## **A Favourite Item**

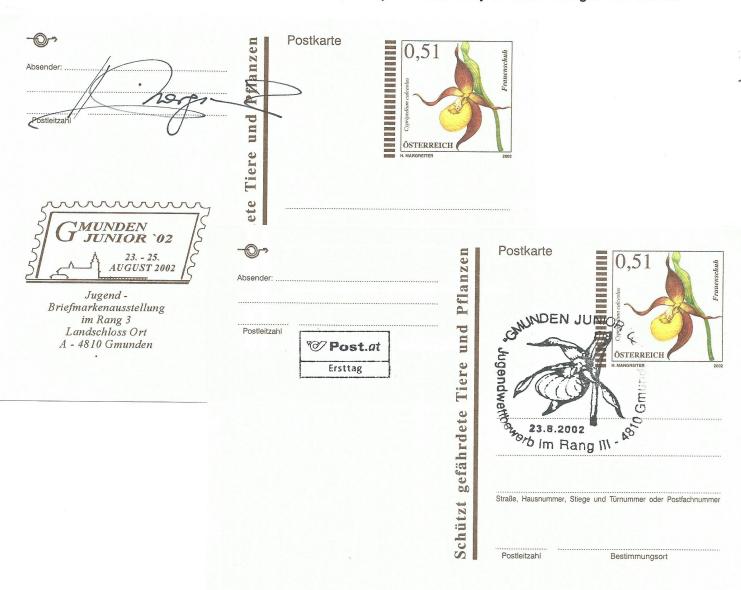
## Austrian postal stationery card issued 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2002

## depicting the Frauenschuh [Lady's Slipper orchid]

I have liked this card since it was first issued for the simplicity but detail in the design of the 'Lady's Slipper orchid by the Austrian artist and stamp designer Hannes Margreiter. It is also an item that finds its way into several of my collections.

Firstly in a collection of work by the designer Hannes Margreiter, Secondly in a collection of Orchids and again in a sub-section for Endangered species, and Thirdly in a display of Austrian material for 2002 the year when they changed their currency from the schilling to the euro.

The card was launched at Gmunden Junior '02 a philatelic event and both the specially printed card signed by the designer and a card with first day cancellation by the same designer are shown.



Added to this in 2002 I had a special birthday and my husband was able to purchase artwork of the design from Hannes Margreiter which now hangs in my study.