

# THE SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB

## EARLY BULB DISPLAY

### DUNBLANE 25/2/23



After a break of 4 years we wondered if people would turn up for the first event of 2023 or would they stay away worried about mixing with others. We need not have worried Members flocked to this year's Early Bulb Day. ...and no wonder! The weather was fine and dry, 6 specialist nurseries brought superb plants and bulbs for sale, four excellent talks to look forward to and lots of pots of bulbs to look at and drool over.

**IRIS . Named for the Greek God of the rainbow**



**Iris Sheila Ann Germaney**



**Iris winogradowii**



## **Iris reticulata varieties**

**Pauline JS Dijt**

**Blue Note Pixie**

**Blue Planet**



*Iris historioides* 'Lady Beatrix Stanley'



*Iris hyrcana*

*Iris historioides* 'Lady Beatrix Stanley' has been in cultivation for a long time. *I. historioides* is native to Turkey it is in the same section as *I. reticulata* but differs from it in specific details. Lady Beatrix was the daughter of the 3rd Marquis of Headfort, an Irish peer. She was a horticulturalist and botanical artist. She died aged 67 in 1944. She also has a snowdrop named for her.

*Iris hyrcana* is closely related to *Iris reticulata*. (it is listed by Kew as *Iris reticulata* subsp. *reticulata*). This Iranian (and Azerbaijani) plant comes from the lush lowland and montane Hyrcanian forests near the Caspian Sea. Like the other *reticulata* types these are good garden plants.



Most of the Crocuses are varieties of *Crocus chrysanthus*

'Dorothy'



'Lilac beauty'



*Crocus sieberi* Firefly

*C. sieberi* 'Firefly'



'Cream Beauty'



'Miss Vain'



*C. sieberi* tricolor





Crocus heuffelianus from the Carpathian mountains is distinguished from its near relation C. vernus by its 'V' shaped markings near the tips of each petal



This lovely sprig of the hybrid Rhododendron 'Tessa Bianca' reminds us of why it is important to grow some rhodies which flower early in the year. Tessa is lucky to have survived early frosts which can destroy the flowers on these precocious flowerers

'Romance'



Cyclamen coum above and Eranthis below



# Shades of White



*Leucojum vernum*



*Narcissus 'Julia Jane'*



*Galanthus 'Emerald Hughes'*



*Saxifraga 'Prince Hal'*

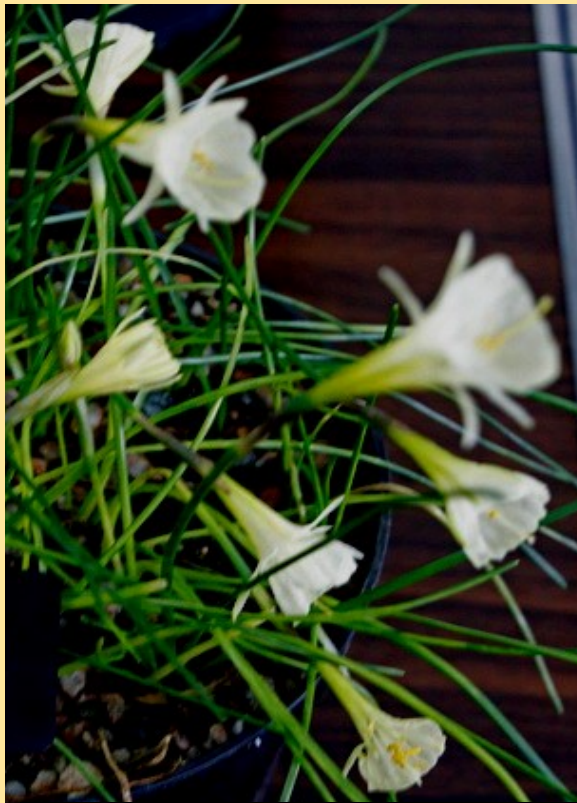


*Galanthus 'White Admiral'*



*Corydalis malkensis*





Narcissus bulbocodium  
'Arctic Bells'



Narcissus 'Eugenie'



Narcissus cantabricus



Narcissus minicycla





**Daphne jezoensis**



**Eranthis hyemalis**

The RHS Joint Rock Garden Plant Committee which met at the Show awarded a First Class Certificate and a Cultural Commendation to Cyril Lafong's plant of *Daphne jezoensis* and another FCCC to his plant of *Saxifraga burseriana* 'Sharon Lowe'.

*Eranthis hyemalis* Tuberginii Group shown by Ian Christie also received a C.C.



**Saxifraga burseriana**  
**'Sharon Lowe'**



Dendrobium kingii, an Australian Rock Orchid, shown by Ian & Carole Bainbridge attracted a lot of attention. Such a delicate wee plant!



Other non bulbous stars of the show were :-  
Dionysia curviflora  
Ranunculus calandrinoides  
Corydalis popovii

