



The Scottish Rock Garden Club Forrest Medal Glasgow 2012



Daphne petraea **clone 97 T13**

Shown by Cyril Lafong

Daphne petraea has won several Forrest Medals for several growers because it is a superb dwarf shrub, probably the best of all dwarf shrubs. Cyril's plant as shown with the clonal number/name 'Clone 97/T13' which it had when Cyril got his plant from Robin Whyte's nursery. Cyril told me that since he bought his plant the clone has been given the name 'Persebee' by Peter Erskine who introduced it into cultivation.



Daphne petraea is endemic to Lake Garda and Lake Idro region of Northern Italy /It is found growing in crevices of calcareous rocks in sunny places but not where it might get too hot . It has dark green evergreen laves and is wonderfully scented. It should be grown with alpine house protection.



The award plant was grafted, several years ago, onto *D. tangutica* stock by Cyril himself. There are many clones of *D. petraea* in cultivation and each is subtly different from its relations.

Cyril had several forms in classes at the show and should be encouraged to give us a master class in the cultivation of the most choice of all shrubs available to SRGC members.

Well done Cyril !

