

NEW CULTIVARS

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Nepenthes veitchii 'Jim Bockowski'

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Nepenthes veitchii 'Jim Bockowski' (Fig. 1) is an impressively large and vigorous example of the prostrate form of *Nepenthes veitchii*. It produces a beautiful golden-striped peristome and was one of the first "highland" *N. veitchii* introduced into cultivation back in the 1980's. The original plant was seed grown by Richard Sivertsen in the early 1980's. Jim Bockowski received a cutting of this plant in the late 1980's and it grew into one of the largest sized *N. veitchii* in cultivation. This is a female plant.

Jim Bockowski was an extraordinary horticulturalist and intrepid botanical explorer. He had a deep love for *Nepenthes* (as well as many other carnivorous genera) and was involved with the international carnivorous plant community for over 40 years. Jim passed away last year and this cultivar is being named in his memory.

Nepenthes veitchii 'Jim Bockowski' should be reproduced only by vegetative means to ensure that its unique characteristics are maintained.

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Figure 1: *Nepenthes veitchii* 'Jim Bockowski' pitcher and plant after 3 m of vine was removed.

Sarracenia leucophylla 'Mont Blanc'

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Sarracenia leucophylla 'Mont Blanc' (Fig. 2) is a plant from a batch of seeds from Walton County, Florida, collected by Georges Mac Kay. The seeds were sown in March 2003 by Thibault Barin, an excellent French collector of *Sarracenia*. He then selected some plants from the seedlings and one with the code name SL 30 culture was very vigorous. A few years later, a division of this plant came into the collection of Pierre Emmanuel Durand, great collector of *Sarracenia*, *Dionaea* forms, and *Drosera binata*. I have visited his collection many times, but only in the spring or summer and I never noticed this plant, which although very beautiful, did not stand out from other *S. leucophylla* growing next to it in his greenhouse. However, in November 2016, I had the opportunity to visit him for the first time in the fall and was impressed by the size of the fall pitchers.

I had never seen a *Sarracenia* so massive in proportions. Pitchers close to 1 meter high and almost 10 cm wide. I think it is possible to have even bigger pitchers on well-grown plants in big pots. The plant had been growing in a very large pots for so many years that it overflowed and the substrate was no longer very fresh. Pierre-Emmanuel was kind enough to offer me a piece. Once in its new substrate, the plant has grown vigorously and gratified me the following autumn with pitchers already having a good size.

Mont Blanc is the highest mountain in France, located in the Alps, in the department of Haute-Savoie, it is just on the border between France and Italy. It seemed appropriate to Thibault and me to give the name of this mountain, adorned with magnificent white glaciers, to this *Sarracenia*.

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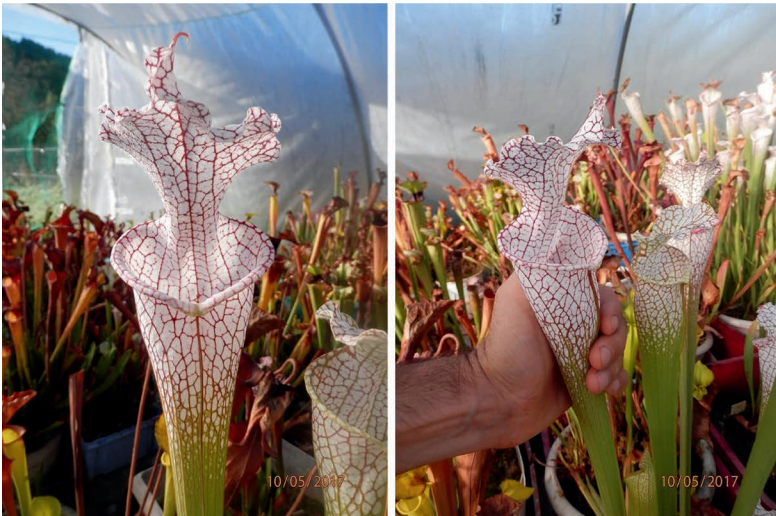


Figure 2: *Sarracenia leucophylla* 'Mont Blanc'.