

'Cymbidium Chatter'

Edition 4 May 2020



Cymbidium Sweet Devon 'Sweet'

Photograph: New Horizon Orchids

Welcome to the first edition of Cymbidium Chatter for May 2020. I hope you are all well and continuing to follow the health advice and social distancing guidelines. The current state of emergency draws to a close on Monday, 11 May, so hopefully we can all look forward to an easing of restrictions during the coming week!

A couple of weeks ago I shared the sad news of the passing of Alvin Bryant and it was shortly after that David Cannon, president of Maroondah Orchid Society, emailed me and spoke of his long association with Alvin. I hope you enjoy this reflection and just a little of David's own contribution to orchid growers!

A long and rewarding association

David Cannon is well known and very much respected in orchid growing circles throughout Victoria and interstate. David is currently president of Maroondah Orchid Society, a society that is going against the trend of diminishing memberships, in fact it is thriving! Much of the club's success can be put down to the hard work of an active committee, led superbly by David who draws on his many years of knowledge and experience in growing orchids. For many years David operated Nindethana Orchids from a property in Rangeview Rd, Mitcham, Victoria.

David wrote to me:

"Many thanks for your Cymbidium News and the news re Alvin Bryant.

I had a personal association with Alvin as he taught at one of my schools but most importantly Alvin did my first seedling flasking for me. The first page in my stud book shows that from 23.10.1969 until 18.10 1970 Alvin sowed 19 pods for me. I visited him many times at his nursery in Kurnell which is near where I grew up."

I thanked David for the information, he then followed up with a more detailed account of his association with Alvin:

"Many thanks for your kind reply. After receiving your email I went further into my records. Please see below information that might be of interest/assistance to you.

As mentioned previously, Alvin did my first seed sowing in 1969 and continued doing my seed sowing until January 1978. Over this period Alvin did over 150 different seed pods for me. The range of genera was wide and included Australian Native Dendrobiums and Sarcochilus, Coelogyne, Paphiopedilum, Cattleya, Vanda, Cymbidium, Liparis, Lusanda, Epidendrums, plus the first Cymbidium mericlones, being Cym Bob Norton (madidum x Miretta) which I had imported from America. It was much easier to import than as I had my own quarantine house.

The first pod sown was a remake of *Dendrobium x suffusum* in 1969. Next in January 1970, a remake of *Cymbidium Kuranda*, followed by a remake of *Sarcochilus Dorothy*. 1974 pollination of a new *Coelogyne* hybrid being *Coel speciosa x fragrans*, registered in 1981 as *Coelogyne Neroli Cannon*. 1975 pollination of a new hybrid for *Luisanda* being *Luisia tereitifolia x Vanda cristata*, registered 1982 as *Luisanda Golden Gem*. 1975 another pollination of a new hybrid being *Sarcochilus fitzgeraldii x hirticalcar*, registered in 1982 as *Sarcochilus Nicky*. From 1971/1972 until January 1978 many new hybrids and remakes were done over the genera mentioned above but especially with Australian Native *Dendrobiums*. I still have plants of some of the hybrids from this time.

Attached is a copy of a November 1976 invoice from Alvin showing mericlones at \$1:00 and assorted flask at \$4:00 each for 20 plants and flasks were sent Ansett Air Freight collect.

Geoff, I trust the above may be of interest and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me."

I have included a copy of the invoice for your interest. No doubt many of you will be thinking, wow, orchids were cheap in those days, but all things are relative, \$1 was probably a significant amount of money back in the 1970s!

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November 30, 1976.

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To Laboratory Service

100 mericlone plants	DC.23.4.BM5 ^{No 2}	75 for \$75.00	
	BOB NORTON (<i>MADIDUM x MIRBATA</i>)	25 for 12.50	
		less 1/3 discount	58.34
1 flask	NO.4.12.B5 ✓	Den.51 <u>n.g.</u>	n/c
2 flasks	NO.15.10.A5 ✓	Paph.13 \$4.00 ea.	8.00
2 "	NO.15.10.G5 ✓	Paph.15 " "	8.00
2 flasks	NO.18.7.A5 ✓	Cat.5 \$4.00 ea.	8.00
2 "	NO.18.7.B5 ✓	Cat.6 " "	8.00
2 "	NO.18.7.D5 ✓	Vsnds 15 " "	8.00
1 "	NO.18.7.G5 ✓	Ser. 18.5	4.00
2 flasks	DC.6.12.A4	Paph.11 \$4.00 ea.	8.00
		<i>CRISTATA x TERITIFOLIA</i>	
		<i>FITZ x HIRTIC</i>	
		plus freight	

despatched per Ansett Air Freight 1/12/76

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The David Cannon story doesn't end there. David was responsible for creating one of our most popular Primary Hybrid Cymbidiums, Cym Sweet Devon (suave x devonianum). Cym Sweet Devon was registered in 1982 and cultivars of it have been awarded many times over, in the years since. In fact the most recent OSCOV award was given out in 2018, to an absolutely magnificent plant exhibited at the Bayside Orchid Society Show. The grower of that plant, Hanh Truong, received an AM/OSCOV and a CC/OSCOV. She also received an ACE/AOC in 2010.

Below you will find a copy of the Awards Table for Cym Sweet Devon, source OrchidWiz X5.0. This table doesn't show the most recent award.

Organization:

 Award Type:


Found 21 Awards Averaging 36.4 Flowers and Buds Per Inflorescence; 2.6 cm. Median Natural Spread

Org.	Award	Points	Genus	Name	Cultivar	Flwrs	Buds	Infl.	Avg.	P	Year
AOS	CCM	87	Cym	Sweet Devon	Sweet	779	162	26	36.2		2016
AOS	CCM	89	Cym	Sweet Devon	Edith	1110	3	37	30.1		2012
AOS	AM	80	Cym	Sweet Devon	Edith	1110	3	37	30.1		2012
AOS	AM	82	Cym	Sweet Devon	Arnie	1740	74	58	31.3		2012
AOC	ACE	86	Cym	Sweet Devon	Hanh 1332	1330	370	37	45.9		2010
AOS	CCM	87	Cym	Sweet Devon	Sweet	740	210	32	29.7		2010
AOS	CCM	84	Cym	Sweet Devon	Dorsam	304	15	8	39.9		2008
AOS	HCC	78	Cym	Sweet Devon	Dorsam	304	15	8	39.9		2008
AOS	AM	82	Cym	Sweet Devon	Sweet	1023	200	25	48.9		2008
AOS	CCM	88	Cym	Sweet Devon	Sweet	1023	200	25	48.9		2008
AOS	HCC	76	Cym	Sweet Devon	Long Chain	615	120	15	49.0		2008
AOS	HCC	78	Cym	Sweet Devon	Edith Galvan	198	123	12	26.8		2007
AOS	CCM	87	Cym	Sweet Devon	Edith Galvan	198	123	12	26.8		2007
CSA	BM	76	Cym	Sweet Devon	Tiny Tot	300	20	9	35.6		2002
AOS	AM	83	Cym	Sweet Devon	Royale	46		1	46.0		2001

Entry: 04204

Segments greyed yellow 161A, Labellum greyed purple 187B. Thirty seven inflorescences . Total 1330 flowers/ 370 buds.

Measurements	Wide	Long
Natural Spread:	2.7	3.2
Dorsal Sepal:	.6	1.9
Petal:	.5	1.5
Lat/Synsepal:	.6	1.9
Lip/Pouch:	.9	1.0



Photography by A.O.C.

Exhibitor: Trong H
 Venue: Victoria, Australia
 Date: 2010 November 12

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Cym Sweet Devon 2n or 4n?

It is a commonly held viewpoint that the tetraploid (4n) form of a flower is superior to the diploid (2n) form and in most instances this would be the case. However, I personally believe that in the case of Cym Sweet Devon much is lost in the tetraploid form. The diploid flower is very fine and elegant, and the spikes laden with flowers, cascade directly over the edge of the pot. The 4n flowers lose that elegance, they are fuller and of heavier (maybe coarse) substance. The spikes are wiry and do not give that very elegant appearance of the 2n form. You be the judge!

4n



2n

Featured below is another table from OrchidWiz x5.0, it lists 43 plants that David created, he was also registrant for 42 of these plants. Keith Andrew, the father of devonianum hybrids, registered one of David's Cymbidium crosses, Wakie Devil (Wakakusa x devonianum) in 1985. The fact that a person of Keith's standing chose to register the plant is a wonderful compliment for David's work as a hybridiser.

A big thank you to David Cannon for sharing his association with Alvin Bryant and it has indeed been a pleasure to scratch the surface of David's own journey in orchids, long may it continue!

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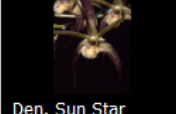
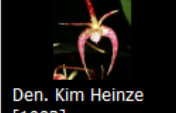
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List of 43 Orchids Originated by D.Cannon

Genus	Name	Year	Registrant	Offs.	Awds.
Cym	Sweet Devon	1982	D.Cannon	2	21
Den	Hewitt Glow	1989	D.Cannon	5	9
Den	Gracious Falcon	1982	D.Cannon	10	1
Den	Sun Star	1986	D.Cannon	5	1
Den	Kim Heinze	1982	D.Cannon	4	1
Den	Delicate King	1989	D.Cannon	2	1
Den	Hewitt Star	1988	D.Cannon	0	1
Den	Kit Murdoch	1980	D.Cannon	0	1
Sarco	Nicky	1982	D.Cannon	8	0
Den	King Falcon	1978	D.Cannon	5	0
Den	Delicate Ellen	1986	D.Cannon	3	0
Den	Delicate Falcon	1979	D.Cannon	3	0
Den	Blushing Star	1978	D.Cannon	2	0
Den	Golden Nuggett	1989	D.Cannon	2	0
Den	Hewitt Sun	1991	D.Cannon	2	0
Den	Allyn River	2011	D.Cannon	1	0
Den	Blushing Sun	1986	D.Cannon	1	0
Lsnd	Golden Gem	1982	D.Cannon	1	0
Coel	Neroli Cannon	1981	D.Cannon	0	0
Cym	Wakie Devil	1985	K.Andrew O.	0	0
Den	Bonanza Glow	2011	D.Cannon	0	0
Den	Buff Ginni	2011	D.Cannon	0	0
Den	Buff Sun	2011	D.Cannon	0	0

Cym. Sweet Devon [1982]

Den. Hewitt Glow [1989]

Den. Sun Star [1986]

Den. Kim Heinze [1982]


Cym. Sweet Devon (Cym. suave x Cym. devonianum)
 Registrant Address:
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.Another comparison between the 4n (left), my own plant, and (right) the 2n form. Both forms possess a beautiful honey-like fragrance!