baptistonia echinata
11. Baptirettia Royal Marbles
12. Brs.(Mem Walter Bertsch
x Edvah Loo)
13. Vuyl. Howard Liebman
'Frolic'
14. Onc(Barbie x Star Wars)
15. Onc Golden Sunset 'Waiamao'
16. Odm Heatonensis
x Oda(Point Lonsdale x Joe's Drum)

