



SRGC Edinburgh and the Lothians Show



Sandy Leven is out of the country at present, so this report is prepared for you by someone else who was unable to attend the show. In this I am ably assisted by Stan Da Prato, whose reports so delight the [Forum readers](#) for his comments and some photos, as well as to Alan Elliott and Kevock Nursery for photos from “Twitter” for SRGC.

This event was the first for new Show Secretary, David Millward, a capable chap who demonstrated that he was up to the challenge of leading the Edinburgh Team to another successful day. He even had time to showcase some natty calligraphy on the award cards!

You will see from this example, right, that the premier award again went to that master of the show plant, Cyril Lafong. This time the winner was a charming plant from the USA – Cyril and David called it by the name *Hymenoxys acaulis caespitosa*, though it is more correctly known once again as *Tetraneuris acaulis* var. *caespitosa*. Whatever we call it, it is a very fine plant.



The top plant Class 2 along with a *Trillium rivale* (which I suppose we *should* get a handle on calling *Pseudotrillium rivale*) and a *Draba dedeana* ‘Watson’s form’ to win the “Henry Archibald Rose Bowl”.



Cyril picked up the “Elsie Harvey trophy” for 3pans “new and difficult” with *Primula odontocalyx* f. *alba*, *Saxifraga feleneri* and *Primula bullata* var. *bracteata*



Primula cf. odontocalyx f. alba

Primula odontocalyx (family Primulaceae, Section Petiolares) is a widespread species centred in S. Shaanxi. The flowers are pale purple-pink. It is named for the toothing of the calyx lobes. Characteristics that distinguish this species are efarinose, no hairs, basal scales absent at flowering, and a scape higher than the leaves.

P. tenuissima is not a valid name, but refers to stoloniferous plants (cf. *P. odontocalyx*) from Hubei (south of Shaanxi) with a slender scape and usually bearing one pale purple-pink flower.

Primula odontocalyx var. *alba* (*P. tenuissima* var. *alba*) was introduced into cultivation in 2013. It grows in Wushan county (west of Hubei), Chongqing, China. In cultivation it requires a humus rich compost that is never allowed to dry out completely. A cool and shaded environment would suit it best.



Cyril Lafong also won the quaintly named “R.E.Cooper Bhutan Drinking Cup” for best Asiatic Primula with *Primula henrici*.

Carole and Ian Bainbridge, with their *Narcissus watieri* ‘Abaleish’ took the best bulb award, the “Carnethy Quaich”.



The Bill Mackie Quaich for best saxifrage was won by David & Stella Rankin.



Tom Green took the “Corsar trophy” for best European primula with ‘Lismore Jewel’.



Stan Da Prato won the “Midlothian vase” for best rhododendron with ‘Ptarmigan’ (below) and the “Alf Evans Quaich” for *Andromeda polifolia* ‘Nikko’



Stan won the award for Most Points in Section 1 with his magnificent entry of 40 plants.

Relative newcomer, Tony Taziker, took the “Bronze medal” for most points in Section 2, showing that success is not confined to long-time exhibitors!

Christine Boulby won the Midlothian bowl for best plant in Section 2 with *Hepatica* ‘Millstream Merlin’ (At the Dublin



AGS Show on the same day, a very similar plant, shown by Harold McBride, won a Cert. of Merit.) Christine, the SRGC Subscription Sec. also won some other “red stickers”!

Judging about to begin.





The "Boonslie Cup" for a mini-garden again went to Watt Russell's trough. Alison Ward received a Certificate of merit for her trillium.



The Show Secretary, David Millward, in his first show in charge, was pleased by the support for entries, with 34 exhibitors, 372 pots in 277 entries. The Alpine department of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh out on a grand display which won a Gold Medal and also a Professional Medal for *Erythronium multiscapideum*. Well done !



More on the Forrest and Professional Medals [HERE](#) and many more photos in the Forum [HERE](#)

There were all the usual attractions at the show - great home bakes and super plant sales and the hyacinth display that had been at Kincardine (by Frazer Henderson) and a smaller version of the "Plants by Post" stamps display from Hexham (by Mike Dale) added to the decoration of the entrance hall.





Section 2 was not large- but the quality was good, as this portion of the bench shows.



Narcissus rupicola from Ian Pryde



Primula 'Broadwell Milkmaid' from Christine Boulby.

Primulas are always well represented at Edinburgh- here are a few – the delicate lilac of *P. rusbyi* from the Rankins, I think – and the “false oxlip” *P. veris x vulgaris*.



This is *P. 'Pink Ice'*



Below are a first prize winner from Sam Sutherland and a 2nd place from Watt Russell - *Primula* 'Netta Dennis'



This plant below left is from Show Secretary David Millward is *P. auricula* x *allionii* alba – *P.* 'Coy'



Above is a neat *Primula gracilipes* 'RedPoll' grown by Jane and Alan Thompson who also grew this *Paeonia cambessedesii*



This photo of *Pulsatilla vernalis* was taken by Alan Elliott as part of the SRGC Twitter feed from the Show.



Now for some random photosstarting with this *Androsace vandellii* from Cyril Lafong



Tom Green showed this *Anemone thalictroides*

Below: the sales hall

Below left: *Soldanella* in front of an *Epimedium*



Dwarf *Pinus* sp.



Dionysia aretiodes



Left:
Astragalus loanus from
Sam Sutherland

Right:
Narcissus bulbocodium
obesus 'Marion
Robinson' – shown by
Bill Robinson.

Below left is another *Narcissus bulbocodium* from Peter Semple





N. 'Douglas Bank' from Ian Christie



2 pan narcissus entry from the Bainbridges – N. 'Sennocke' in front. Ian and Carole are still supporting the show in spite of being in the throes of moving to the SW of Scotland.
Below: *Fritillaria amana* from Mala Janes

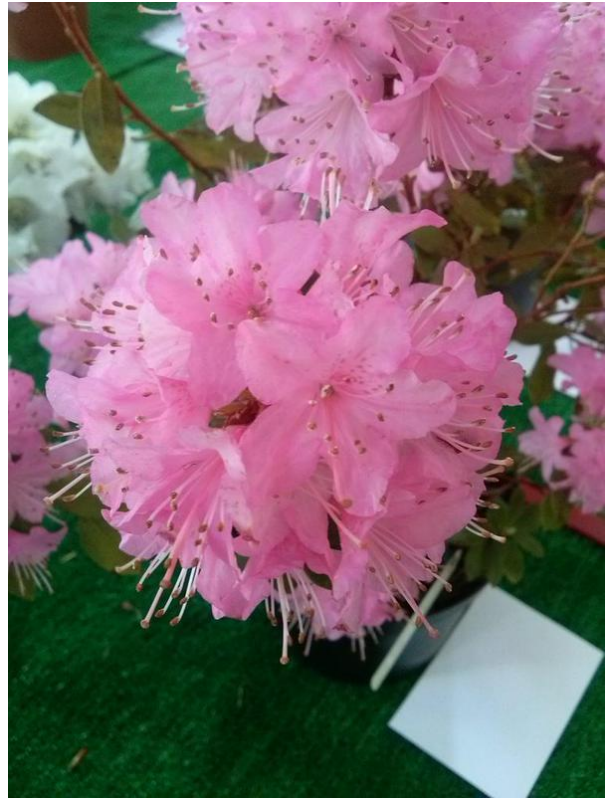


Left : *Tulipa schrenkii*
Tulipa schrenkii Regel is a synonym of *Tulipa suaveolens* Roth.

Fritillaria 'Canmore Park' from Bob Maxwell



Rhododendron 'Pintail'



Iris bucharica



Iris graeberiana

Iris graeberiana 'White Fall' from Tom Watson



Lewisia tweedyi
with *L. cotyledon*,
behind.

Pulsatilla grandis from Sue Simpson



Kelseya uniflora



Raoulia loganii





Cyril's entry in the "small 6 pan"

Class 2, the three pan class – Cyril's winning entry, including the Forrest medal plant, centre.



Ken East and Geoff Hill – point keepers.





In Class 5 for three plants grown from seed, Alan Furness won the “A. O. Curle memorial trophy” with *Primula rusbyi*, *Hymenoxys torryana* and *Glaucidium palmatum* var. *leucanthum*.



Remember... there are lots more photos [in the Forum!](#)

Well done to all exhibitors and every member of the Show Team for staging such a great event!