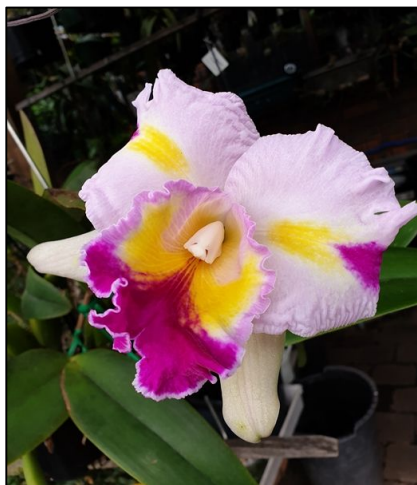




Starting off this month is a stunning array from the collection of Lina Huang – *all on this page are Lina's except the last bloom*



Lc. Burana Beauty



Zgba. Dragon Kitten 'Patches'



Dendrobium Impact

Paph. venustum 'Super Star' x Miao Hua-1'

You may have noticed at meetings & previous VBs, Lina grows slipper orchids particularly well, she has a number of spectacular specimens.

The common name for *Paph. venustum* is The Charming Paphiopedilum.

The name *venustum* is derived from the veins in the labellum.



Found in Assam India, Northeastern Bangladesh, the Eastern Himalayas, Bhutan, Nepal and Yunnan China at elevations of 1000 to 1500 meters, the habitat of *Paph. venustum* lies in some of the wettest places on earth. It grows as a medium sized, cool growing, shade loving terrestrial in a variety of habitats, at the base of cliffs in humus or in the dense undergrowth of bamboo thickets or the jungle, often near streams, as well as in the crotch of trees with leaf detritus.

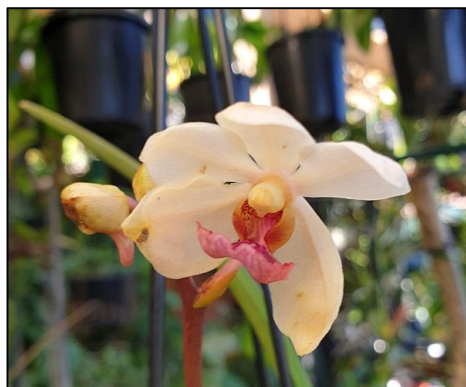
Flower size to 9cm.

<http://www.orchidspecies.com/>

<http://slipperorchids.info/paphdatasheets/>



Cym. Unknown



Holc. kimballianum x *V. sanderiana*



Gomesa Trinket – T & P
Only one on this page not from Lina



Cattleya Flava-Psyche
(*C. crispata* x *Psyche*)



Diplocaulobium regale



Maxillaria variabilis *FS 1-1.5cm



Dendrobium tetragonum
var. *giganteum*



Dendrochilum niveum



Prosthechea cochleata



← *Pleurothallis*
prolaticollaris
*FS 6mm

→
Scaphyglottis
violacea
*FS 2.5mm



Dendrobium Wayne Turville



Dendrobium Unknown

*FS = Flower size based on <http://www.orchidspecies.com/>



Stenorrhynchos speciosum x sib.
Peter & Jane D'Olier



Dendrochilum wenzelii – Peter & Jane D'Olier *FS 1cm



↑ *Dendrobium bullenianum* – Peter & Jane D'Olier

With a *FS of 1.9cm this hot to warm growing epiphytic species, originates in the evergreen lowland forests of the Philippines and Vietnam at elevations up to 1000 meters. Producing clusters of these dainty little bright orange flowers with striking red lines all along the pseudobulbs which, according to Wikipedia can be one meter long & 1.5cm thick. The link below shows what a sight it is in nature. It is named in honour of Mr. Bullen, an orchid cultivator with Low & Co.'s nursery, who was the first in Britain get this species to flower in cultivation.

<http://www.orchidspecies.com/> https://www.flickr.com/photos/likas_halamanan/3606061421/in/photostream/



Restrepia trichoglossa
Peter & Jane D'Olier *FS 3cm



Odont. Tiger Hambuhren T & P

What a glorious explosion of colour... see the hanging pots in the background



Pleurothallis palliolata *FS 1.5cm

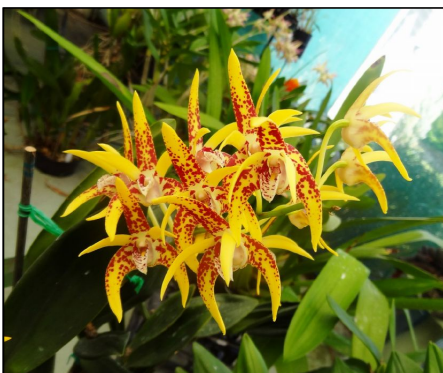


Epi. polybulbon

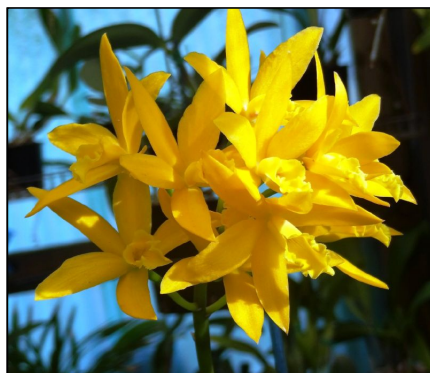
Den. teretifolium. There are an array of common names for this cascading beauty: Terete-Leafed Dockrillia, Bridal Veil Orchid, Thin Pencil Orchid, Rats Tail Orchid, Clematis Orchid, The Northern Pencil & The Yellow Pencil Orchid.

They are found in Qld. and NSW at elevations of 5 to 800 meters, in mangroves and rainforests, along stream banks, rivers, lakes or swamps. It has a flower size of 2.5 to 4 cm and the multiple, many branched clusters of flowers float down in a magnificent white cloud of blooms.

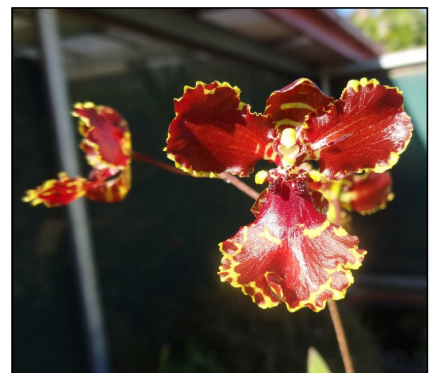
They are cool to hot growing epiphytes or occasionally lithophytes. They bloom from winter through to the end of spring. The fragrance has been described as like liquorice. They like high light and regular watering while in the growing phase and a drier winter rest with no fertiliser. Ref: <http://www.orchidspecies.com/>



Den. Avril's Gold



Lc. Tangerine Dream x C. intermedia



Onc. zappii



Cattleya coccinea - T & P



(*Lc. Coronet* x *Lc. Trick or Treat*) x *Pot. Free Spirit* - T & P



Zygopetalum Perrenoudii (hybrid)
Dennys & Janine Angove



Zgm. Fog Ride Meadows x *Roslyn*
Jessie Koh



Brydie's dining room Phallies
Jim & Cynthia Brydie



Pterostylis curta - Jenny Richardson
...now stick out your tounge & say ahhh



Pterostylis curta
Jessie Koh



Den. Jonathan's Glory x 'Hot lips'
Jessie Koh



Den. speciosum Hilda Poxon
Jessie Koh



Den. Aussie Parade 'Perfection' x
Hilda Poxon 'Measles' - Jessie Koh



Cym. Hazel Dawn 'Bengal'
Jenny Richardson



◀ *Cycnoides Jumbo Coma x Bathiorum*

My goodness, what a phenomenal flower!

Gowan said this is the first flowering of this gorgeous orchid – how exciting must it have been to see this creation reveal the beauty within. My initial impression was a cross between a butterfly & an orchid – an analogy that may only make sense if you grew up with a brother with a fascination for creatures, who showed me as he unfurled a butterfly's tongue – well yes it's proboscis, but when you are five years old it's a tongue. As I continued to look, an image of a frilled neck lizard came to mind can you see him running across the savanna woodlands of northern Australia? What impressive anatomy this beauty has. Similar to the Fulcher's Fredclarkeara featured last month, *Cycnoides is an artificial genus, this time a two way cross produced by breeding Cycnoches (found across most of tropical America) with Mormodes (found in Mexico to Bolivia & Brazil). Typically, Cycnoides produce trigger-less flowers that last longer than pure Catasetums. Cycnoides retain the requirement of a dry rest period after flowering.

*Ref: <https://catasetinaecanada.weebly.com/cycnoides-cycd.html>



Cycnoches Opalina (first flowering)



Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut



Dendrochilum yuccifolium



Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos'



Wilsonara Hilda Plumtree



Dendrobium jenkinsii



← *Coelogyne tomentosa*

I was given a division by a customer a few years ago. This is it's first bloom for me in all that time. I am very happy with it as it also has 6 new growths currently.

Den. Black & Green →

**‘Black Velvet’ x Jesmond Sparkler
‘Greg Hall’**

Purchased from AON in 2018 as a seedling. This is it's second season of blooming. The flowers are large at roughly 6-7cm and heavy. Especially after the rain. It only has 5 canes but hoping for good growth in the warm months.



↓ **Den. Victorian Splendour**

I sent this in last month but it only had a few buds open. It has also put on a huge show this year and resembles a bouquet there are that many flowers on it. It has a great perfume to go with it. ↓



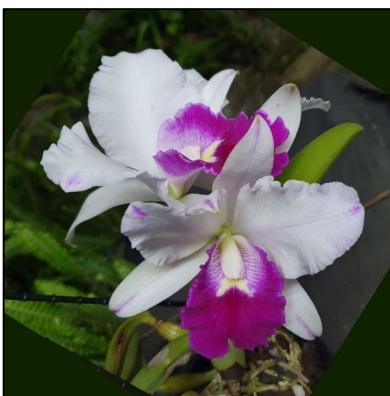
← **Den. Cobber ‘What The’ x Australian Obsession ‘Purple Paddle Pop’.**

Purchased around the same time from AON in an ebay auction. It is it's second season of blooming also and this year it has put on a real show. Nearly all the flowers are opened but it's still a week away from its best I feel. Nearly every cane has at least 1x spike but many have 3 spikes so next year I may not be so lucky.



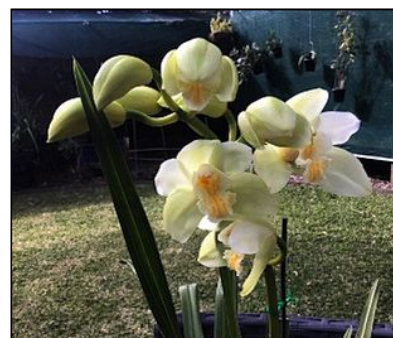
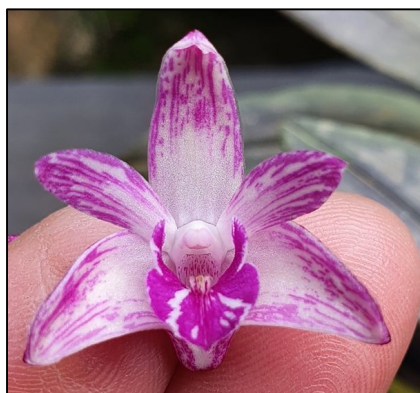
← **Blc. Ida Elizabeth ‘Enchanting’**

I love the shape of this Cattleya with it's petals that look like big ears and slender sepals. I purchased this from the Orchid Place at Heathcote in 2017. It was one of my first orchids in my collection. Currently it has 3 flowers and 2 buds about to open. It blooms 2-3 times a year. The flowers are about the size of my hand so pretty big as most Catts are. It also has a lovely gentle fragrance. I just love white based cattleyas!!! I will divide this plant this year as it's getting a bit big. I might need to pot it into bin if it keeps going... Ha ha.



← **Den. Newbold Ty Flare (Tyabb ‘Kings Park’ x Victorian Flare ‘Solid Violet Lip’)**

Purchased from Orchids On Newbold on-line in February this year so it just makes the 6 month cut off. Obviously this is its first bloom for me and I believe it's the first bloom ever so pretty happy to have such a beautiful little flower. There are only 3 flowers on it and they have been open for a few days so I'm still waiting to see the flower longevity.



Cym. Unknown – Jessie Koh
Only bloom on page not from John



Rlc. Kesthin's Esther
Gloria & Allan Cushway



Paph. Fieldfare x Winston Churchill
Gloria & Allan Cushway



Rth. Burdekin Nugget 'Bette'
Gloria & Allan Cushway



Blc. Sylvia Fry 'Supreme'
Gloria & Allan Cushway



Cattleya Mem. Isabel Keenan
Gloria & Allan Cushway



C. Mini Purple 'Jessica' x C. Mango Spice 'Orange Orb' - Jessie Koh

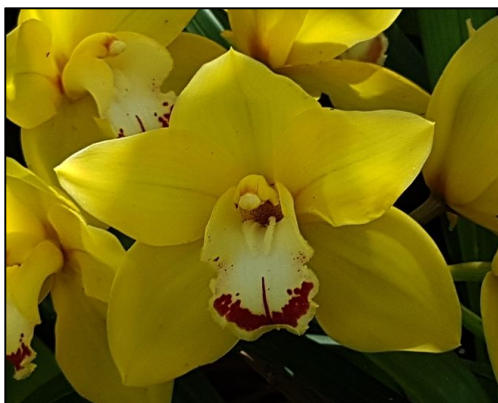
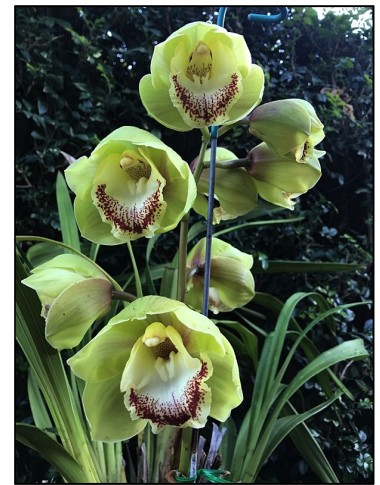


← *Cym. Hiroshima Sweet Eyes 'Pink Temptation'*
Heather Sullivan

→ *Cymbidium Unknown*
Heather Sullivan

These gorgeous blooms are Heather's first entries to Virtual Benching & what a pretty pair to start with. Beautifully grown Heather

Well done 🙌



Cym. Unknown – Jenny Richardson



Cym. Unknown – Jessie Koh



Cym. Unknown – Jenny Richardson