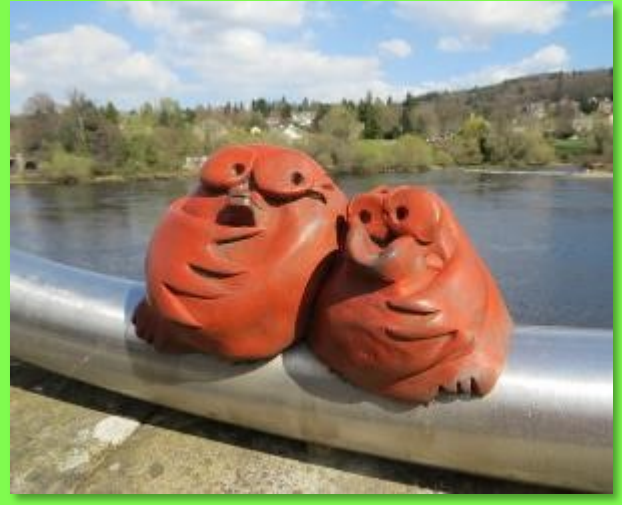


The Scottish Rock Garden Club

Perth Show

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The Perth show was held as usual in the Bells' Sports Pavilion on the North Inch, the city centre park on the west bank of the River Tay. On page 1 there are pictures of the North Inch. Parking at the show was at a premium because in the morning the sports' centre hosted a marathon and in the afternoon, girls' gymnastics. The picture on the left shows Ian, Cyril and John meditating for a short time before judging began. Often it is the exhibitors who pray that judges will favour their plants but it is good to know that the judges seek guidance before starting.



The number of exhibits was down on previous years but the plants on the bench were of grown and presented to a very high standard. As usual there was much of interest for old timers and novices alike.



Show Secretary, Julia Corden announced that this would be her last show in charge after 13 years in the job. The judges thanked her for her diligence and wished her well in her next position in the SRGC—President of the Club! If she guides the SRGC with same friendly enthusiasm as she has the Perth show, we can be sure that our Club will be in good hands.





CLOCKWISE

Trillium chloropetalum
& Arisaema sikokianum

Clematis columbiana tenuiloba
Certificate of Merit David Millward

Haquetia epipactis

Erythronium helenae
The Bulb Trophy C & I Bainbridge

Pleione 'Tongariro
Certificate of Merit F & M Higgins





Top to bottom L to R
Pulsatilla vulgaris White Swan
Sanguinaria canadensis
Corydalis wilsonii
Trillium rivale
Dionysia aretioides
Dionysia 'Dompfall'
Chamaecystus demissus
Arum creticum ? Red stem
Correa pulchella 'Pink Mist'



Its not often that the camera can catch the moment that the show secretary threatens the judges!
Mind! Some were not paying attention.



Peter Moore won the Perth Salver and an SRGC Bronze Medal for winning most points in Section II.
Well done Peter!





Ian Christie's *Shortia soldanelloides*—Certificate of Merit

Sue's two pans of *Lewisia tweedyi*

Below Ian & Carole won the Dundas Quaich in Class2 for 3 pans different genera

Francis & Margie's *Benthamiella patagonica* looked superb

Cyril's *Saxifraga quadrifolia* won the 'New & Rare' class 3



Saxifraga quadrifaria

Saxifraga quadrifaria (family Saxifragaceae) is a rare saxifrage belonging to section Porphyrium, subsect. Porophyllum (Kabschia).

It grows in south-eastern Tibet, Nepal and south-western China, where it grows at an altitude of about 3000m and was brought in cultivation in 1976.

In cultivation it requires sufficient humidity and cool temperatures in partially shaded sites.



There were two good entries in the small 6 pan class. The result was a win for Sue Simpson over Ian & Carole Bainbridge. My favourites were Sue's *Pulsatilla vernalis* and *Primula 'Wharfdale Village'* and Ian & Carole's *Trillium pusillum* and *Narcissus henriquesii*





Stan da Prato's 6 pan entry in the large 6 pan class won the Alexander Caird Trophy. It also included Rhododendron 'Drake's Mountain Hybrid' [left] which won the Cox Trophy for Best Rhododendron. The hybrid 'Scotian Bells' took everyone's fancy. It was new to most folk. He also showed a super pan of the Primula petiolaris Sheriff's form. This is not seen all that often these days. At one time there would have been many Petiolarid primulas at Perth. Why does the big red Tulipa praestans 'Fusilier' not clash with the purple shades? Bottom right is Peter Semple's 2 pan bulb class winner:- Narcissus bulbocodium & Tecophilea Cyanocrocus



The Nick Boss way



DIONYSIA
TAPETODES
ECOLOGY + DIST: ROCK
CREVICES + LEDGES
ON LIMESTONE CLIFFS.
ALT: 1822-3048m
THE MTS. OF NE. IRAN
+ AFGHANISTAN

ANDROSACE
PYRENAILA
ECOLOGY + DIST: ROCK
CREVICES + LEDGES.
ACID. ALT: 2438-3352m
WEST-CENTRAL
PYRENEES

The Francis & Margie Higgins' way



BOLAX
GEMMIFERA COMPACTA



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CERTIFICATE
OF MERIT



I was intrigued by Tom Green's *Celmisia mackauii*. I have not seen a *Celmisia* with purple foliage before. Interesting !

If you want primroses, Peter Semple had them. *P. vulgaris* and the false Oxlip, *P. veris x vulgaris*: both fabulous

Cyril's *Primula* seedling from *P. 'Delight'* was a burst of sunshine on the bench. His *Gentiana oschtenica* had the biggest flowers any of the judges had seen. Both won their class.

Francis and Margie Higgins won the Forrest Medal with their lovely pan of *Soldanella minima*.





Sue Simpson won the Alexander caird trophy for most points in Section 1 . Her Saxifraga 'Allendale Bonny' was awarded a Certificate of Merit.

Peter Semple's Tecophilea cyanocrocus also gained a Certificate of Merit.

Thanks to the Regius Keeper of The Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh for the wonderful display of mainly bulbous plants. This time the display was staged by Scott and Petra, who have shown great artistic ability. I loved the way Elspeth set out the plants to create a balance. Club members appreciate the chance to see specimens from the RBG at our shows. The display was awarded a well justified Gold Medal. There is a collage of pictures of plants in the display on the next page. Sorry about the lack of names but just treat this as a puzzle.

Which plants are featured? If you need the answer, go to Edinburgh.



Petra's photo was taken at the Discussion Weekend Show where she was a steward.



