

# The Scottish Rock Garden Club

## Glasgow Show 2/5/2016



“Early to bed, Early to rise, Keeps a man healthy, wealthy and wise”, was a favourite saying of Benjamin Franklin. Preparing plants for a show, loading them up into the car, driving to the show and then unloading them, staging the plants, waiting for judging to start and end, packing the plants back in their boxes, then boxes to the car and driving back home, before unpacking the plant pots, watering them, tidying them up, drinking a glass of beer or wine, putting plants back into their home in the garden, frame or alpine house, which of these keeps a man or woman wealthy? Wisdom should increase with experience and good health is definitely needed to carry out all the above steps in showing plants. You have to love it! Another phrase springs to mind, “the love of plants passeth all understanding”!

I want to give a great big thank you to everyone who brought plants to the Glasgow show. In recent years several experienced SRGC members from the northern counties of England have joined with Scottish SRGC members at the Glasgow show. Many of these exhibitors from England had to leave home on the Friday afternoon and spend the night in a nearby hotel, so that they could stage their plants in time. The result, once again, was a spectacular show. More credit to Sam Sutherland for scooping up the Forrest Medal with his fabulous *Ranunculus parnassifolius* (Nuria x Picos form). However far one has driven and how-

ever early the rise each exhibitor must take a few minutes to read the schedule before setting out the plants. There is always time for a chat, even when you are busy. Eventually the exhibitors discover where the packet of tea bags and jar of coffee is as well as hot water with biscuits to go with them. A cuppa, a wee break and a chat, now that will really restore you to health and wisdom.

Nursery men and ladies have to carry lots of heavy trays of plants into and out of their vehicles, after spending all day or days before getting the plants ready and labelled. They must be exhausted before the show starts, still they always smile. Inane questions? All answered promptly, with a smile! Alastair Sutherland told me a wee story at the Nairn show. A lady at a show held up a plant and asked, “When does this flower”? Alastair looked at the plant, covered with buds and flowers and told her, “Now!”



**SMILING** Neil Huntly [left] of Hartside Nursery Garden and Hilary Butler [right] of Rumbling Bridge Nursery. David Rankin of Kevock Plants is in the background behind Hilary. Graham Butler is just at his wife's shoulder, where every good husband should be !





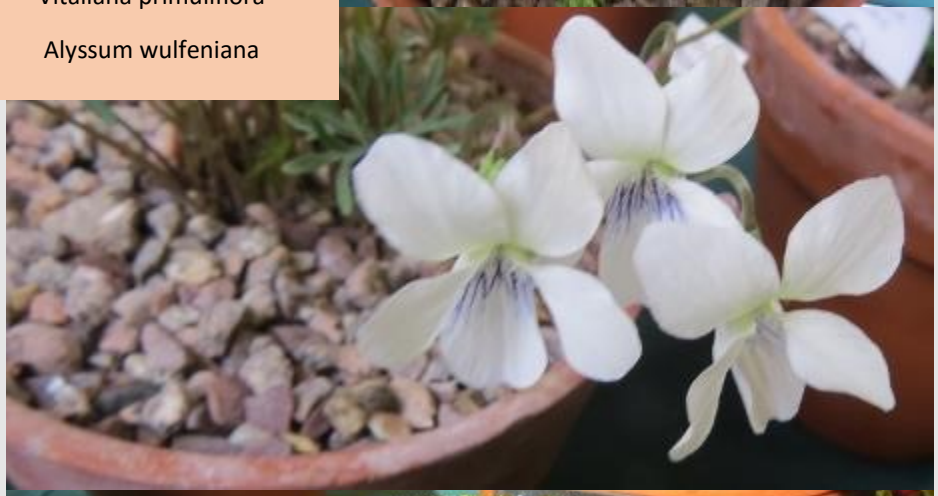


Chielanthes wootonii [David Millward]	Junellia coralloides [Sue S.]
Lamium sandrasicum [Sue S.]	Calceolaria "Walter Shrimpton" [Sue Simpson]
Meconopsis pseudointegrifolia ssp nova [David & Stella Rankin]	I loved the pleiones in Sheila McNulty's Trough





**Anti-Clockwise from top left**  
Hesperochiron californicum  
Toffielda coccinea  
Haberlea rhodopensis virginalis  
Ramonda nathaliae  
Benthamiella patagonica  
Viola pedata alba  
Vitaliana primuliflora  
Alyssum wulfeniana





Tulipa Calimero, T. linifolia, T. batalinii

Iris reichenbachii [2 pans]

F. meleagris Fritillaria liliaceae and F. affinis

Arisaema triphyllum



A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT for Margaret & Henry Taylor's Primula 'Emily'



Leucojum nicaense



My favourite, a white Gentiana acaulis

A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT for Graham Butler's Primula amoena









**AMERICAN GEMS**

Lewisia nevadensis rosea—Lionel Clarkson

Lewisia cotyledon –Watt Russell

Lewisia tweedyi alba –Sue Simpson

Lewisia Ashwood carousel series

Lewisia cotyledon pink—Barry Winter

Lewisia tweedyi rosea

Viola pedata

Uvularia grandiflora— helped Richard Green win the James A. Wilson Trophy for most points in section II.

Lepidium ostleri

Claytonia megarhiza v. nivalis

Viola douglasii—Ian Kidman





**White flowers**

**From top to bottom**

Ranunculus alpestris    Saxifraga exarata adenophora

Cassiope 'Randle Cooke'

Primula hirsuta alba

Androsace villosa    Trillium grandiflorum flore plena





David & Stella's golden entry  
Primula veris  
Primula lutea  
Primula bullata var forrestii  
Primula bullata var bracteata  
Primula bullata var bullata  
Primula simensis

Primula  
veris

Primula  
lutea

Primula  
bullata  
var forrestii

Primula  
bullata  
var bracteata

Primula  
bullata  
var bullata

Primula  
simensis

Primula  
bullata  
var forrestii

Primula  
bullata  
var bracteata

Primula  
bullata  
var bullata

Primula  
simensis



Sam Sutherland's Forrest Medal winner  
*Ranunculus parnassifolius*



Sue Simpson's *Crassula socialis*