

**THE SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB
EDINBURGH SHOW**

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**IT WAS A COLD AND
FROSTY MORNING**

**GARDENS NEAR THE HALL
WERE IN FULL BLOOM**







In the very first class David & Stella Rankin staged an interesting exhibit of Ranunculus. The chosen plants showed the variation which occurs in closely related plants.

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| Ranunculus ranunculoides ssp ranunculoides | |
| Ranunculus ranunculoides pleniflora | |
| Ranunculus x lipsiensis pallida | Plant names |
| Ranunculus nemerosa Vestal | anticlockwise |
| Ranunculus nemerosa viridescens | from top left |



This year there were fewer pans of Primula on the benches. [see next page] This was probably because of the season but also to there were fewer exhibitors post Covid. However there were still plenty of interesting plants to see. As usual bulbous species were quite abundant. As you can see in the picture above the yellow of Narcissus species and varieties was prominent. Rhododendrons always provide a big splash of colour and I would encourage prospective exhibitors to grow some of the good modern smaller hybrids and bring them to future shows. Conifers and foliage plants are also good subjects for beginners as the choice available is pretty extensive.





Primula 'Gold Lace' hybrid

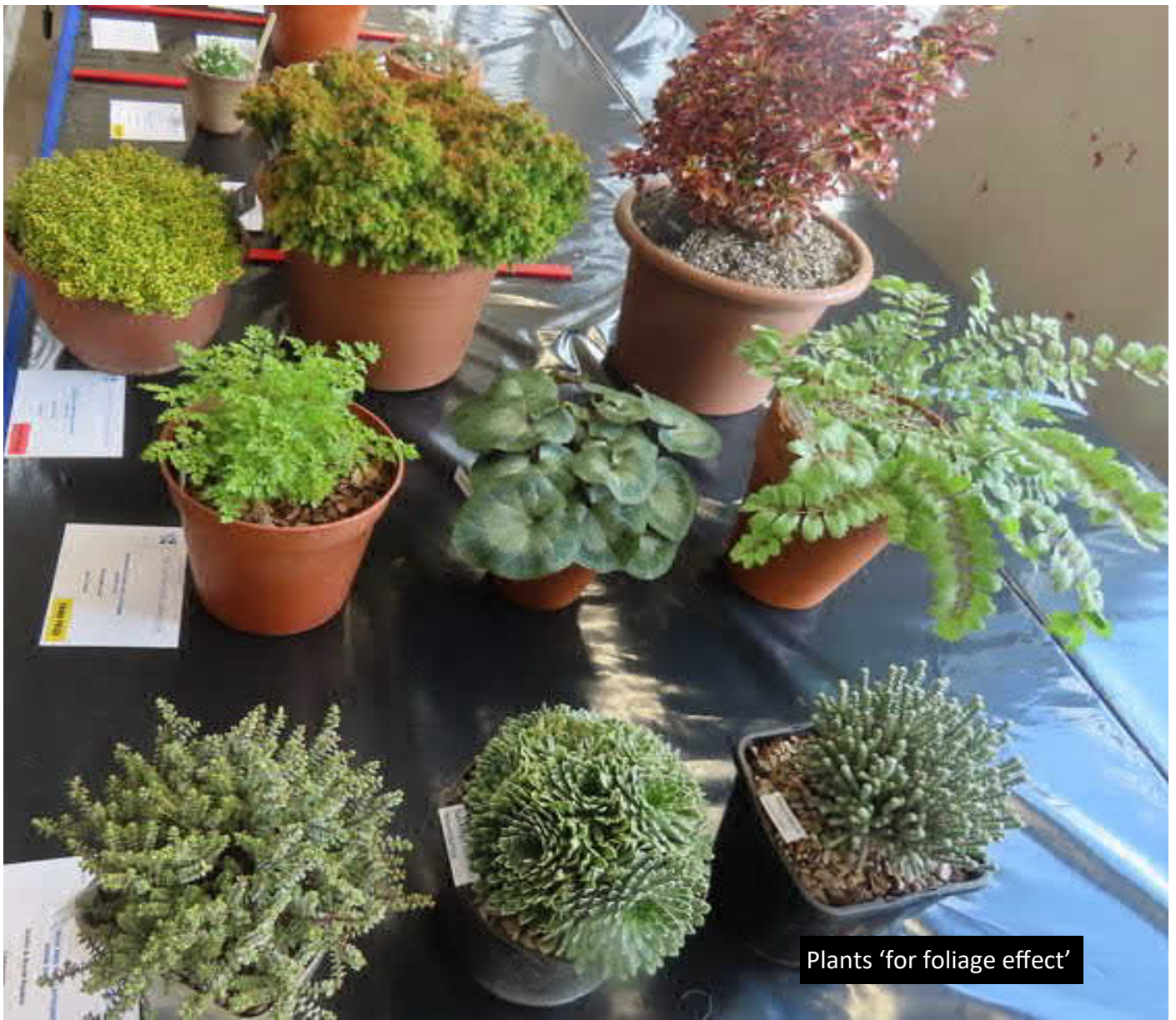


Primula bullata var bracteata



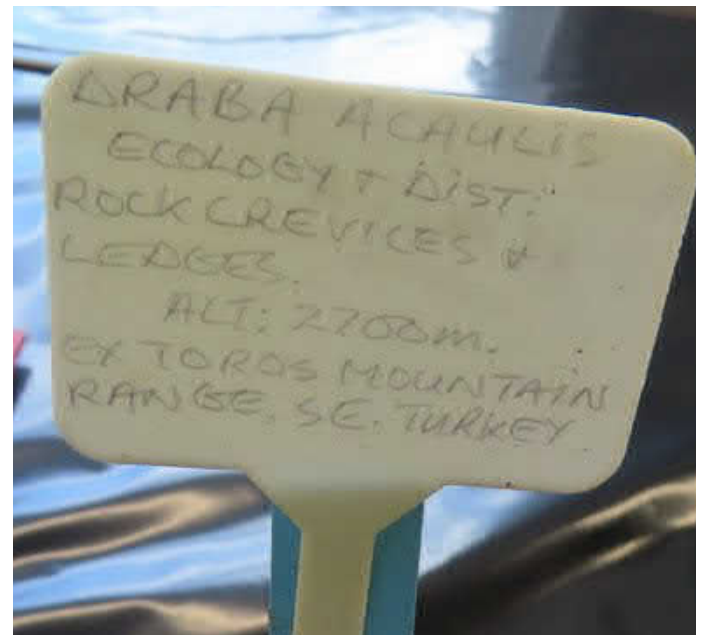
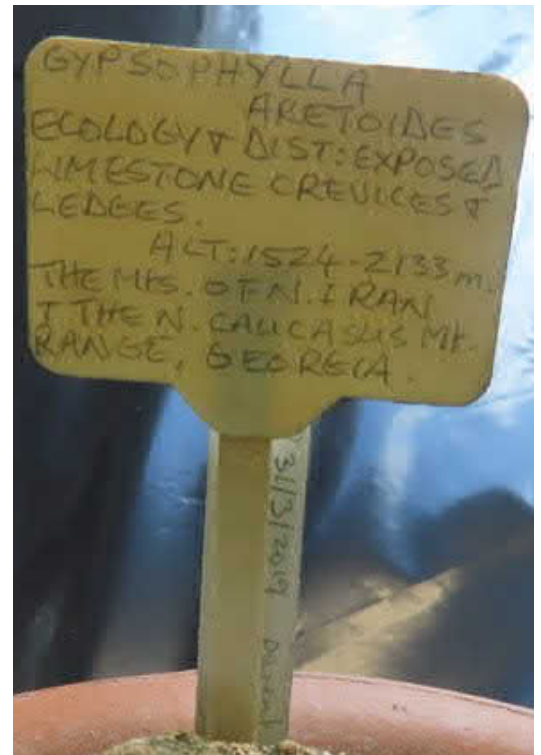
Primula renifolia





Plants 'for foliage effect'





CUSHION PLANTS

Nick Boss always provides copious guidance notes with his entries. Here are two describing his 25 year old *Gypsophila aretioides* and *Draba acaulis* along with seedlings.

In the bottom right corner is the stunning white dome of *Androsace vandellii* which won the Forrest Medal for Cyril Lafong





Paraquilegia grandiflora
from Francis and Margaret Higgins reminded me of my own plant which won a Forrest Medal for me at an Edinburgh show many years ago. It is one of the most beautiful of all alpiners. One can but marvel at the plethora of exotic flowers on their plant.

Pleione Shantung 'Ducat'

They also exhibited one of the largest pans of Pleiones which I had ever seen on our show benches. At one time this was regarded as a difficult plant to grow and it must still be. Francis and Margaret have mastered its cultivation. Well done on producing these two show stopping pans for the show





Muscari armenicum alba



SCOLIOPUS
BIRELCWII





Iris suaveolens from Cyril Lafong



Iris magnifica from Richard Green



Convolvulus creorum



Cimphaleodes Cherry Ingram



This fine Rhododendron won the Midlothian Vase for the Best Rhododendron and helped Stan da Prato to gain the highest total of first prize points and retain the Reid Rose Bowl.



David Rankin is the expert on yellow meconopsis. I can't tell you much about this one except that it has the long name *Meconopsis wanbaensis subsp. undulatisissima*. It is very pretty and photogenic!



Daphne modesta



Coronilla emerus glauca citrina



Neoporteria pygmaea



Lewisia tweedyi

Edmund Fellowes of Dumfries won the Midlothian Bowl for Best Plant in Section 2 with this pristine farina-
ceous *Primula marginata* 'Late Frost'. Well named but I suspect it might have some hybrid genes in its DNA

