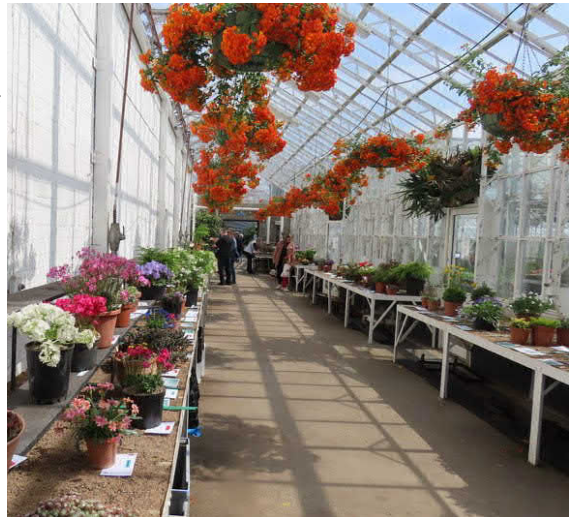


# THE SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB

## ABERDEEN SHOW

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Once again the Aberdeen show was held in the David Welch Winter Gardens in the city's Duthie Park. The show occupies one of the interconnected glasshouses. This means that as visitors to the rest of the complex make their way from Subtropical areas through magnificent cactus beds they will arrive at the SRGC show, thus bringing our show to wider public audience. There was plenty to see and many visitors were enthralled by the standard and variety of the show. John Lee took the Forrest medal with his superb pan of *Paris quadrifolia* [see Forrest medal report in the Forum]. The park department deserve a big commendation for their hanging baskets which provided parallel orange lines above our heads.



We took the opportunity to photograph our Current President Colin Crosbie flanked by three past presidents, Ian Christie, Sandy Leven and Ian Young. The shows



are our meeting place, where friendships are renewed and where members gather to discuss plants and probably world events.



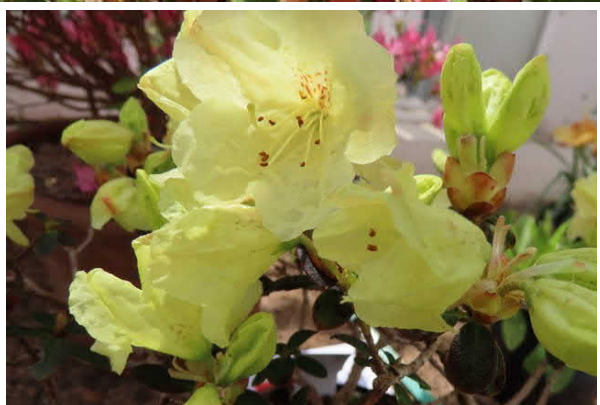
SRGC members throughout the world are united by our love of the worlds smaller hardy plants and bulbs. By propagating them and sharing seed we ensure that these gems remain in cultivation in the same way as we are indebted to our specialist nurseries for their plants. We must support them - if that sounds like you please join us in the SRGC.



John Lee won the Forrest Medal with his Paris quadrifolia. Mike Dale's Primula kisoana was judged to be the Best Primula in the show and was awarded the Craig Cup. Primula kisoana is native to the Japanese islands of Honshu and Shikoku. Wikipedia writes that it does well in partly shady situations under trees and along paths but I have not seen it outside in a garden in Scotland. I think here it needs a little protection for its flowers.



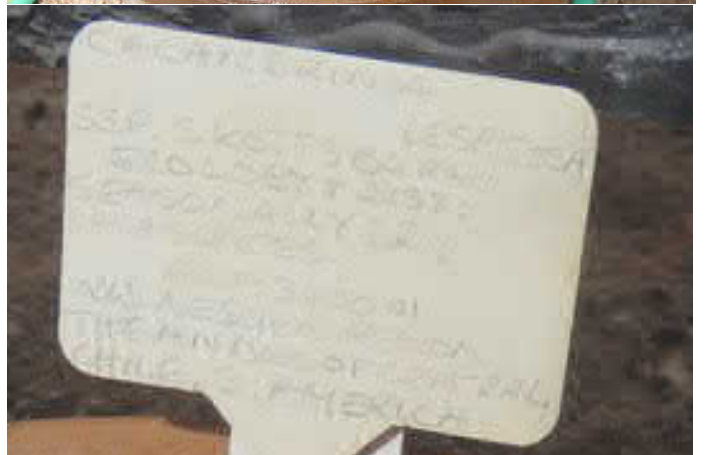
Stan da Prato has won the trophy for Best dwarf Rhododendron at most of our shows this year. This time he took the Simpson Trophy with a well flowered plant of R. 'Madame van Heck' I also liked his un-named Enkianthus. It seems to stay in show condition for several weeks. It well deserved its Certificate of Merit. Stan won the Walker of Portleithan trophy for winning most points in Section 1.







David Millward's *Ramonda nathaliae* received a Certificate of Merit







Ian Christie's *Cyripedium parviflorum* & *Trillium grandiflorum flore plena* were both awarded Certificates of Merit. My pictures do not do them justice. The heat of the day caught up with the plants before I did. Sorry Ian but well done on the certificates!

Jill & Jim Cole Hamilton Aberdeen Quai most points in Section 2. Their *Androsace sarmentosa* and the *Erigeron vagus* from North America are pictured below. They won the Brian Bull trophy for Class 63.





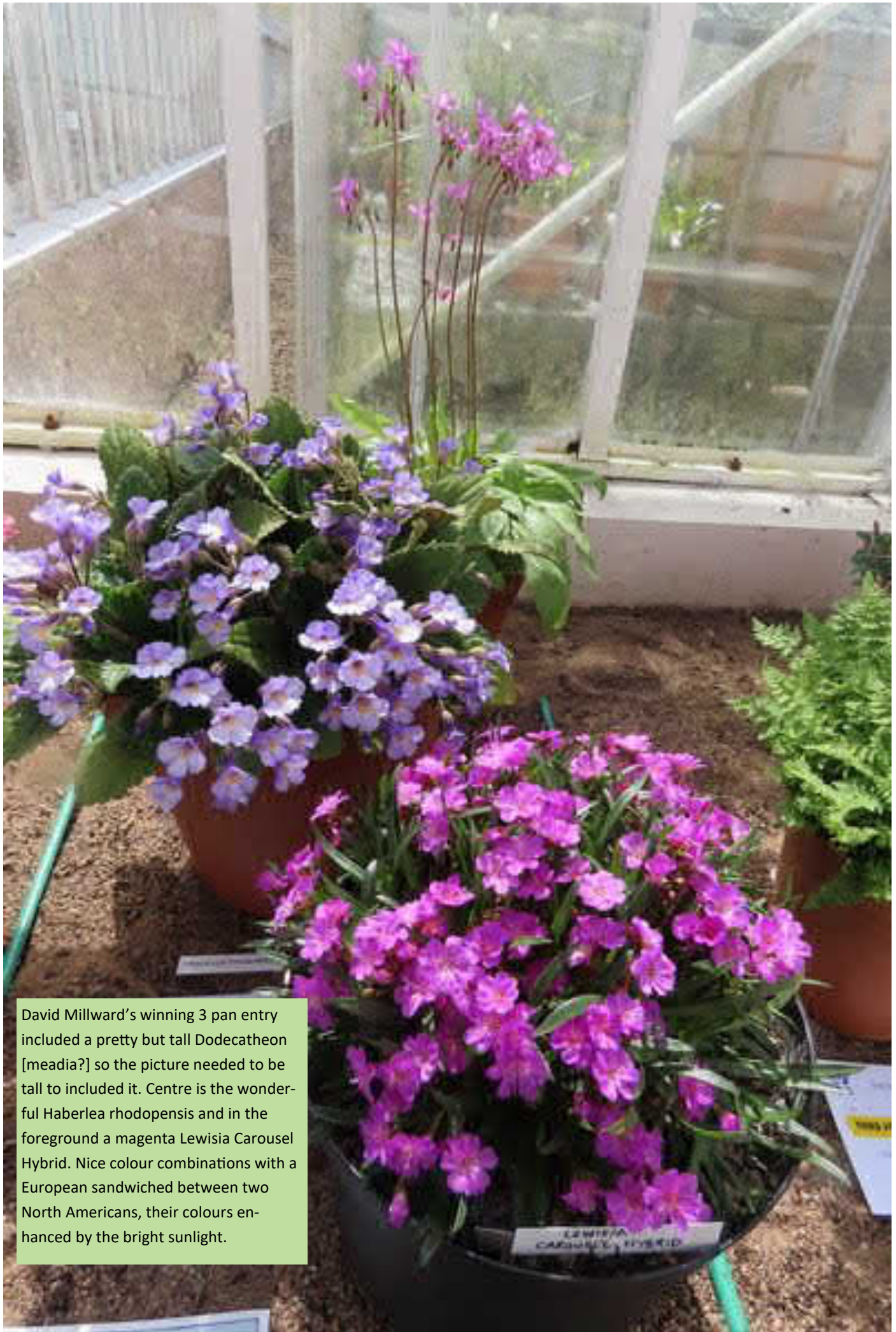


Stan's entry on Class 3 for 6 small pans [up to 17.5 cm] of rock plants included *Potentilla verna nana*, *Saxifraga cymbalaria*, *Primula aureata*, *Primula Tantalonn*, *Phylliopsis 'Coppelia'* and *Iberis sempervirens*. All of these except *Primula aureata* are good garden plants in Scotland. Indeed *Saxifraga cymbalaria* seeds itself in the cracks in my paved areas 'patio' it is a welcome addition to the garden.



Stan's entry in the 6 pan Class included two Glendoick 'Birds', the fine yellow Rhododendron 'Wren' and White Rhododendron 'Egret', pink Rh. 'Touraco' & purple Rh. 'Geisha Girl'. Centrepieces were *Convolvulus cneorum* and *Saxifaga 'Snowcap'*.



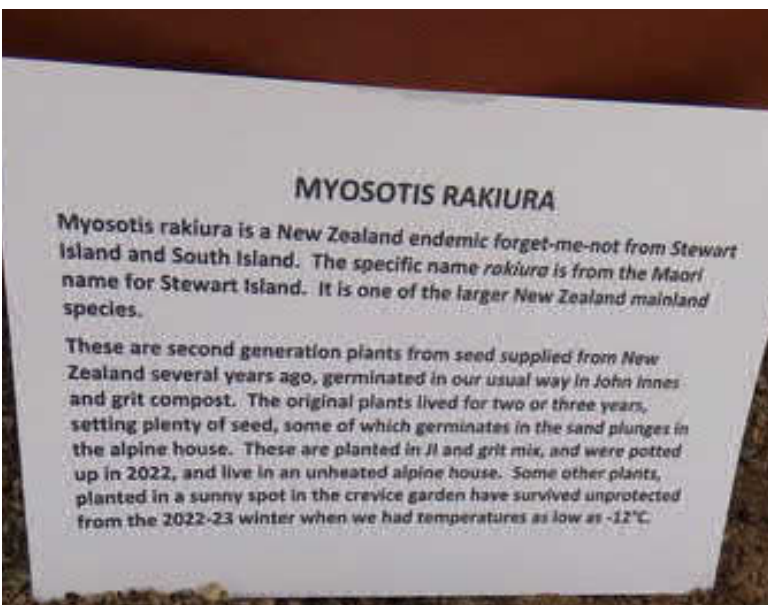


David Millward's winning 3 pan entry included a pretty but tall Dodecatheon [meadia?] so the picture needed to be tall to included it. Centre is the wonderful Haberlea rhodopensis and in the foreground a magenta Lewisia Carousel Hybrid. Nice colour combinations with a European sandwiched between two North Americans, their colours enhanced by the bright sunlight.

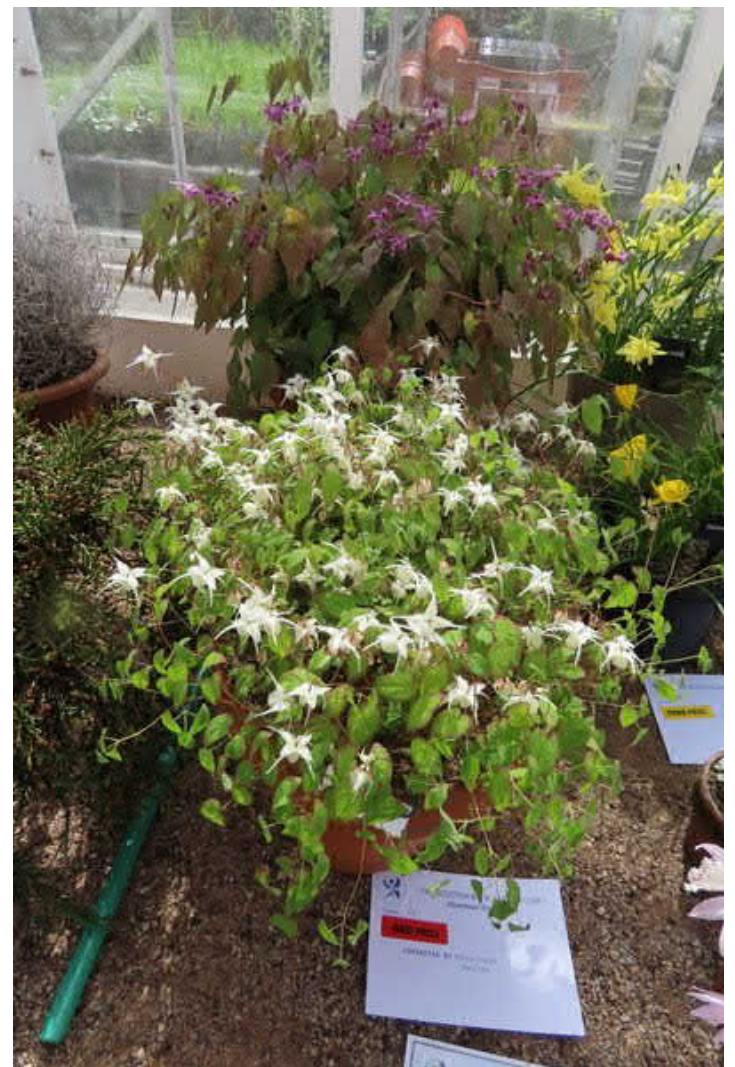




Stan's *Salix reticulata* was second to John's Paris in the native to Scotland class. The close up shows the mature trunks on this, one of Scotland's smallest trees. In favoured places on the continent it can achieve quite a wide spread. Its beautiful leaves demand careful attention. Being deciduous the intricate pattern of its intertwining branches can be best appreciated. Male and female forms are in cultivation. It is reputed to be one of the parents of the fabled *Salix 'Boydii'*. Centre pictures are Nick Boss' *Saxifraga caespitosa* and bottom Ian & Carole Bainbridge's *Myosotis rakiura*.







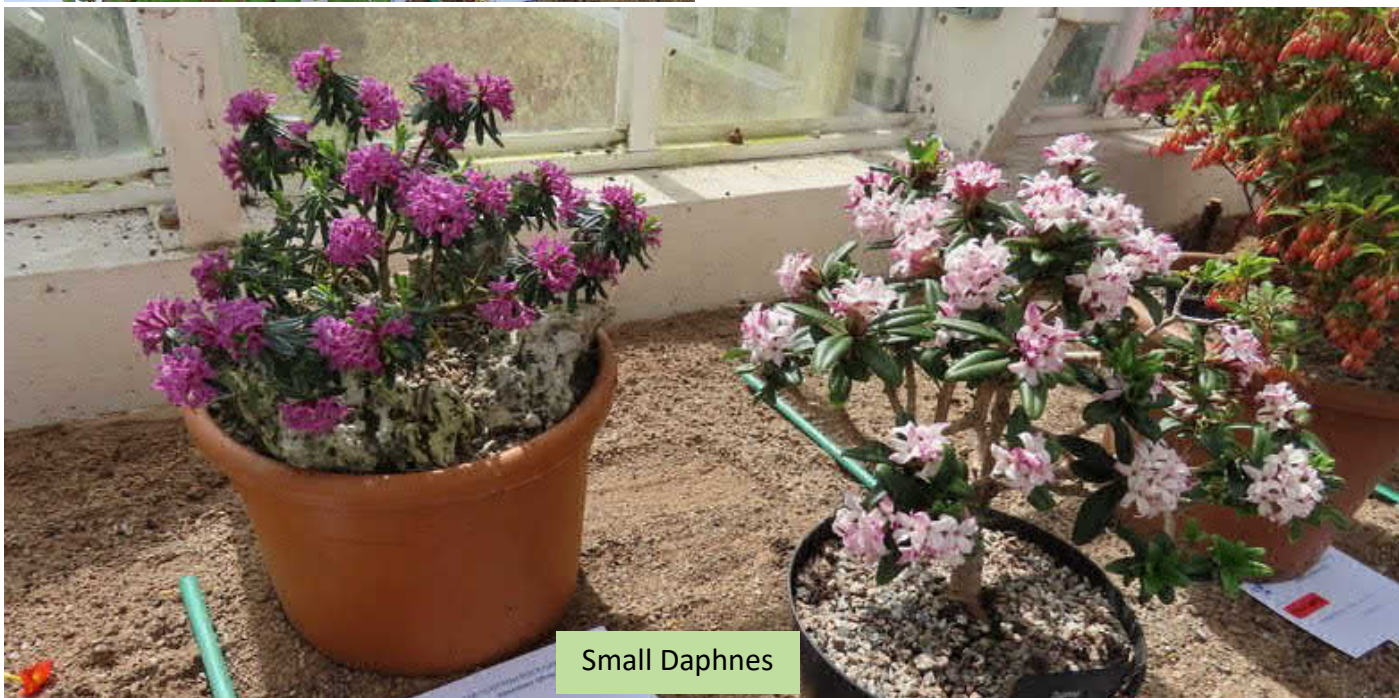
One of the joys of our shows is that we include such a diversity plants. Here we have tidy cushions and lax growing herbaceous plants.  
Left, Nick's *Androsace vandellii* is seeding into its pan.



Small shrubby plants form the back bone of a garden



Sorbus reducta



Small Daphnes



Heathers and Enkianthus







Meconopsis 'Old Rose'



Trichodiadema densum



Maianthemum bifolium yakusimanum



Uvularia grandiflorum











Some treasures of the David Welch winter gardens

