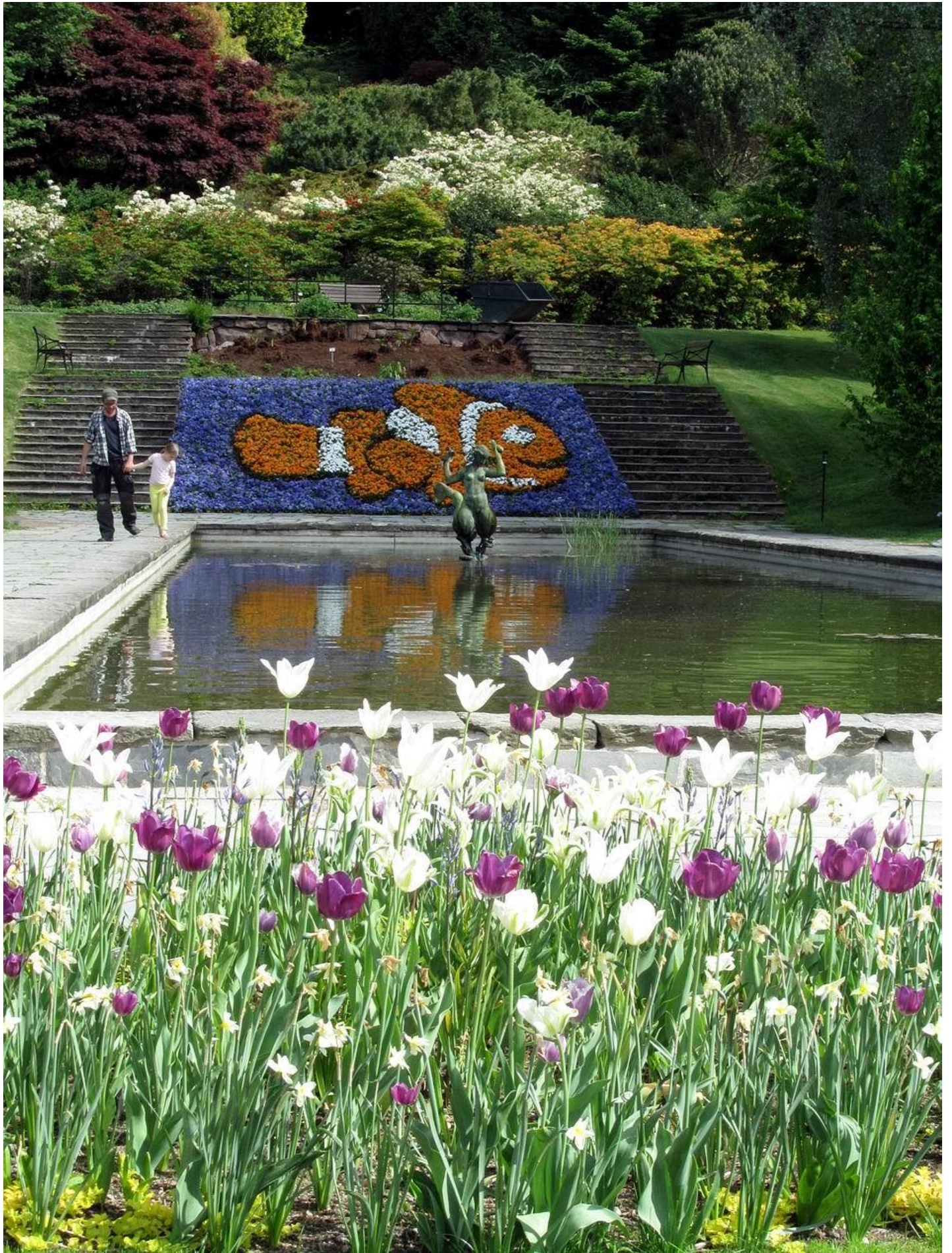




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## Gothenburg Botanic Garden

I was very lucky to be in Gothenburg over the weekend where I was a guest speaker at '[Alpin 2013](#)' a joint meeting held every ten years and organised by [Sällskapet Trädgårdsamatörerna](#) (Society of Amateur Gardeners,) and the [Gothenburg Botanic Garden](#).

As you enter the Botanic Garden you are welcomed by a colourful floral display which this year shows a clown fish reflected in the formal pond.



The whole garden is so beautiful and crammed full of botanical delights but I am always drawn first to the bulb house which even at this late stage of the bulb season has flowering interest such as **Alliums** large and small.





**Lewisia rediviva** also flourishes in the sand beds of the bulb house as it has a similar requirement for available moisture at the roots from autumn and then plenty of water in the spring flowering season then a dry summer rest - just like the bulbs. It is so happy here that it is self-seeding around the sand plunge.



**Tropaeolum incisum** (I think) also thrives in these conditions.





**Eremurus** features in the bulb house which I am used to seeing full of choice bulbs but just contrast that picture with the one below where it is full of choice gardeners.



On the Friday evening hundreds of people enjoyed a buffet meal and some drinks in the bulb house giving me a sight that will forever stay in my memory of happy gardeners from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Germany.





I had time to wander around the garden and search out some of the many treasures such as Shortia growing and self-seeding so well that they are now having to control its spread!!



Always I find plants that are new to me and here I was drawn to a fabulous blue corydalis with long narrow leaves – **Corydalis shensiana**. As it had been recently planted out I suspect these plants are a bit more drawn than they will be in future now they are growing in the open.





I also saw ***Corydalis pseudobarbisepela*** but these pictures are taken in our garden yesterday – I got this plant from [Peter Korn](#) some years ago on a previous trip to Gothenburg.







**Corydalis scouleri** is a beautiful species for a larger garden that can accommodate this fine decorative plant which spreads in such a stately manner under the shade of large trees at the edge of the rock garden.







### **Cyripedium guttatum x yatabeananum**

I am not a big fan of Cyripidium but Cyripidium guttatum x yatabeananum, with smaller flowers than many, really took my eye. It is growing so well in the peat garden which is being gradually reworked to an impressive level refreshing some of the older parts and allowing such new plantings as this.



The same plant is also flourishing in one of the stock beds.





A large group of **Fritillaria camschatensis flavescens** certainly the largest stand I have seen is also the result of good horticulture.







The weekend event was a mixture of garden visits, talks, socialising and of course the most popular plant sale. Over forty sellers offered a wide range of plants to the eager gardeners who waited patiently until the 2pm opening time before the stampede to the stalls.





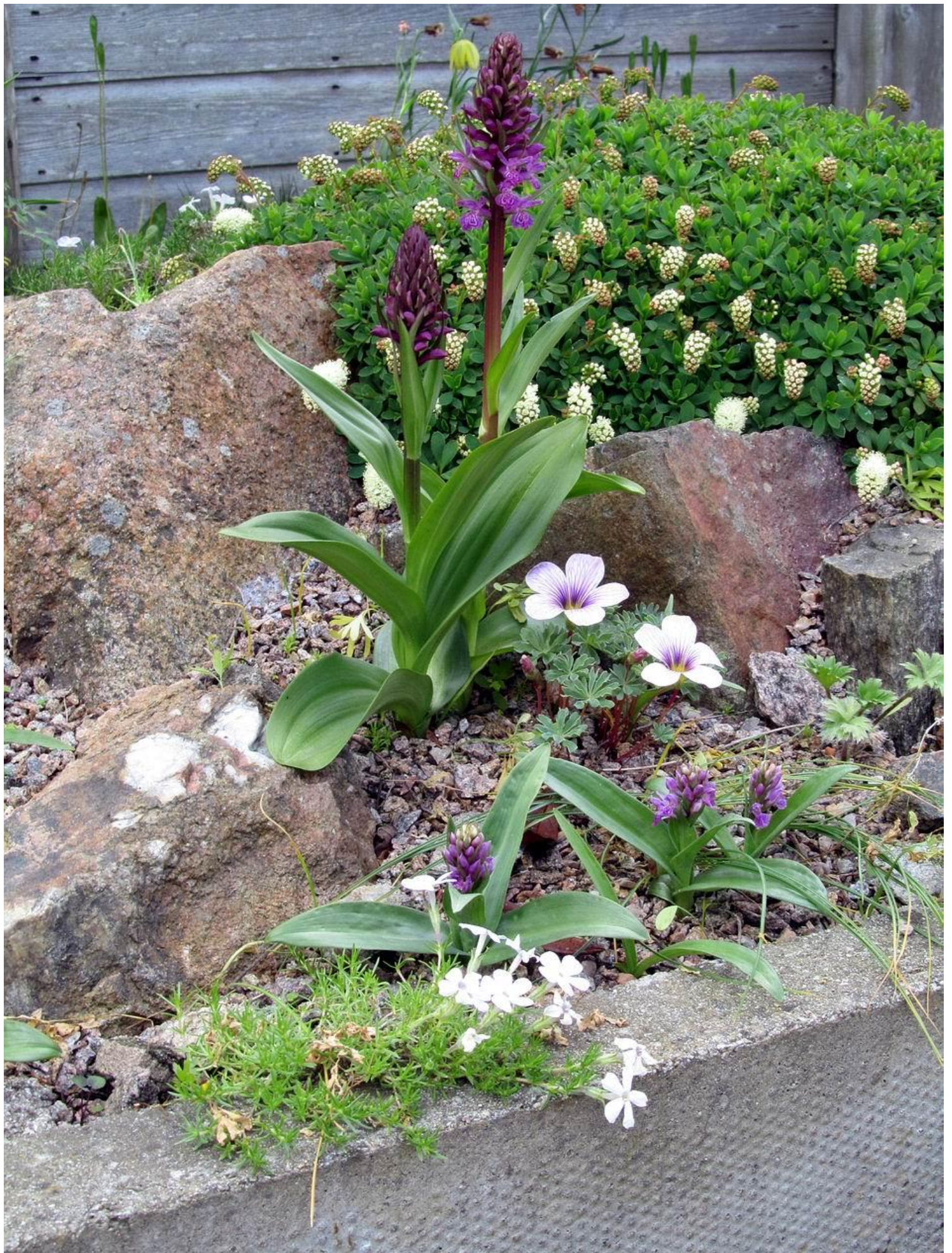
The sale was laid out over a road way that wrapped around one of the University buildings so there were three legs at right angles to each other which meant that even though over 500 delegates attended the weekend the large sales area never became too crowded.

Can you spot me in this picture?



Some stalls did seem to attract a larger crowd such as that of [Gerben Tjeerdsma](#).





I love getting out and meeting people as the characters within the gardening world are as important to me as the plants they grow. It was a wonderful weekend and I want to thank the STA and all at Gothenburg Botanic Garden, especially my host [Henrik Zetterland](#) (follow his blog), who made this such a memorable visit for me. Back home the weather had warmed up and plenty of flowers are opening.....