

# The Scottish Rock Garden Club

## Forrest medal Edinburgh 2022

### *Fritillaria pallidiflora*

### Shown by Richard Green



Magnificent!

Richard Green's pan of *Fritillaria pallidiflora* took top honours at this long awaited Edinburgh show. After a Covid enforced absence of two years members flocked to the venue in Edinburgh's Fairmilehead church hall. Our wait was rewarded. Richard's fritillaria pallidiflora shone like a beacon at the top of the central bench display. This was Richard's first Forrest medal, hopefully the first of many. Richard told me that he has nurtured the pan of bulbs which Ursula Edge, of the Glasgow group, gave him after her husband Bob died. Bob would have been delighted to see how well his gift has flourished. How many flowers stems? Almost impossible to count. The pot must be stacked full of bulbs. I suspect that the crowding helps to keep the potful compact.

*Fritillaria pallidiflora* is one of the best frits to grow in Scotland, when given a suitable site in the garden or the protection of cold glass. The pale primrose flowers compliment the dusky jade leaves, a perfect combination. The touch of purple on the shoulders of the flower bells just adds an extra layer of interest and defines the nectaries. The species is often stated to be native to Siberia and China, a pretty wide area to be sure and has the nickname of "Siberian Lily".

Wikipedia and Ballyroberts gardens are more specific with its distribution, indicating that it grows wild in Xinjiang, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan and not in Siberia, i.e. between the Caspian Sea and Western China; South of Russia and north of Afghanistan and Iran.

Richard as the SRGC Treasurer and secretary of the upcoming Glasgow show. Congratulations on your win in Edinburgh we look forward to Glasgow.





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