



The Scottish Rock Garden Club

SHOW REPORTS

PERTH SHOW

2012



Forrest Medal Cypripedium 'Ursel' shown by Cyril Lafong



You would have thought that show secretary Julia Corden had arranged the show schedule so that several pans of pale yellow flowers could sit together on the bench so as to form a ring round the Forrest medal winner, Cypripedium 'Ursel'. It certainly looked good. How about that big pan of Erythronium multiscapoideum just behind? That was Cyril's as well. It won the trophy for Best Bulb in the Show



Erythronium multiscapoideum



Who's looking at what?



Cyril's winning small six pan class was a study in presentation.
Top marks for plant choices, cultivation, colour choices and setup.





Sam Sutherland's Certificate of Merit *Astragalus utahensis* was raised by Sam from Alplains seed



Two plants new to me
Daphne modesta
Androsace tangulashanensis



Androsace selago
Seeds from Euroseeds sown 3/12/07 germinated 1/7/08. Ticky to grow and requires a gritty compost with careful watering.
Androsace selago grows on dry mountain slopes 5000-6000 ft. Kizang (Himalayas) Sakum. The flowers are a yellowish white but form a yellowish green when they are very young. It is a very small plant and the flowers are very small. It is a very small plant and the flowers are very small.

The Alexander Caird trophy winner was Cyril Lafong



You need six good plants to win a 6 pan class. Obviously! To win two six pan classes as well as innumerable others you need a large number of top quality plants. Cyril manages this show after show! I wanted to point this out by showing the individual pans in the 6 pan classes. On page 3 were the plants in Cyril's Jubilee Class A 6 Pan. ~The Alexander Caird entry comprises *Androsace vandellii*, *Primula rusbyi*, *Lewisia tweedyi* alba, *Trillium grandiflorum roseum* & *Primula 'Kusum Krishna'*. The last of these was raised by local nurseryman and Auricula devotee, Graham Butler of Rumbling Bridge Nursery. It is proving to be a very good show plant.

Jim & Janet Paterson who came 2nd in the class included the delicate *Epimedium grandiflorum nanum* [right] in their entry.





Fritillaria affinis 'Sunray'
Erythronium mutiscapoideum
Calanthe bicolor
Clematis x cartmannii 'Joe'



Three Primulas to look out for from Graham Butler!
Primula 'Rumbling Bridge, and two *P. pubescens* seedlings, the middle plant from 2008 and the right hand one from 2009.



1. John Di Paola's Aquilegia was un-named but is possibly an *A. flabellata* seedling
2. Roma Fiddes' *Aruncus aethusifolius* is a splendid plant which has fluffy flower heads in summer and whose foliage turns bright scarlet in winter
3. *Benthamiella patagonica* and 4. *Petrophytum hendersonii* from the Drs. Bainbridge
5. Watt Russell's *Gypsophia aretioides* will soon need a new pot!
6. Stan da Pratos lovely fern *Adiantum venustum*
7. Cassiope 'Arctic Fox' from Sam Sutherland





George Watt seems to be giving an imitation of Andy Stewart on the White Heather Club singing

'Come in Come in, it's nice to see you.
How's yersel you're lookin' grand.

George and Sue certainly look grand!
Ian Young, Beryl MacNaughton and Julia Corden, show secretary take time to admire the plants.

At the bottom, Ron Macbeath chats to Struan Harley and Elspeth MacIntosh





John Lee's *Gentiana dinarica* was stunning
 As was John Di Paola's *Androsace saramentosa watkinsii*
 Cyril's had Best Primula with *P. Bracteata*.
 Stan da Prato's Rh. 'Snipe' was best Rhododendron
Raffanaldia primuloides shown by Carol & David Shaw was new to me. It is an interesting brassica. I like the dark leaves





Cathy & Barry Caudwell's *Tulipa batallinii* [top left] was best tulip. Graham Butler cuddles his double auricula hybrid, which he named for his son Shaun and with his 3 hybrids on the left

