

As usual at SRGC shows, surplus seed from our world renowned SRGC Seed Exchange was available to buy. Scottish rock Garden Club and Alpine Garden Society members as well as interested members of the public bought hundreds of packets. The picture shows the trays of seed on the SRGC tables. Each tray contains thousands of seed packets. Ian & Carole Bainbridge take the seed to each SRGC show as well as to Gardening Scotland. This is a valuable service to gardeners as well as fulfilling the SRGC's aim to further interest in growing rock garden plants.



The Hall before judging. The space between the show benches is needed to for the crowds of visitors.

First another 'as usual'!

As usual the Hexham show was filled with wonderful plants. In this report, I am bound to miss out hundreds of exhibits. To give an idea of just how full the benches were the following 17 pictures show the plants in Section I on the first bench.



































Primulas











Peter Hood with a plant of Primula bracteata ssp. dubarnardiana Above Peter is Sam Sutherland's winning Primula allionii





Primula petolottii









George Young 's Fritillaria tubiformis was awarded the **Sandhoe Trophy** for Best Plant in a pot less than 19 cm diameter. Like Cyril Lafong's F. poluniniana it was raised from seed. 5 Frits from Don Peace are pictured below

Fritillaria hermonis Anti-Lebanon form



Fritillaria aurea x pinnardii



Fritillaria glaucoviridis



Junellia coralloides from Tim Lever is a shrub new to me. It is a south American member of the Verbenaceae, with clusters of wee white five petaled flowers in summer



Cassiope lycopodioides also from Tim Lever





Barry Winter's Primula farinosa is bigger than the farinsa I showed at my first show in Inverness, 42 years ago!



Sax. longifolia from John & Clare Dower















Corydalis integrifolia from Pamela Anderson

Most of these plants were shown in the novice section. Their standard bodes well for the Hexham show









Mala Janes, with Alan Furness & John Richards, won with F. hermonis. She also mounted a wonderful display about Plant hunters old and new.



















Tulipa schrenkii



Trillium nivale







Erythronium multiscapoideum



Lewisia 'Patricia Forrest



Daphne 'Colinton Crown'



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Ornithogalum nanum



Viola brevistipulata hidakana



Arcostaphylos uva ursi