



# The Scottish Rock Garden Club Forrest Medal Edinburgh 2017

## Primula rusbyi

### Shown by Sam Sutherland



Sam Sutherland triumphed again with his fabulous *Primula rusbyi*. Over the past few years Sam's tally of Forrest Medals is rising. He seems to specialise in American plants having won two medals with *Astragalus* species. *Primula rusbyi* is also American or maybe Mexican or Guatemala as it grows in the latter two countries as well as in Arizona and New Mexico, you would think this would make it impossible to grow in Fife but no! Several people grow it but Sam grows it really well. The AGS Encyclopaedia says it is 'not difficult to grow but difficult to grow to a high standard'.

It is related to *Primula parryi* which comes from the Rockies of Colorado and Montana it is found in cool damp places. I have seen *P. parryi* growing among huge boulders at Steamboat Point in the Bighorns and

by a stream at Independence Pass.

Note how well Sam has presented the plant with closely fitting rocks in an arrangement which would have delighted the late Duncan Lowe. The sun shining on the plant made it look even more magnificent.

Well grown Sam!

