



The Scottish Rock Garden Club & The Alpine Garden Society Forrest Medal Hexham 2018

Saxifraga retusa ssp. augustana Shown by Alan Furness



Firstly I must thank Bob Potterton for these fine pictures of Alan Furness' George Forrest Memorial Medal winning *Saxifraga retusa ssp. augustana*.

I was unable to attend the Hexham show for the first time in many years. I have fond memories of the show when it was held in Ponteland

Saxifraga retusa is a European plant found in limestone areas of the Pyrenees, Alps and Carpathian mountains of Romania and Bulgaria. Out of flower it resembles *Sax. oppositifolia* but when in flower instead of single flowers it has short stems which each hold 3 or 4 purple red flowers. I can remember the species being shown many years ago by David Mowle. His was a much smaller plant.

This is a beautiful Saxifrage not seen very often at our shows. Alan is to be congratulated for growing such a magnificent specimen. Another thing... it is great when the Forrest medal goes to a plant grown by a local member.



Saxifraga retusa ssp. *augustana*

