



This collection of soft cane Dendrobiums are from Chris Wilson & show some of Chris' beautiful hybrids



←
Den. Yodogimi

→ Den.
Oriental Beauty

These are the
parents of the
plant shown
immediately
below ↓



↓ Showing the overall view & a close up of *Den. Yodogimi* x *Den. Oriental Beauty* ↓

To give an idea how long it took to get the first seedling to flower, it was sown 4/10/2011. It takes after the Yodogimi pod-parent in colour and to give an idea of scale, the plant is in a 120 x 120 mm size pot and its flowers are 6 cm wide. At this point in time I do not regard it as a "keeper" and I am hoping for a few more siblings to flower next season. CW



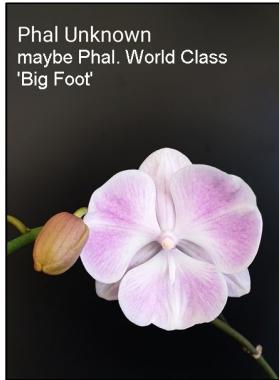
↓ The six flowers shown underneath are all from the cross *Den. Yodogimi* x *Den. Beauty Spring* which demonstrates the variability you can get between siblings.



A collection (except last flower) of gorgeous blooms from Lina Huang's garden



Vanda
Ascda Kultana
Flame

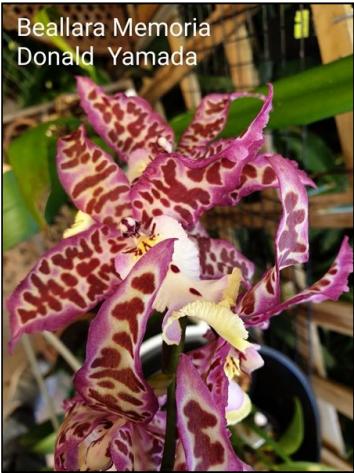


Phal Unknown
maybe Phal. World Class
'Big Foot'



Vanda
Ascda Jakkrit
Gold x V
Patcharee
Dlight

↑ Lina grew these 2 Vanda's from seedlings from Bunnings many years ago – it is their second year blooming ↑



Beallara Memoria
Donald Yamada



Paph
hirsutissimum

Lina has been working on her Miltoniopsis, they were not flowering for her so she's been moving them around. She has found their happy place – the blooms are indeed breathtaking! As always, Lina's Paph. is magnificent, she certainly has the knack for these.



Miltoniopsis
Breathless
'Brilliant'



Den Unknown



Crucifix

Lina has been waiting a couple of years for her Arpophyllum to bloom – this is the 1st bloom for her. Lina is hoping for larger flowers next year.



Arpophyllum
giganteum



Cym lowianum

← *Cymbidium lowianum* is a species found on shaded, evergreen trees in the damp of the montane cloud forests of Burma, Thailand, Yunnan, China & Vietnam at elevations of 1200 to 2400 meters.

Cym. Lowianum can be found in the background of many hybrids. The arching inflorescence can be up to 100cm long & can carry between 12 to 40 flowers, each up to 10cm across. The plant was first collected from Burma in 1877. Reichenbach initially described the plant from dried material as *Cymbidium giganteum*, a variety of *Cym. iridoides* however, after seeing imported flowers in 1879 he raised the plant to species level.

There are several distinct variants, the most common with green flowers & a single bold maroon v-shaped patch on the midlobe. <http://www.orchidspecies.com/> <http://www.cymspecies.com/>



Cym. Imbros #6
Jenny Richardson

Cym. Imbros = (*Cym. lowianum* × *Rosanna*), #6 is from my Dad's collection

Some spectacular specimen plants thriving under the tender loving care of T & P



Dendrobium kingianum 'Old Fred'



Dendrobium Bardo Rose



Dendrochilum glumaceum

And isn't she a
most beautiful
Princess



Dendrobium Pixie Princess



Dendrobium Unknown 'Large White'



Dendrobium Mem. Sao Paula x *Dendrobium* Felicity



Den. Elegant Heart x
Den. Gillean Leaney



Blc. Malworth D'or x *Lc.* Tangerine Dream
What a magnificent colour!



Dendrobium Spellbound x
Dendrobium canaliculatum

Den. falcorostrum, commonly known as the Beech Orchid in reference to their almost exclusive host tree, or the Falcon's Beak Dendrobium, due to the classic bird of prey, beak-like hook in the centre of the lip. Birds of prey often capture animals larger than they can swallow so they use their beaks to rip prey into manageable sized pieces, perhaps not the image you want to conjure as you admire the gentle beauty of this flower.



Dendrobium falcorostrum T & P

As far as incentives go, survival pretty much tops everything else & Mother Nature will find exceptions to the rule if she can to protect her babies, that said, *Den. falcorostrum* is reliant on *Nothofagus moorei*, (Antarctic Beech or Niggerhead) for its survival as it is almost exclusively restricted to this tree as a host. The occasional plant may find a way to survive on a different host but that is the exception to the rule.

As well as providing the home needed by one of our unique native orchids, Antarctic Beech is certainly worthy of note in its own right as an important Gondwana relict. Gondwana was a supercontinent that existed from the Neoproterozoic (about 550 million years ago) until the Jurassic (about 180 million years ago) period. The remnants of Gondwana make up about two-thirds of today's continental area, including

Australia, South America, Africa, Antarctica, the Indian Subcontinent, Zealandia and Arabia. Antarctic Beech can live for up to 2000 years but requires specific conditions to thrive. The misty, humid, cool highland areas found either side of the NSW & Queensland border provide a suitable environment and stands of these trees can be found at altitudes from 700 to 1400 meters, but most commonly above 900 meters. These ancient trees are quite magnificent & if you fancy the idea of exploring their forests, with the bonus of potentially enjoying some *Den. falcorostrum* in their natural environment, have a look at the [*RockLilyMan's](#) site for some more specific locales.

Antarctic Beech have the potential to reach a height of 50m with a diameter of 4 meters (try getting your arms around that). The timber is of commercial value but is rare, fortunately it is now protected in National Parks.

The canopy created by the Antarctic Beech produces a shaded area with the trees often covered in moss. Whilst *Den. falcorostrum* flowers in bright sunny areas it prefers shaded conditions & the flowers will last longer if protected from the harsh rays of the sun. In its natural growth habitat at high elevations, *Den. falcorostrum* is exposed to cold conditions during winter & it appears these cold conditions are required to initiate flower spikes.

There can be five to 20 widely opening, intensely fragrant flowers 2.5 to 5cm, on each raceme. It has erect, thick fleshy pseudobulbs 12-50cm long & 1-1.5cm thick with 2 to 5 leathery leaves at the top of the pseudobulb. According to one of our native experts Bill Dobson, they have a powerful honey fragrance which is delightful outdoors but can become rather heady & lingers in enclosed spaces. Flowers are a glistening white to cream with purple patterning at the base of the labellum.

Den. falcorostrum can be grown in pots or mounted, aim for a shady, well ventilated, open environment with a cool, dry winter rest without any fertiliser. Definitely an Aussie beauty & another on my wish list!

[*https://therocklilyman.com/](https://therocklilyman.com/) <http://www.orchidspecies.com/> <https://en.wikipedia.org/> <https://trussttrees.org.au/>

↓ A couple of beautiful Cymbidium specimens from DL ↓



Cymbidium Cricket



Cymbidium suave



← *Neostylis* Pinky (*Neofinetia falcata* x *Rhyno. gigantea* 'Spot') - John Chang
This one has a strong fragrance – JC



↓ *Neofinetia falcata* 'Fujimusume' 藤娘

(Asocofinetia Furuse) – John Chang

Fujimusume
(Wisteria
Lady) is a
famous
character in
Kabuki
theatre



Prosthechea
cochleata

Lina
Huang



Cym. Unknown x 2 – J Lam



Cym. aloifolium - DL



Cym. Unknown – J Lam



Lc. Bonanza Queen x Mini
purple 'Best' – G&A Cushway



Phal. unknown
Jessie Koh



Sarc. Unknown
Jessie Koh



Lc. Mari's Love 'Taka'
Gloria & Allan Cushway



Den. Black Star
Jessie Koh



Coelogyne Unknown
J Lam



Den. Cassiope
Jessie Koh



Sarc. Parma 'Lemon Drop' HCC/AOC
x *Kulnura* Kaliedescope 'Chesell'
Jessie Koh



Sarc. Kulnura Dazzel 'Deep Velvet'
x *Kulnura* Ridgeback 'Rosey'
Jessie Koh



Sarcochilus Unknown
Jessie Koh



Sarc. Hartman I 'Red Heart' x 'Reefer'
DL



Sarc. Unknown
Jessie Koh



Sarc. Duno Nicky's Twin 'Voo Doo'
x *Kulnura* Harrow 'Extreme' - J Koh



Den. speciosum - J Lam



Sarc. Weinhart (*Sarc. hartmannii*
x *Sarc. weinthalii*) Jessie Koh



Sarc. Heidi 'Mushroom' x
Sarc. Melody 'Cassie' - Jessie Koh



Epi. Wedding Valley
Jessie Koh



Epi Wedding Valley 'Sakura Komachi'
Jessie Koh



Den. Unknown
J Lam



Vanda Unknown
Margaret Barrett



Stelis sp. - Margaret Barrett
Flowers 5 to 10 mm



Phaius flavus
Margaret Barrett



Cymbidium canaliculatum
Margaret Barrett



Sarcochilus Zoe Purple x Fizzy Dove 'Red' - Margaret Barrett



Dendrobium crepidatum
Margaret Barrett



Den. fimbriatum - Species from
China, Himalayas & Indochina



Sarc. Lorna x Joy
Dennys & Janine Angove



Phalenopsis Unknown
Kitt & Tony Reyes



Lc. Trick or Treat
Kitt & Tony Reyes



Den. Unknown
Kitt & Tony Reyes



Rlc. Hsinying Mini Dancer 'C.H 1'
(C.Mini SongXRlc.Jiuan Dancer)
Kitt & Tony Reyes



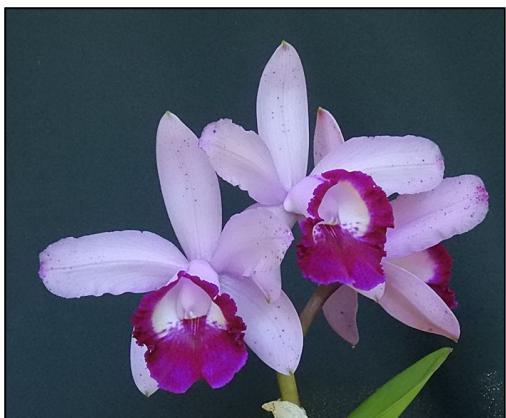
Den. Unknown
Kitt & Tony Reyes



Phal. I-Hsin Cloris - G&J Fulcher



Phal. I-Hsin Beauty - G&J Fulcher



C. intermedia var. Orlata - G&J Fulcher



Epi. Pacific Fantasy - G&J Fulcher

This Epidendrum has been in the glasshouse for the winter, also with not a lot of water. It is growing in a mesh pot, with perlite and foam mix. GF



Bifrenaria harrisoniae h.v. Pubijera 'Royale'

G&J Fulcher - This orchid was awarded a Certificate of Botanical Recognition by OSNSW with the cultivar name 'Royale'. GF



◀ Dendrobium cariniferum is in Den. section Formosae, (formerly called Nigrohirsutae). The black hairs covering the stems are visible in the picture. It is still quite a young plant and is a little easier to grow than some of its close relatives. Needs a dry winter then plenty of water and food in the growing period.

Although the stems are quite full in this picture the plant has had very little water in the past 3 months. Like many others in this section of Dendrobium the flowers are very long-lasting. G&J Fulcher



Masd. Rubicon
DL



Paph. Hsinying Loves x Paph.
Hsinying Ruby Web - DL



Procatavola Golden Peacock
DL



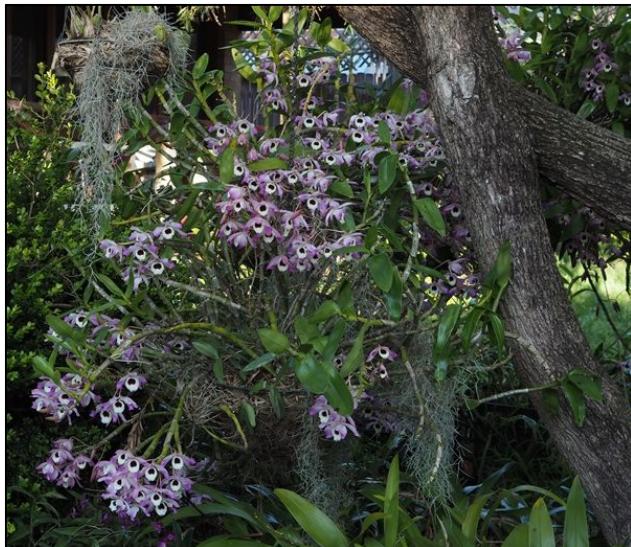
Sarc. Fitzhart Red x Bessie
ex. T&P's



Den. fimbriatum



Den. kingianum Boundary King
ex. David Burns



← *Dendrobium nobile* – these baskets would never be any good for judging – nothing staked or ‘presented’ – just a delightful, random mess of colour. A lovely sight from my computer desk as I work on the VB. JR

↓ *Dendrobium Ziggy Stardust ‘Jenny’*



Coelogyne flaccida



Coelogyne tomentosa



Den. White Ice G x Cream 69



Rlc. Hsinying Sunbeam
‘Juliet’s’



Bifrenaria harrisoniae
Slightly sweet, gentle, lemony fragrance. JR



Slc. Mine Gold

More from the gorgeous collection of DL



Dendrobium amethystoglossum



Brassocattleya Lindleyana



Den. aggregatum



Den. normanbyense 'Petite' x Den. (polysema x eximium)



Den. regium



Den. primulinum



Den. Mild Yumi 'Lotus'



Den. White Pearl 'Surprise'
x *Den. Aratuka*



Den. Fort Noble 'Lloyd Batha'



Den. (Orihime x Hercules) x
Roy's Souverign Kokamine