

# The Scottish Rock Garden Club

## Forrest Medal Kendal 2109

### Saxifraga 'Coolock Kate'

### Shown by Frank & Barbara Hoyle



A magnificent Saxifrage took the top honours this year at the Kendal show, winning the George Forrest Memorial Medal for Frank and Barbara Hoyle. The judges had ultimately to choose between two of their plants in the same 6 pan class which won the Large 6 pan class AGS medal. The runner up was an incredible *Dionysia aretioides*, probably the plant which won the medal in 2015. Frank & Barbara have had several Forrest and Farrer medals at Kendal. They are the team to beat. This is an almost Herculean task when you see the quality of their exhibits. Just look at the picture of their 6 pan entry this year. How do you carry these huge pots? How many can you fit into an alpine house? Is the table strong enough? Do you have to forewarn the show secretary?

Saxifraga 'Coolock Kate' was raised by Jim Almond. This is the first time it has won the top prize at either an AGS or SRGC show. Jim says his wife will be delighted. Congratulations to Frank, Barbara, Jim and Kate.

On a point of interest the wee purple flowered *Primula* in front of the six large pans is not part of the entry!

