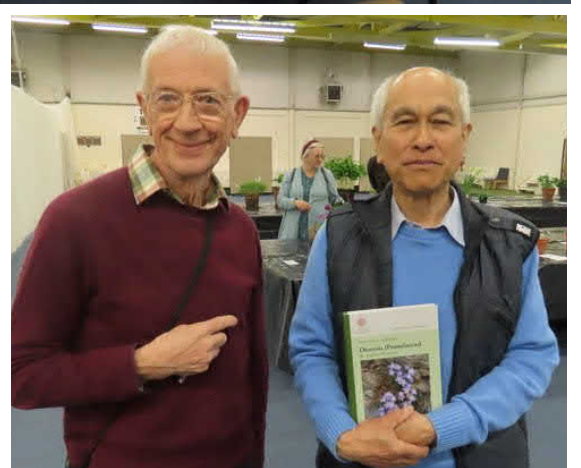


THE SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB

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Admired by all! Exhibitors and members were thrilled to see such a marvellous plant as Cyril Lafong's Forrest Medal winning *Cypripedium* 'Ursel' on the bench at the Perth Show. Beside it sat his pan of *Pleione Shantung* 'Ducat'. Two horticultural masterpieces by the Shakespeare of Rock Gardening



What's going on here?
What could be more interesting than the Forrest winner?



Stan da Prato's winning 6 pan entries in Class A [limited pot size] and Class 1 [the 6 pan class in which no 2 plants can be from the same genus] this entry won Stan the Alexander Caird Trophy
Narcissus 'Angels Whispers' [back right below] won the Bulb Trophy





**Cyril won the Dundas Quach for 3
pans different genera with
Cypripedium formosanum
Lewisia tweedyi and
Trillium grandiflorum roseum.
Three great American plants.**



More from North America:

Sanguinaria canadensis flore plena. This plant is one of our most beautiful but its flowers are fleeting, the petals drop off within days of opening. I remember Alf Evans had a plant of this from the RBGE. It was perfect in the morning of the show but it left a 'confetti trail' of petals as he carried it back to his car.

Cyril's *Hymenoxys lapidicola* was 'Best Plant grown from Seed by the Exhibitor'. The award was named for a late director of the SRGC Seed Exchange, winning 'The Joyce Halley Award'.

Hymenoxys lapidicola

Hymenoxys lapidicola, described in 1986, is a narrow endemic to Uintah County, Utah, growing on sandstone cliff terrace sites. It was treated as a synonym of *H. torreyana* in 1994 but the treatment of *H. lapidicola* as a species distinct from *H. torreyana* is supported by a recent study of genetic variation using isozyme analysis in 1995.

The plant is very slow growing, forming neat cushion to 15 cm across with congested rosettes and solitary sessile yellow flowerheads. It was grown from seeds from 'Alplains' sown 14 December 2016, germinated 3 March 2017. The compost is very gritty John Innes and the plant is grown in the alpine house with full exposure to sun.

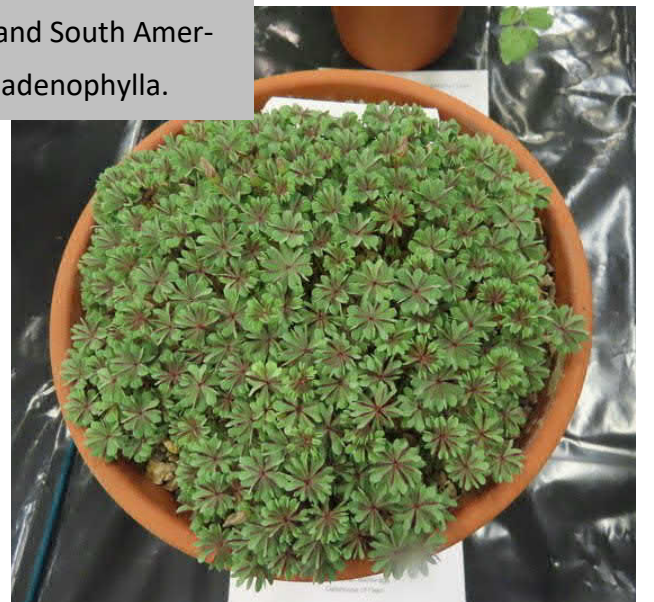




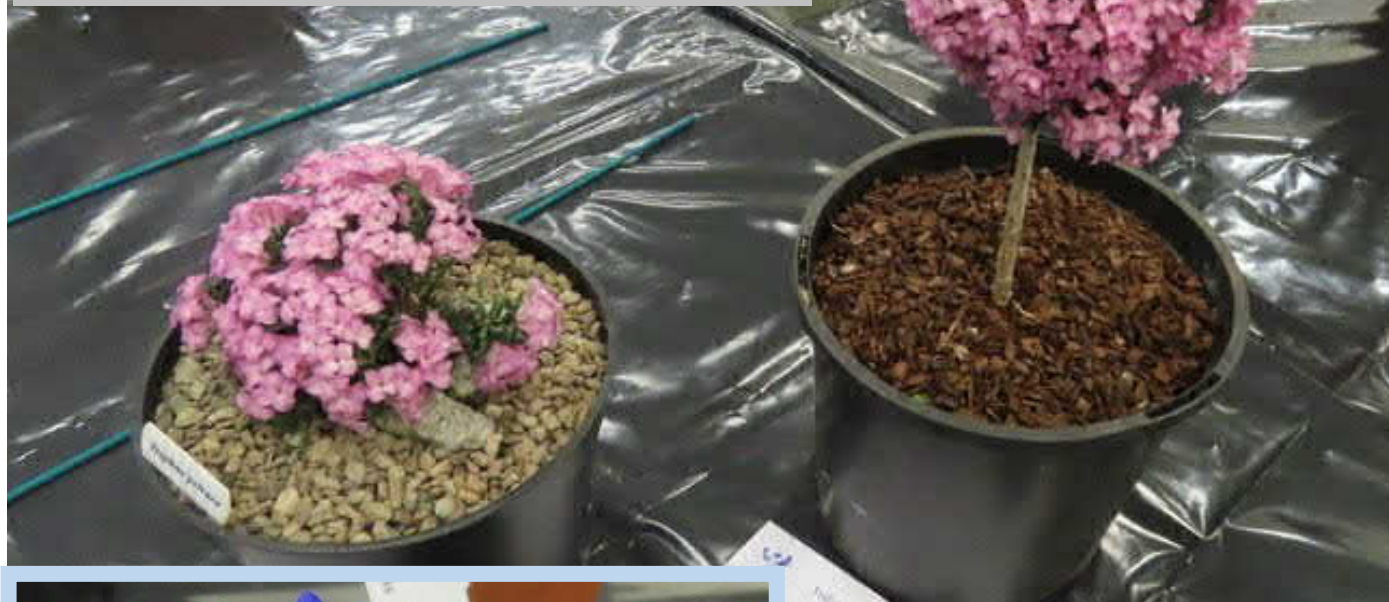
The classes for plants shown for special foliage traits.



Two Adiantum ferns from Stan were *A. venustum* on the left and *A. pedatum* on the right. Below two plants with similar foliage colouring; African: *Bongardia chrysogonum* and South American: *Oxalis adenophylla*.



Two well flowered plants of *Daphne petraea*. The plant shape you get depends on the height of the grafting technique. Cyril's on the right is the result of the usual method of grafting onto a short stemmed root stock. Ian Christie grafted onto a longer stem in a demo to show other gardeners how to graft Daphnes. The longer stem made it easier for them to follow his lesson. The result is certainly different and certainly makes you look twice. It is good to experiment.



Gentiana verna is a plant which immediately conjures up memories of the European Alps. Here Ian Christie has dressed his pan of *G. verna* with nicely shaped tufa. In one pan he has returned us to the mountains.

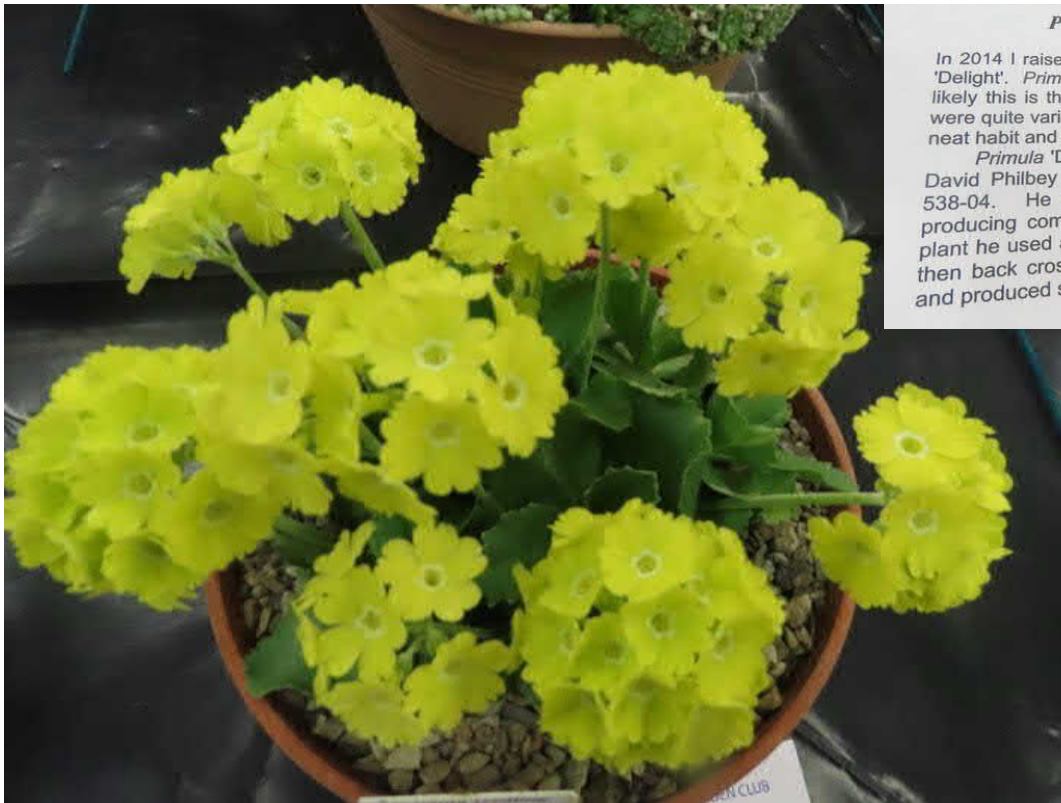
Below Stan da Prato admires his Rhododendron 'Dora Amateis' which won the Cox Trophy for best Rhododendron.





Certificates of Merit [for exceptional plants] were Awarded to Margaret Taylor's Tasmania lanceolata 'Mount Wellington' and to Ian Christie's Trillium albidum. Left: Ian's Anemone 'Pradesh'.





Primula 'Delight' seedling

In 2014 I raised a few seedlings from seeds of *Primula* 'Delight'. *Primula auricula* was growing nearby and it is likely this is the pollen parent. The resulting seedlings were quite variable and this seedling was selected for its neat habit and rounded bright yellow flowerheads.

Primula 'Delight' itself is a hybrid raised in 2004 by David Philbey and initially given the designation DPP 538-04. He used *Primula auricula* as a basis for producing compact yellow flowered plants. The other plant he used at the start was *P. X pubescens alba*. He then back crossed the resulting plants with *P. auricula* and produced seedlings from these.

This Award was donated by Angus Rock Garden Group for the best plant "new or rare in cultivation". In addition to Class 3, the Judges may at their discretion consider any plant entered in any other Class in the Show for the award of this prize.



 **Henry & Margaret Taylor Award**
 For the best plant new or rare in cultivation

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Trevor Wenham from Lochearnhead's pan of Narcissus 'Moonlight Scene' was judged Best Plant (Section II) from a new exhibitor.







Congratulations and thanks to the Perth Group for a really friendly show in a marvellous venue. Look out for the venue in the Scottish Curling championships or indoor bowls from Perth. If you missed this year's show then try to get there next year.

