



The Scottish Rock Garden Club George Forrest Memorial Medal ABERDEEN 2011



Paris quadrifolia shown by Margaret & Henry Taylor

Paris quadrifolia has the colloquial name , '*True-lovers Knot*' [as well as being known as 'Herb Paris']. How appropriate then that the Forrest winner in Aberdeen was grown and shown by one of the foremost couples in the SRGC, Margaret & Henry.

This Paris is a Scottish native and also grows from in mainland Europe and Asia. It is related to Trilliums, which is a thing for a Scotsman, in Scotland, to write of a Scottish plant. I should write Trillium is related to Paris! As you see P. quadrifolia has a four petaled flower on a short pedicel above four leaves, whereas Trillium has the same in threes.

It's nice to see Margaret and Henry at the top of the score board again. Over the years they have won many Forrest medals. More importantly they are stalwarts of the show scene and have supported our shows for longer than I can remember. Judging by their smiles one is never too experienced to enjoy success! There must be magic in the Invergowrie soil. When the spell-checker queried Invergowrie, it offered *wine grower* as an alternative! Margaret and Henry can open a bottle to celebrate! Well done to both of you!

