

# The Scottish Rock Garden Club

## Farrer Medal - Hexham Autumn 2022

### *Biarum marmarisense*

#### shown by Rannweig & Bob Wallis



I was unable to attend this year's show in Hexham so I did not see the Farrer medal winner. The main picture here was taken by Richard Green. The one with Bob and Rannweig holding the plant is a composite of Richard's pic and one I took of them previously. They have won so many Forrest and Farrer medals that it is not difficult to find a picture of these titans of horticulture.

*Biarum marmarisense* is a small tuberous aroid native to south-west Turkey and the eastern Aegean islands in dry

scrubby limestone hillsides. There are two forms in cultivation here. This Farrer winner has pink-brown flowers [spathe] and the other white flowers. Both are attractive. It used to be classified as a sub-species of *Biarum davisii*. Unlike many Aroids it has a reasonably pleasant scent. In the photograph you can see its leaves just emerging. The picture of the white form on the next page shows the leaf shape. They last over winter. In the UK it needs alpine house treatment. Its cousin *B. tenuifolium* is easier to grow but arguably less attractive.

Many congratulations to Bob and Rannweig.

Sorry I was not there. Sandy Leven





## Two forms of *Biarum marmorisense*

