

The Scottish Rock Garden Club **Forrest Medals Perth 2013**

Saxifraga andersonii shown by Ian & Carole Bainbridge

How's that for a Saxifrage? Ian& Carole should be doubly proud because they grew the plant from seed collected by Ron MacBeath. It must be especially gratifying to win a medal with one's own seedling. Ron was there to share their triumph. This is their second Forrest Medal and is a fitting tribute for President Carole in the first year as SRGC leader. S. andersonii is



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usually white flowered and this was sown as S. stolitzkae. Seedlings are both white and pink. A Cracking Plant from Nepal, Bhutan & Sikkim







shown by The Regius Keeper, The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Every now and then the judges decide to award a Professional Forrest Medal to a plant which if it were in the competitive classes is judged to be of Forrest Medal standard. Rarely presented and in recent years awarded mainly to the RBG,Ed for a plant on their superb displays.

John Mitchell & Elspeth MacIntosh included two pans of this Western American bulb in their symmetrical display and each looked to me to be as perfect as the other but the judges chose this one. It is certainly magnificent and a tribute to those who care for the plants in the RBG. Our thanks must go to the Regius Keeper for allowing us to see some of their treasures at our shows.