HOS Spring Plant Show 2021 Online March 2021

Eighteen entries were received across 9 Classes

Nick Fry (Plant Judge) made some general comments

- The quality of the photographs was appreciated as it has made my job of judging easier than some other society submissions
- The submissions, although fewer than expected, would have made a fine table display
- The general presentation of the entries was found to be to a high standard

Class 2: Three pots native European (not native to Britain) orchids, distinct varieties





2 entries

SECOND PLACE: Ophrys bombylifera, Ophrys reinholdii and Orchis collina shown by Neil Hubbard







Judge's comments:

Orchis collina very nice, however; regarding the other plants, I would have liked a few more flowers open.













Class 2: Three pots native European (not native to Britain) orchids, distinct varieties

2 entries

FIRST PLACE: Neotinea maculata Ophrys tenthredinifera and Orchis pauciflora shown by Barry Tattersall

Judge's comments: All very nicely grown plants. Neotinia maculata especially nice. Lip of Ophrys tenthredinifera rather pinched





Class 3: Three pots non-European orchids,

distinct varieties

1 entry







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FIRST PLACE: Ophrys kotschyi Ophrys lapethica and Orchis sezikiana shown by Barry Tattersall

Judge's comments:

A very nicely presented set of three well grown, and indeed, flowered plants.





Class 4: Three pots hardy orchids, distinct varieties, any country of origin









2 entries

SECOND PLACE:

Dactylorhiza romana Himantoglossum robertianum and Ophrys speculum shown by Neil Hubbard



Judge's comments: Three nice plants. Flowers of Dactylorhiza romana very nice. However, some leaf damage and some spikes do not present as well as I would have liked.









Class 4: Three pots hardy orchids, distinct varieties,

any country of origin 2 entries

FIRST PLACE: Neotinea lactea Ophrys speculum and Orchis quadripunctata shown by Barry Tattersall

Judge's comments: Three nicely grown plants. Colouring of Neotinea lactea very good. Ophrys speculum plants good size.







Class 5: One pot native British orchid



FIRST PLACE: Anacamptis morio shown by Neil Hubbard

Judge's comments:

Very attractive display. Good strong colouring and vigorous leaf growth.



Class 6: One pot native European (not native to Britain) orchid

SECOND PLACE:

Himantoglossum robertianum shown by Neil Hubbard

Judge's comments: Nicely grown young plant. I look forward to seeing this one bulked up with more flowers open



Class 6: One pot native European (not native to Britain) orchid



FIRST PLACE: Orchis brancifortii shown by Barry Tattersall

Judge's comments: Nicely cultivated display. Colour variation adds to overall effect.

Class 7: One pot non-European orchid 4 entries



Bletilla striata shown by Peter Ward Judge's comments: Cleanly grown, however a young plant and most flowers are untidy. Close up shot: Open flower habit is desirable

Class 7: One pot non-European orchid



THIRD PLACE

Pterostylis curta shown by Nigel Denman Judge's comments:

Nice clean plant with good sized leaves. Aim to achieve more open flowers

Class 7: One pot non-European orchid

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SECOND PLACE

Disa sagittalis shown by Neil Hubbard

Judge's comments:

Nice clean plant with good sized leaves. Aim to achieve more open flowers

Class 7: One pot non-European orchid

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FIRST PLACE and BEST IN SHOW

Anacamptis syriaca shown by Barry Tattersall

Judge's comments: Very cleanly grown plant, a very striking colour form, aim to achieve equal height for each spike.

The quality of the culture and the flower colour presents a stunning display



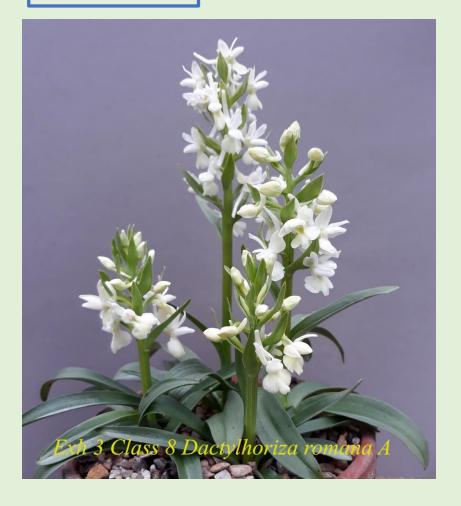
Class 8: One pot Dactylorhiza



SECOND PLACE: Dactylorhiza romana shown by Barry Tattersall

Judge's comments: Nicely grown display. Strong and attractive flower colour. Leaves very good. Aim for more open flowers.

Class 8: One pot Dactylorhiza





First place: Dactylorhiza romana shown by Neil Hubbard

Judge's comments: Striking display. Good cultivation has produced strong plants. Aim for even height of spikes.

Class 9: One pot *Orchis, Anacamptis,* or *Neotinia*





SECOND PLACE: Anacamptis Iongicornu shown by Neil Hubbard

Judge's comments: Striking flowers. Clean and desirable colour combination. Aim to increase spike size and open flower count.

Class 9: One pot *Orchis, Anacamptis,* or *Neotinia*



FIRST PLACE: Anacamptis laxiflora shown by Neil Hubbard

Judge's comments: Very attractive display. Good strong colouring and vigorous leaf growth.



Class 10: One pot Ophrys



SECOND PLACE:

Ophrys balearica shown by Barry Tattersall

Judge's comments:

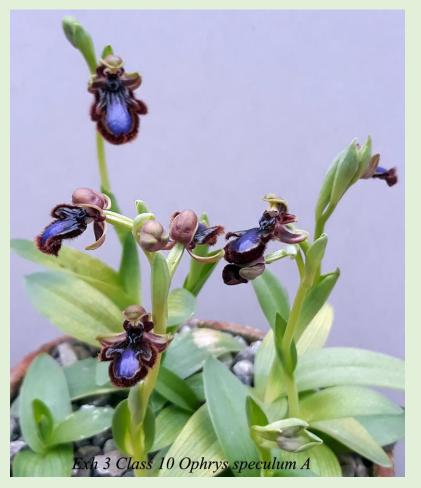
Generally good sized flower spikes.

Would have liked more flowers open.

Aim to improve leaf trimming.



Class 10: One pot *Ophrys*





First place: Ophrys speculum shown by Neil Hubbard

Judge's comments:

Very attractive display. Good strong colouring and vigorous leaf growth.

Points are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each Class according to the Table below

Points	Classes 1-4	All other Classes
1st	5	3
2nd	4	2
3rd	3	1

In 2021 there will be a second Plant Show Online in early summer. The Points awarded then will be added to those awarded now. The Banksian Medal for 2021 will be awarded to the member with the highest combined score.

Our thanks to Nick Fry for judging this Show.