



The Scottish Rock Garden Club Forrest Medal Perth Show 2014



**Best Plant in the Show
Iris suaveolens - yellow-
Shown by Cyril Lafong**



If Forrest medals were doubloons then Cyril would have a chest full. He would rule the ocean waves like captains of olden times.

This pan of Iris suaveolens -yellow form is the finest any of us have ever seen. More often seen in its purple form in the wild, in cultivation the yellow seems to be more abundant. Cyril seems to have most of world's supply of flowers in this one pot. And it is a pot, just try lifting it!

That smile is tinged with pain as I took a wee while to take the photograph. 'Tip it forward a bit!' I said. Well it's not my pan. Cyril naturally was a little reluctant and I did not take a picture from above when the pot was back on the bench so you can't quite see the number of flowers, all in perfect condition. A day earlier and they would not be

out. A day later then many would be over. This is another reason it won the medal. It was perfect on the day and the day was perfect for it.

Close up the flower head are about 2" tall on stems about 6" . It is a true miniature Bearded iris.

If you want to see it growing wild then you need to head to Bulgaria or Turkey. Well done Cyril another fabulous winner!

