



The Scottish Rock Garden Club SHOW REPORTS STIRLING in Kincardine SHOW 2012



**Best Plant in the Show -
Forrest Medal
Trillium rivale 'Purple
Heart'
shown by Cyril Lafong**



Fifers win in Fife!

The Trillium was part of Cyril's 3 pan entry in Class 1 along with Primula 'Broadwell Milkmaid' and Tecophilaea cyanocrocus leichtlinii. 'Broadwell Milkmaid' was judged Best Primula, taking the Spiller Trophy and also the Ben Ledi Trophy for Best European plant in the show. The Trillium was Best Non European plant and

it won the Institute of Quarrying Quaich.

The Bronze Medal and the Fife County Trophy for Most Points in section 2 was won by SRGC President Liz Mills.

The show was held this year in Kincardine in Fife in a good venue, an old school which has been converted into a community centre. It is central in the town which is easily reached by road from most parts of Scotland as 'all roads lead to the Kincardine Bridge!' [the M90, M80 & M876 anyway!]



When it started 30 years ago, the Stirling show was gifted the trophies from then defunct Dunfermline show, which explains why so many of the trophies have names associated with Fife, Carnegie and mining. It is nice to see them being awarded in Fife once more and to Fifers, as Cyril lives in Glenrothes and Liz in Saline.





As you can see the show hall was brightly lit and the benches well filled in the new venue. These pictures were taken during judging when it was nice and quiet. The yellow verticals are covers on the iron pillars in the hall. I bet when it was a school there were no soft covers in this hall.
Health and Safety is looking after us these days!





Certificates of Merit
Peter Semple's
Tecophilaea cyanocrocus leichtlinii
Sam Sutherland's
Iris rosenbachiana 'Harangon'
Cyril Lafong's
Pulsatilla vulgaris
Bill Robinson's
Narcissus bulbocodium 'Lee Martin Form'



Another plant which was in cracking form and which went on to receive a Certificate of Merit at Hexham, the following week was Tom Green's fabulous **Townsendia rothrockii**



Saxifraga sribyni



Saxifraga wendelboi



Saxifraga 'Mollie Broom'



Saxifraga pulchra



Saxifraga concinna 'Beinn Alligin'

SAXIFRAGES

Cyril wrote about Saxifraga pulchra
It is a member of the Kabschia group; collected on steep limestone cliffs in the GangHo Ba at 3450 m in October 1994 by the A.C E.. Expedition.

It grows in Abies forest, scrub in rock crevices between 2500 and 4600 m. over a wide area of W. Sichuan, Xizang and NW Yunnan.

It needs a well drained soil in some shade in summer. It is very slow to increase.

I am pleased to see that more Saxifrages are appearing on the benches at our shows. There is a huge range to choose from and as well as being good show plants most Kabschia Saxifrages are good trough plants in the garden.

Saxifraga x concinna is the hybrid between *S. cinerea* [Himalayan] and *S. dinnikii* [Caucasus]. John Mullaney made the cross and named the resultant plants after Scottish Mountains

Saxifraga 'Mollie Broom' is another John Mullaney hybrid. This time it is *S. cinerea* x *S. poluniniana*. [from Nepal]

Saxifraga wendelboi is an Iranian species.

Saxifraga sribyni is one of the parents of *Saxifraga x edithae* 'Bridget' which will win the Forrest medal at next week's Hexham show!(show reports out of synch!)

Saxifraga ramsarica is found in the Elbruz mountains of Iran. It is presumed to one of the parents of the popular hybrid 'Cumulus'.



Saxifraga ramsarica

New varieties are being raised especially in the Czech Republic and no doubt more will find their way back to Scotland after the forthcoming Saxifrage Society Meeting to be held next month near Utrecht.



**SPOT
A
FRIEND**



The Ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Stirling provided an excellent section of bacon rolls, sandwiches, cakes and biscuits as well as soups, teas & coffee. All the money which they raised will go to help charitable causes in the area.



Pleione formosana
[above]

Corydalis allennii
[heart]

Ian & Ann Steele
stewards
[left]



Jubilee Class A
 was initiated in 1993 for the
 SRGC 60th Anniversary Golden
 Jubilee. It is for 6 pans limited in
 size to 17.5 cm outside diameter
 [6"]



On the left is Margaret &
 Henry Taylor's entry in the
 '3 pans from seed class'

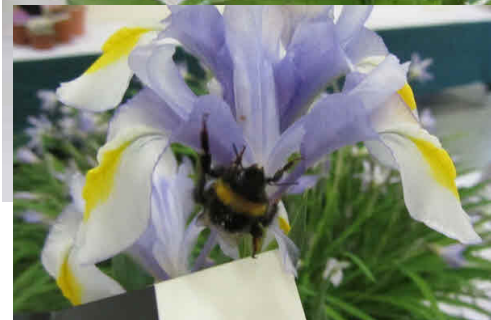
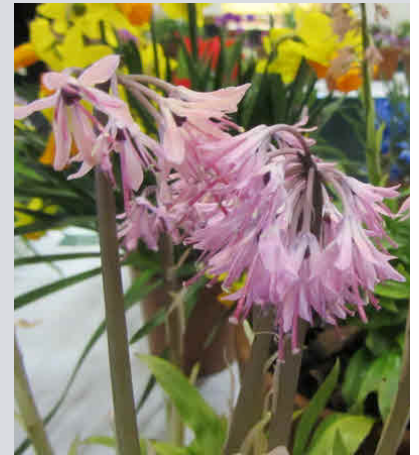
The three pans cover genera
 which I associate them,
 Ranunculus calandrinioides
 Primula marginata and,
 of course, Narcissus



Carole & Ian Bainbridge seem to be the only people in Scotland
 who can turn out super pans of
 Narcissus rupicola watieri 'Abaleish'.
 Even N. rupicola itself is rarely seen these days. It used to be
 cheap and easy to get but not now!



In the open ground class, Sandy Leven had *Helionopsis orientale* [below right] and two *Ypsilandras*:- *thibetica* and *cavaleriei* [below left], the latter a more diminutive plant. Both genera are very similar and I wondered why they were separated and discussed it with Brian Burrow. He thought that all were now *Ypsilandra* and *Helionopsis* is no more. Is that true?



3 Juno irises
The yellow *Iris bucharica*, a bumble bee on *Iris magnifica* and *Iris graeberiana* 'Yellow Fall'. [above right]



Fritillarias
(from left)
F. 'Canmore park'
F. *sewerzowii*
F. *grandiflora*



Primula 'Pink Aire'
Primula Clarence Elliott (rt)
Primula allionii KRW (It)



Primula allionii 468/71



Primula x miniera

Below - A seedling from Primula Aire Mist



Primula rosea



Primula hirsuta



Primula irregularis



Stan da Prato's double Primulas



Primula palinurii



Callianthemum farreri was described in 1916 by Sir William Wright Smith (1875 - 1956), who became Regius Keeper of the royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh. I can't find out if it was collected by Reginald Farrer or named for him. There are 24 species of Callianthemum in the Ranunculaceae, that most usually seen is the equally beautiful pinky flowered *C. anemonoides*. *C. farreri* has pale powder blue flowers with a yellow centre exaggerated by its yellow stamens. It grows in forests and grassy slopes at 3500 - 4000 m in S. Gansu and NW Sichuan. It needs good fertile well drained soil. ~It goes into dormancy in late autumn when watering should be reduced to keep it just moist.

Interestingly Google wanted to change 'farreri' to 'Ferrari'!

Stan's rhododendron 'Rose Elf'



Ian Steele's Pleione Shantung 'Ducat'



The Kincardine Bridge opened in 1936