

The Scottish Rock Garden Club

Edinburgh Show

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SOME TROPHY WINNERS

LEFT TO RIGHT - TOP TO BOTTOM

Henry Archibald Rose Bowl: Sue Simpson

Elsie Harvey Memorial trophy: Cyril Lafong

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Bill Mackie Quaich to Cyril Lafong for his Saxifraga seedling

R E Cooper Bhutan Drinking Cup to Cyril for Primula odontocalyx

Henry Todd Carnethy Quaich to David Millward for Narcissus 'Lee Martin'

Midlothian Vase to Sue Simpson for Rhododendron 'Lucy Lou'





MORE TROPHY WINNERS

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The Alpines 2001 Trophy to Sue Simpson for *Anistome imbricata* v. *imbricata*

The Kilbryde Cup to Jim Watson for *Dionysia* 'Bernd Wetzel'

The Boonslie Cup to Watt Russell for his miniature garden

The K C Corsar Challenge Trophy to Primula 'Lindum Sweet Charity'

Treasures from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh



[Inset] *Muscari anatolicum*

Iris zaprijagewii

Iris bucharica 'Sanglok'

Iris vicaria

Plants from Section II



Pleione formosana alba from Amelia Banks
 Corydalis angustifolia from Jean Horsburgh
 Fritillaria michaelovski from Iain Mathewson
 Primula hoffmanniana from Iain Mathewson
 Aeonium 'Blackcap' from Sheila McNulty
 Fritillaria eduardii 'Castor' from Iain Mathewson
 Primula elatior from Mike Hicks
 Crassula socialis from Sheila McNulty



Amelia Banks from Heriot brought a host of Pleiones and entered the 6 pan Classes in both Sections. Her spectacular orchids reminded me of just how much variation there is in these plants





Pulsatilla vulgaris papageno alba from Mgt. & Tony Tasiker



Pink *Pulsatilla vulgaris* from Cyril Lafong



Anemone caucasica from Ian Christie



Pulsatilla vulgaris 'Budapest Seedling'



Caltha 'Moonshine' from Graeme Butler



Helleborus lividus from Tom Green



Jane & Alan Thompson's Hepatica 'Millstream Merlin' was still in good form after starring at Stirling. Ian Christie was unlucky that his fabulous Callianthemum anemonoides had to be judged in the same class as Merlin and Graeme Butler's unique yellow Caltha hybrid.

Carole & Ian Bainbridge won the 3 pan bulb class with a plantsman's trio of Arum creticum, Muscari chalcidicum and the diminutive Tristagma leichtlinii.

Jim Watson won the two pan Fumariaceae with Corydalis while Margaret & Henry won the one pan Fumariaceae with C. 'Frodo'



One of my favourite plants in the show was Cyril Lafong's *Corydalis solida* 'Craigton Red', which must be a plant raised by Ian Young.

Mike Hicks won the orchid class with another of my favourites, *Pleione* 'Rakata'. This is a vigorous well coloured hybrid; strong but not brash in its colours.

David Millward's pan of *Fritillaria minuta* took me back to my early days in the SRGC. Harold Esslemont gave me a wee pot of this when it was known by the grand name of *Fritillaria cardu-chorum* 'Elliott's variety', named for Jack Elliott one time AGS president, physician to the Queen and superb Plantsman.

Several years ago Sue and Hector Riddell gave me a pan of *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* but I still cannot grow it as well as they grow it. Mine was planted out but it seems to sulk. Elsewhere I see it in drifts but my soil seems not to suit it. One of the delights of the shows and our club is that seeing plants reminds one of friends. This is especially true when you see a pan of *Narcissus* 'Lee Martin', as grown to perfection by David Millward, when we are reminded of the late Bill Robinson.





Narcissus pallidiflorus

Narcissus minor

Narcissus henriquesii and the fabulous Narcissus 'White Petticoat' which I am assured was bought from Parker's Bulbs. New to me and one I will send for!

Narcissus 'Douglasbank' came from the garden of Willie Buchanan, an early member of the SRGC. While Narcissus 'Betty Mae' is a new Zealand raised plant shown by Jean Wyllie.





Primula allionii 'Linden Aria'



Dionysia 'Tess'



Saxifraga 'Windrush'



Primula allionii 'Joan Hughes'



Dionysia 'Marika'



Saxifraga 'Allandale Jim'



Class I — 6 pans less than 17.5cm

Winner was Sue Simpson whose entry is on the left and individual plants above.

Second was Tom Green whose entry is on the right and individuals below.

Annelie Banks was third with 6 of her Pleiones, which are pictured on page 6.



Saxifraga 'Redpoll'



Primula 'Broadwell Milkmaid'



Primula 'Malcolm'



Primula 'Linden Moonlight'



Primula 'Ellen Page'



Primula 'Nightingale'



David Millward's magnificent Primula 'Stradbrook Gem'



Primula 'Oberau' & Primula 'Casterino' & below P. marginata 'Millard's Variety', shown by Sue Simpson.

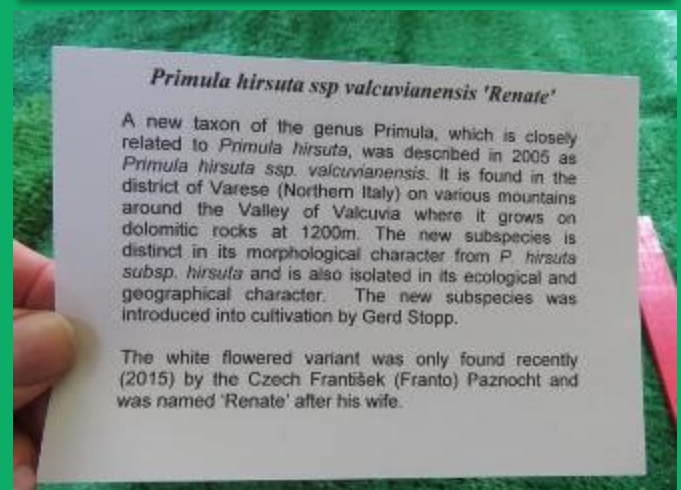




**Cyril Lafong's winning entry in the class
for plants new or rare in cultivation**



Primula hirsuta subsp. valcuvianensis 'Renate'



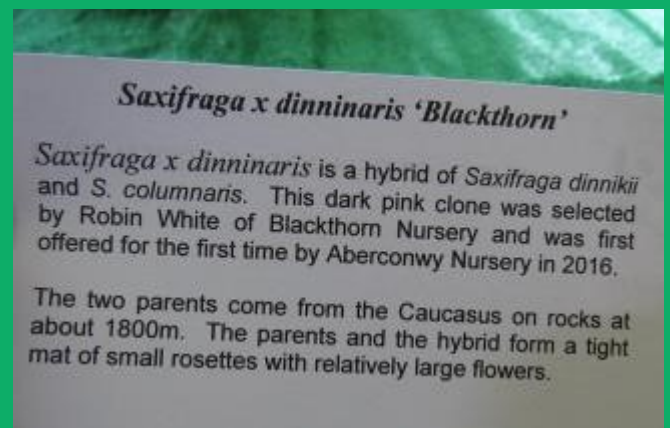
Primula hirsuta ssp. valcuvianensis 'Renate'

A new taxon of the genus *Primula*, which is closely related to *Primula hirsuta*, was described in 2005 as *Primula hirsuta ssp. valcuvianensis*. It is found in the district of Varese (Northern Italy) on various mountains around the Valley of Valcuvia where it grows on dolomitic rocks at 1200m. The new subspecies is distinct in its morphological character from *P. hirsuta subsp. hirsuta* and is also isolated in its ecological and geographical character. The new subspecies was introduced into cultivation by Gerd Stopp.

The white flowered variant was only found recently (2015) by the Czech František (Franto) Paznocht and was named 'Renate' after his wife.



Saxifraga x dinninaris 'Blackthorn'



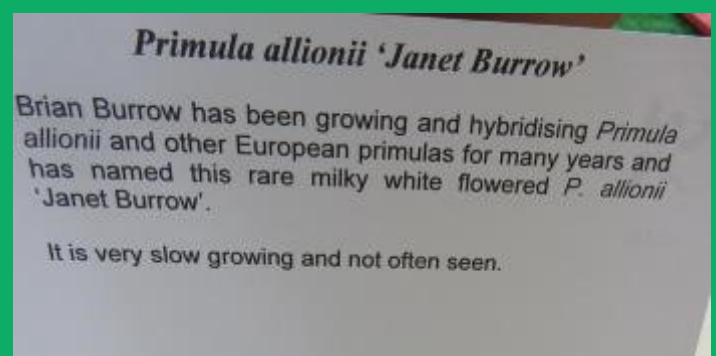
Saxifraga x dinninaris 'Blackthorn'

Saxifraga x dinninaris is a hybrid of *Saxifraga dinnikii* and *S. columnaris*. This dark pink clone was selected by Robin White of Blackthorn Nursery and was first offered for the first time by Aberconwy Nursery in 2016.

The two parents come from the Caucasus on rocks at about 1800m. The parents and the hybrid form a tight mat of small rosettes with relatively large flowers.



Primula allionii 'Janet Burrow'



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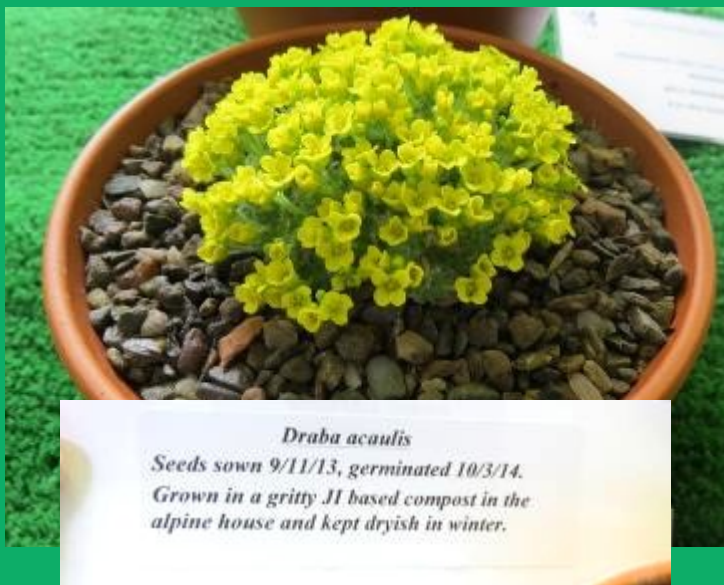
Brian Burrow has been growing and hybridising *Primula allionii* and other European primulas for many years and has named this rare milky white flowered *P. allionii* 'Janet Burrow'.

It is very slow growing and not often seen.

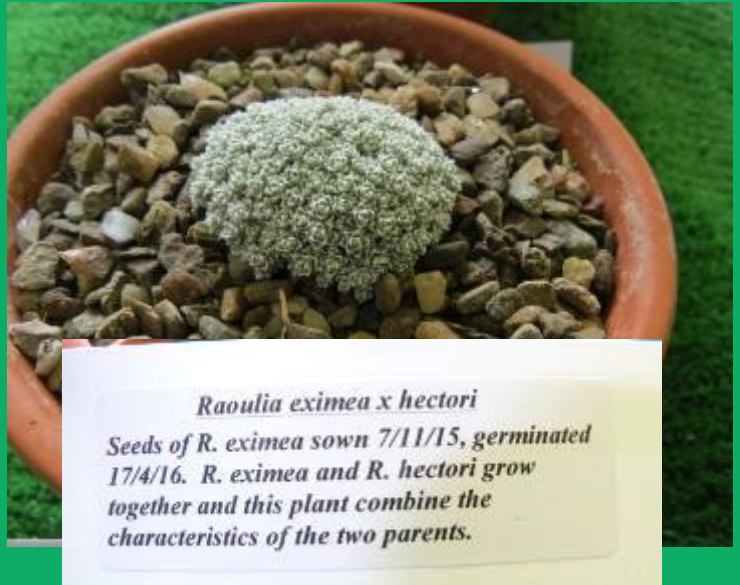


Cyril's winning three pans
grown from seed.

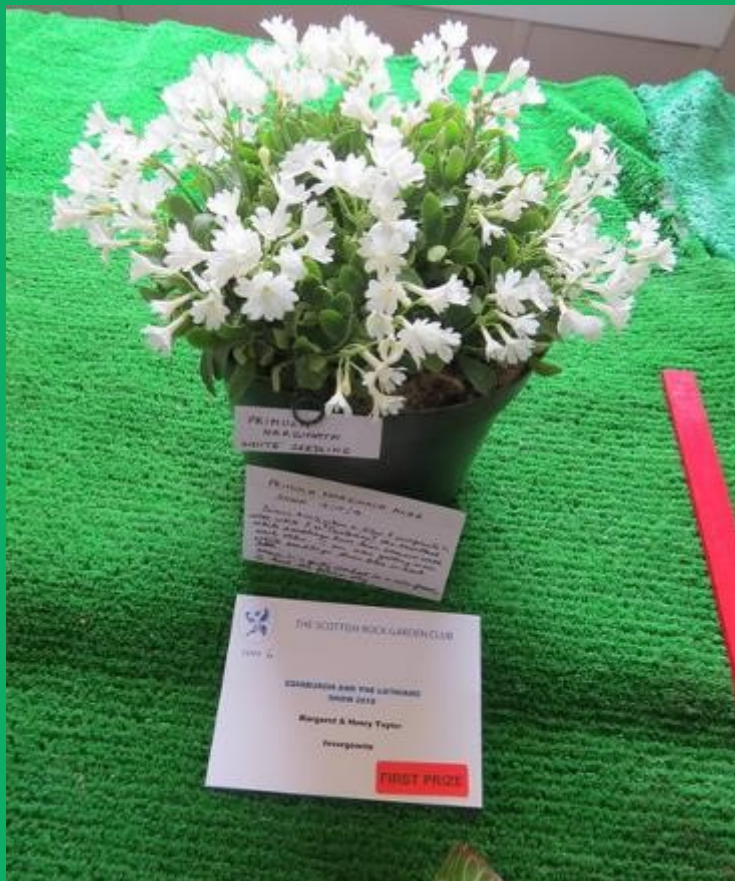
Saxifraga hybrid
This was grown from seeds of *Saxifraga*
'Coolock Gem' sown 5/11/12, germinated
17/3/13. It differs from 'Coolock Gem' in its
slower rate of growth and smaller flowers.



Draba acaulis
Seeds sown 9/11/13, germinated 10/3/14.
Grown in a gritty J1 based compost in the
alpine house and kept dryish in winter.



Raoulia eximea x hectori
Seeds of *R. eximea* sown 7/11/15, germinated
17/4/16. *R. eximea* and *R. hectori* grow
together and this plant combine the
characteristics of the two parents.



PRIMULA MARGINATA ALBA
SOWN 14/10/10
Since 2003, when a blue *P. marginata* x
with white *P. m. 'Cantabrigia'*, the resultant
white seedlings have been crossed with
each other. — are now getting more
white seedlings than blue in each
batch.
Grown in a gritty compost in a cold frame,
to break the fatness away.





Drabas are sometimes seen as the poor relation when considering cushion plants in flower. Perhaps it is the fact that many have acidic yellow flowers or is it that 4 petals are less attractive than 5? It takes a lot of skill to produce a well and evenly flowered plant.

White *Draba ossetica* won for Tom Green. Sue's *D. polytricha* is a more golden shade of yellow. Nick Boss' *D. cretica* was nicely presented in his own inimitable fashion.

