

The Scottish Rock Garden Club & The Alpine Garden Society Kendal Show 18 / 3 / 17



It would be almost impossible to describe each every superb plant in this show. By superb I mean a Plant which could under 'normal' circumstances win a Forrest Medal. There were perfect plants in pots of all sizes up to the maximum [for an AGS Show] of 36mm [almost 13 inches]. The Best Plant in Show was Cyril Lafong's Trillium rivale 'Purple Heart', which was favourite with a majority of judges. As soon as voting started you could tell which plant was going to win.

Much of the competition came from the single entry in Class 1 for 6 Rock Plants [above] shown by Frank & Barbara Hoyle . Their entry comprised 6 maximum sized pots of 1. Saxifraga 'Coolock Gem', 2. Primula allionii 'Marjorie Wooster', 3. Primula allionii 'Mrs Dyas', 4. Saxifraga 'Cumulus', 5. Primula 'Pink Aire'and 6. Dionysia aretioides. The Dionysia was awarded a certificate of Merit. This entry can only be described as a 'force majeure' - irresistible!





One of the reasons so I like so many other rock gardeners strive to get to the shows early is to get a good choice from the plants on the nursery stands. David Rankin and Ian Christie have a chat before judging. David was working on



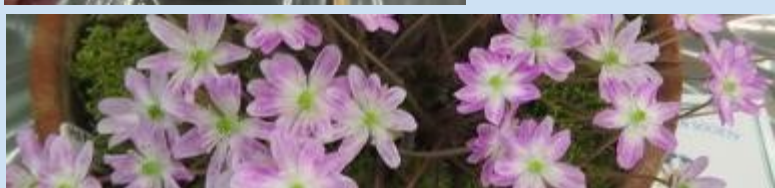
Kevock Plants' stand. The other pictures here show the huge range of plants from Aberconwy Nursery, Potterton's Nursery and the hepaticas are from Edrom Nursery. There were at least 6 others but I did not get a picture of them as the crowds built up quickly as members snapped up new plants for their gardens.





The class for 3 pans Papaveraceae or Ranunculaceae revealed just how popular Hepaticas have become while there is still an abiding interest in Corydalis.





Saxifrages



Saxifraga x Kochii F2 seedling
win 7/1/13
have grown from a Sx Kochii (see
unclear how) on a Euxine bed for over 15
years. This naturally occurring hybrid
between S. oppositifolia and S. aizoides is
fertile and has produced the many self
seed + daughter offspring. The seedling
shown is one such one of thousands the
result of the S. aizoides parent's genes and
in the garden, especially in the area and
in the soft (Laka) chalk. (Hawbone) chalk mix.

Saxifraga x dimorpha seedling
win 7/1/13
Seed from Vojtech Holubec as S. dimorpha
- ex in Caucasus, Russia" re from a cultivated
source. Examination of the seedling
none shows the influence of the other
occasional species S. aizoides which
crosses in the wild with S. dimorpha to
produce the natural hybrid S. x dimorpha.
The seedling shown grows in the alpine
hills in a mix of 1/3, 2/3 and 1/4 crossing
well suited in growing season, none in winter



On left is Sue Simpson's excellent winning trio of Saxifrages, Sax. 'Allendale Ghost' at the back, Pink Sax. 'Your Smile' and another white, Sax. 'Allendale Jin' at the front.

Below Saxifrages Allendale Ghost at the back and white Sax 'Allendale Jin' and yellow Sax. 'Allendale Harvest' in front

Below right are Mala Janes' fabulous Sax. oppositifolia and the old favourite Saxifraga 'Bridget'

On the left are

Sax. 'Lismore Carmine'

Sax. X concinna

Sax 'Leonardo da Vinci'

Saxifrages



Primulas

As usual there were large numbers of great primroses, especially in the 3 pan classes



Most were selections or hybrids of *P. allionii*, their neat mounds making taller species look a bit ungainly. Spring is the time for plants forming mounds and cushions— *P. allionii*, saxifrages, *Dionysias* even the *Hepaticas* are dome shaped. Even their flower colours are in the same ranges.



Don Peace and Alan Furness take a break from judging. In front of them are *Iris lutescens* on the left and *Iris bucharica* 'Baldschuan Yellow'. Competing with them was the blue *Iris nusariensis*. This clone has a long history at the Morecambe, Lancaster, Blackpool, Kendal show, back to the days of Wilf Kirby, David Mowle and Duncan Lowe. Below these :-

Ipheon uniflorum 'Alberto Castillo'

Scilla greilhuberi

Scilla x allenii 'Fra Angelica'



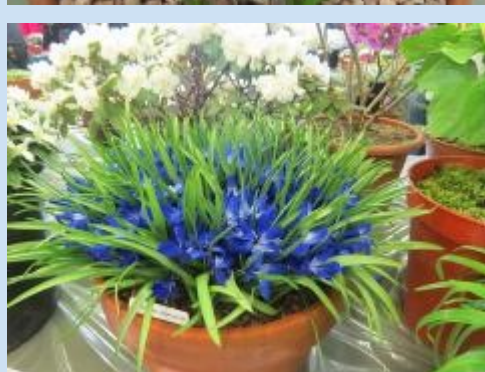
Ornithogalum lanceolatum

Scilla biflora 'Norman Stevens'

Iris suaveolens purple

Tecophilea cyanocrocus

Narcissus 'Jim Lad'





Polygala chamaebuxus
"Grandiflora"



Stan's winning 3 pan
Cryptomeria japonica
'Jindai Sugi'
Ilex x meserveae 'Little
rascal'
& a Thymus sp.



Sedum phaeocrenum



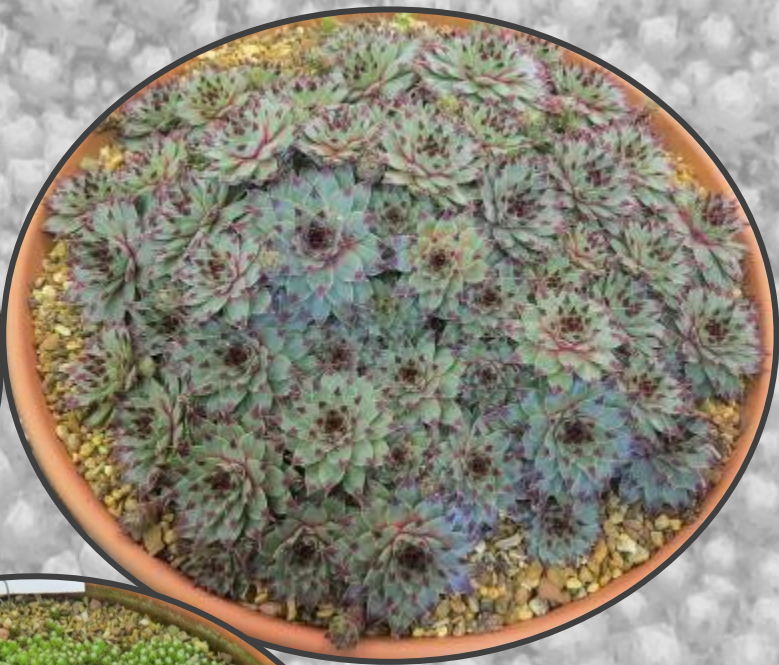
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Alpine Care

Foliage colour
One of the great strengths of the shows south of the border is the number of plants which exhibitors enter in the foliage, dwarf shrub and conifer classes. In recent years Stan da Prato has led a move towards more of these kinds of entries at the SRGC shows north of the border





JOVIBARBA heuffelii
"Zanthoheuf"



Jovibarba heuffelii
zanthoheuf
Sempervivum calcaereum
Semp. arachnoideum
laggeri



Ivor Betteridge's winning entry in a novel class: 3 pans in flower 3 pans for foliage



Pleione Hekla gx. 'Locking Stump'



Ranunculus
crispifolius
Sachs 18/5/18



These 6 pans of rock plants won Don Peace an AGS Medal and contributed to his winning the Hollett Trophy for most first prize points in the Open Section





Scoliopus hallii, *Hepatica x schlyteri* and *Cyclamen pseudibericum* won Class 52 for Bob Worsley



Corydalis kusnetsovii x solida



Anemone petiolosa



The Society Page Who's who in the Rock Garden?



David Rankin
thanks Alan
Oatway ,the
Show Secre-
tary



Henry's captions
say it all!



Peter Bland escapes with a
tray of plants before the
security team catches up

