



The Scottish Rock Garden Club Farrer Medal Kendal 2014



Best Plant in the Show *Cyclamen pseudibericum* Shown by Frank & Barbara Hoyle



However no matter how dedicated a grower of Dionysias one was you could not deny the Cyclamen top position. It was shown as part of their 3 pan entry in class 2 alongside a huge Primula allionii and a Dionysia aretioides.

Unfortunately Barbara had gone home by the time I took the photograph and Frank had to lift the huge pan by himself. I can tell you that it took some lifting. The smile of Frank's face is partly due to their winning the Farrer Medal and partly to being able to hold the pan up far as long as needed to take the picture. Perhaps I will get a picture of Barbara later on in the season. Well done to them for winning at the first Kendal joint show.

This show is the successor to previous shows held jointly by the SRGC and Alpine Garden Society in Blackpool and Lancaster and which started in Morecambe. Old hands still refer to it as the Morcambe show.

Frank & Barbara Hoyle's wonderful pan of *Cyclamen pseudibericum* took top honours at Kendal. This was no mean feat, as in order to win the top medal their cyclamen had to beat several other plants of theirs as well as opposition from other growers. It is a measure of the quality of the plants in the show that several competed in the final selection, 3 belonging to Frank and Barbara!

