

# The Scottish Rock Garden Club

## Forrest Medal Glasgow 2022

### *Daphne petraea* 'Persebee'

### Shown by Cyril Lafong



Once again the Forrest medal was awarded to a plant grown by Cyril Lafong. The range of species which he grows to perfection is extraordinary. He says that *Daphne* is one of his favourite genera, so it was fitting that this time it was awarded to his pan of *Daphne petraea* 'Persebee'. In the wild *Daphne petraea* grows on limestone / dolomite cliffs of Monte Baldo on the Eastern side of Lake Garda. Travel there and search if you will but you won't find a specimen like Persebee. In the wild it tends to be much smaller and often has a spreading nature. Cyril's plant was a 10 –12 inch undulating dome of perfect tiny flowers. One had to search to see any leaves! [detailed pictures on next page]

Cyril wrote a bit for me about his plant.

"*Daphne petraea* 'Persebee'. This is an excellent introduction made in 1997 by Peter Erskine initially under the number 97/T13. I remember getting a Forrest Medal at Glasgow some years ago with a *D. petraea* with that collection number. The plant that got the Forrest on Saturday is a different plant that was grafted onto *D. tangutica* in 2011. It has been progressively potted on until now in its current 11" pot where it has been for the last 4 years. The pot is plunged in a sunny place in an alpine house and given occasional half strength feed in the growing season. The compost used is John Innes with added leaf-mould and grit. It is my favourite of the *D. petraea* clones currently in cultivation with mid sized deep pink flowers which are produced reliably every year."







Appreciate the detail!

*Daphne petraea*  
'Persebee'

