

# THE SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB KENDAL SHOW — 18 3 23 FORREST MEDAL *Dionysia tapetodes* shown by John Dixon

## The dome of a thousand flowers



The smile says it all! John was delighted to have won the George Forrest Memorial Medal with his enormous plant of *Dionysia tapetodes*. I don't know how he carried it into the show hall without straining his back. There were several contenders for the top prize but John's sunshine dome outshone them all. Fully filling its 36 cm pan it was about half as tall as was wide. It takes a master grower to keep such a plant in perfect condition. *Dionysias* abhor damp conditions. Their biggest enemy is botrytis.

*D. tapetodes* is native to Northeastern Iran through Central Afghanistan and into West Pakistan. Most grow in near desert conditions, often clinging to dry cliffs where they favour overhangs which keep and rain off their cushions.

Well done John. Thank you for lighting up the show hall.

