

The Scottish Rock Garden Club & The Alpine Garden Society Kendal Show 16 3 19

This year I got an 'early look' at the plants in the Kendal show as I was invited to judge. There are always 3 judges for each class. This means that a fairly wide range of opinions work together to agree on the winners. Some times it is unanimous and at other times 2:1. This gave me not only an 'early look' but a studied, critical look at the plants, in the section which I judged in particular. Since some of the awards are given for special categories, like multi-pans and best plant in a pot of a certain size, all judges come together to assess plants from all over the show. Once again,



sometimes this voting, involving all the judges, is unanimous whilst at others there can be near grid-lock. A majority of judges should eventually be found in favour of one plant, as there is normally an odd number of judges. I must make clear that this does not also mean that there can be a number of odd judges!

6 Pan Classes

Classes 1 and 51 are the most prestigious classes in the show. Both are for 6 pans of rock plants which must be in top condition to win. Class 1 is for pans up to 36cm and Class 51 for pans not exceeding 19cm in outside diameter. At Kendal each winning 6 is awarded an AGS Medal.

Frank & Barbara Hoyle won the Large pans and Don Peace the small 6. Saxifraga 'Coolock Kate' in the front centre of Frank & Barbara's 6 won the George Forrest Memorial Medal for Best Plant in the Show. Don won the The Hollet Trophy for the Highest Aggregate of First Prize Points in Section 1

The Ulster Quaich, which is an SRGC Travelling Trophy was awarded for best pan of Primulaceae to Frank & Barbara Hoyle's plant of *Dionysia aretioides*.





Jim Almond with Dave Riley. Jim raised the Saxifrages 'Coolock Kate' and 'Coolock Gem'. Today was the first best in show for Kate but Gem has won many top awards.



Past President and Current President, Carole Bainbridge and Julia Corden enjoy the show



David Millward pictured with Carole Bainbridge beside his magnificent pan of Narcissus bulbocodium obesus 'Lee Martin'. It was awarded a Certificate of Merit





**Hardy Cacti
& Ferns**



Corydalis burst into bloom apparently overnight. Many wonderful species and forms have been introduced by the Latvian plantsman Janis Ruksans. I particularly admired the plant of *C. sewerzowii* [yellow flowers] immediately above, shown by Peter Hood. It was awarded a Certificate of Merit. White *C. malkensis* is an excellent garden plant.



No longer an Ipeion!





Fritillarias. There seem to be many fewer Pans of fritillaria on our show benches, especially north of the border. Perhaps those who grew them no longer do so- perhaps there are fewer nurserymen offering them :I do know that several species which were thought to need alpine house treatment are now being grown in the open garden in many parts of Scotland.

Fritillaria bucharica [on the right] is one of my favourites and perhaps the easiest to grow of the Rhinopetalums. I wonder at the magnificent bells on F.



tubiformis. Several years ago we would see big pans of F. aurea! I have never been able to grow F. bithynica but I love to see it.

F.ayakoana is a Japanese woodlander. It is new to me but I see it is available from Kevock!



David Millward's pan of *Narcissus bulbocodium* obesus 'Lee Martin' was awarded a certificate of Merit. The David Mowle Trophy for the best bulbous plant in the Intermediate and Novice sections went to *Narcissus cordubensis* shown by Heather Barraclough.





Pleione 'Eiger'

Pleione Britannia 'Doreen'

Pleione asama 'Red Grouse'



Trillium rivale (Pseudotrillium)

Trillium kurabyashii

Trillium rivale





Saxifrages which caught my eye [left to right. Top to bottom
 A seedling hybrid from S. kochii, S. 'Peach Melba', S. 'Sissi
 Rosa', S. 'Laka', S. 'Allandale Bravo'.
 Bottom is a picture of the entries in the small pan entries





Saxifraga longifolia





Primulas



Primula renifolia



Primula 'Pink Ice'



Primula 'Marjorie Wooster'



- Primula renifolia
- Primula 'Pink Ice'
- Primula 'Marjorie Wooster'
- Primula 'Crusader'
- Primula 'Eureka'



Hepaticas

