

Another fine Jonquilla

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John Hunter has flowered many nice seedlings using pollen from his very fertile Emerald Sea. With a very limited pool of fertile jonquillas, a logical cross is with the very fertile Hillstar as a seed parent. Not quite as easy as it sounds as they flower, in our Kiwi season timing, usually about 6 - 8 weeks apart. John has made a lot of these crosses, with a high success rate, using stored frozen Emerald Sea pollen. Lawrence Trevanion has made similar crosses, with some attractive seedlings shown on his July 10 post. This cross is with J A H 47 - 88 C, a sister seedling to Emerald Sea.



Hillstar - x - 47 - 88C, asibling of Emerald Sea

John has commented that one of the most notable traits of this cross is the very high flower rate. Both single and multihead stems have resulted; all have produced many stems per bulb, flowering over quite a period.