

The Scottish Rock Garden Club

Kincardine Show

25th March 2017

Primula allionii



Pulsatilla vulgaris 'Budapest Seedling'



Corydalis solida



Primula marginata



Narcissus bulbocodium 'Lee Martin form'



Chionodoxa sardensis



Helichrysum heldreichii



Tecophilea cyanotroca



Dionysia aretiodes

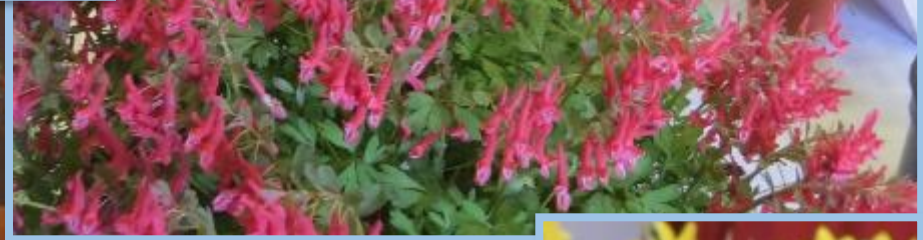


A Rainbow of colours greeted visitors to this year's Kincardine Show. Slowly over the years various exhibitors come to the fore, exhibiting many plants and winning the trophies and prizes. However despite this change the quality of the exhibits increases every year. Each generation learns and is inspired by the previous one. Members of the SRGC are the overall winners because even those who don't show plants [shame on you!] can appreciate the magnificent display and the work involved.

So! First of all a big THANK YOU to all exhibitors.









NARCISSUS 'TINKERBELL'
Own hybrid, sown 10/7/09.
The parents are
N. triandrus ssp. *triandrus*
X
N. alpestris

This clump had been growing outside,
unprotected for several years.



BELOW. This pan of *Narcissus munozii-garmendiae* [= *N. susannae*], shown by the RBG.Ed as part their Gold Medal winning exhibit, was awarded a prestigious **Professional Forrest Medal**.



This magnificent pan of *Tecophilaea cyanocrocus* shown by Cyril Lafong gained a Certificate of Merit and the Institute of Quarrying Quaich for best non European Plant in the Show. Below is Peter Semple's almost as magnificent *Tecophilaea cyanocrocus leichtlinii*, which came 2nd in the Class.



Two views of Ian Christie's *Erythronium grandiflorum* which I have always thought was difficult to flower away from its home in the American Rockies and western mountains.



Primula auricula



Primula aureata



Stars of Section 2

Alan Gardner won the Bronze Medal. Dai Davis won a first with his *Fritillaria hermonis amana*. I love the simple beauty of the *Trillium grandiflorum*.





Hepaticas are becoming popular north of the border as well as in England, thanks to nurseries Edrom and Christies. Both grow a wide range and some are very special indeed

LEFT Hepatica japonica 'Anju'

RIGHT Hepatica 'Millstream Merlin'



Dionysia microphylla, a difficult plant in cultivation, won a first prize in the 'Grown From Seed Class' for show secretary, Sam Sutherland. Sorry the picture is a bit blurred. The plant is quite small and I was in too much of a hurry. You can see the fine silvery rosettes though! Would you prefer the half picture below?

Primula farinifolia

Primula farinifolia is believed to be a subspecies of Primula danubica, and is closely related to Primula farinosa.

It comes from Eastern Caucasus and according to the book 'Primula' by John Richards is not in cultivation. The plant was seed raised by Brian Burrow who got the seeds from Dieter Zehmsdorf. It differs from P. danubica subsp. danubica in the shape of the leaves and flowers.







TOP ROW - Primula nana , P. 'Lismore Sunshine',
P. 'Netta Dennis'

LEFT - P. 'Pink Aire', P. 'Malcolm', P. 'Lismore Jewel'
RIGHT - P. gracilipes, P. petiolaris 'Sherriff's Form',
P. amoena

BELOW P. 'Silver Lace' hybrid, P. 'Gold Lace' Hybrid,
P. vulgaris





On the left is Jim Watson's excellent winning entry in the 3 pan bulbs class. Rarely are Ipheions as compact as these. Jim leaves them outside all day and shelters them at night. The Tecophilaea cyanocrocus in front is also fabulous. BELOW Narcissus willkommii and Fritillaria minuta on the left of Stan's 3 pan. INSET is a close up of F. minuta. When first grown in Scotland by Harold Esselmont this was known as Fritillaria karduchorum 'Elliott's variety' as it was grown and distributed by Jack Elloit. For anyone

starting to grow rock plants I commend Jack's book, 'Alpines in the Open Garden'. This is available at the time of writing on Amazon for only 1 penny! Press the Amazon button at the bottom of the Home page of the SRGC site.

Middle left, Stan's Crocuses look bright and fresh.. The blue one is 'Pick-nick and the White 'Jeanne d'Arc'. Narcissus 'Mitzy' at bottom right also won for Stan. Below right is Ian & Carole Bainbridge's well grown and presented pan of Iris bucharica. Below left is David Millward's Forrest Medal winning Narcissus bulbocodium 'Lee Martin Form'. [see also the Forrest Medal report]





Fritillaria sewerzowii grown from seed by Sandy Leven showed some variation in flower colour, unfortunately not the wonderful lime green which is sometimes found.

Below. *Fritillaria hermonis* 'Goksum Gold'

Left. *Fritillaria* 'Canmore Park'

