

Aberdeen, 10 May 2025

Our show was held in the Victorian Corridor of the David Welch Winter Gardens at Duthie Park and once again our thanks go to the Duthie Park staff for their preparation of the bench space and the facilities offered to the SRGC members.

In Section 2, Jill & Jim Cole-Hamilton's entry in class 63 (2 pans rock plants, distinct) won both the Aberdeen quail for the best plant in Section 2 and the Brian Bull bowl for the best entry in the class. The two winning plants were *Saxifraga pubescens* 'Snowcap' and one exhibited as *Saxifraga* 'Dalmatica'. A good selection of plants was to be seen in Section 1. Nick Boss exhibited *Primula fasciculata* in class 36 (1 pan primula, Asiatic) to win the Craig Cup for best primula. The origins of this species lie in the mountains of south-east Tibet at altitudes of 5200 to 5400 metres at the margins of late snow lie as detailed on Nick's informative plant exhibit label.

Dave Millward exhibited many fine plants in Section 1, leading to his being awarded the Walker of Portlethen trophy for the most points in Section 1. The three entrants for class 27 (1 pan dwarf *Rhododendron*) were Dave's *Rhododendron* 'Egret', *Rhododendron* 'Rokoko' from Alan Weepers, and *Rhododendron sargentianum* 'Maricee'. Dave also received the Simpson salver for best rhododendron with his entry of *R. 'Egret'* in class 27 (1 pan dwarf *Rhododendron*) and a certificate of merit for his fine *Lewisia* 'George Henley' in class 47 (1 pan Montiaceae). A further certificate of merit was awarded to Richard Green for his *Cypripedium* 'Victoria'. A Forrest Medal for the best plant in the show was awarded to Jim & Jill Cole-Hamilton's exhibit *Clematis cartmanii* 'Joe' in class 42 (1 pan Ranunculaceae excluding *Anemone* and *Pulsatilla*).

We fortunate as in other years that the weather was fine and visitors could complement their visit to the show by enjoying the other delights of the Winter Gardens and also the wider grounds of Duthie Park.

Adrian Banks

Winners in the light and shadow of a sunny day at the Winter Gardens





Saxifraga pubescens Snowcap

