



The Scottish Rock Garden Club

Forrest Medal - Livingston 2024

Crocus hadriaticus 'Edward Rymer'

Shown by Cyril Lafong



It was inevitable that the man who has won more Forrests than any other exhibitor should add to his collection the first George Forrest Memorial medal to be awarded at our first Scottish Autumn show.

Cyril told me that he doesn't usually exhibit at autumn shows because most of his show plants are spring and early summer flowering. Whatever the season his plants shine like beacons on the show bench demanding attention and in this case the top prize.

We don't often see large pans like this of Crocus at our shows. In this pan there are at least 30 flowers. We are used to seeing smaller pots with fewer bulbs. It takes dedication to get all these flowers to open on the morning of the show. A day either side and they would not be so perfect. Cyril just has that special 'je ne sais quoi?' knack.

A beautiful pan of a superb Crocus very well presented. The black plastic pot and grey / black top dressing are a perfect foil for the white flowers. I like the yellow and purple shading in the throats of the flowers.

Well done Cyril. Is this the start of an autumn collection of Autumn Forrests?





Crocus hadriaticus is native to Greece. The name indicates that it is from the region of the Adriatic Sea. I suppose, like many words, the 'H' is silent? *Crocus hadriaticus* 'Edward Rymer' was awarded an FCC (First Class Certificate) and a CC (Cultural Commendation) by the Joint Rock Garden Plant Committee in September 2018 when shown by Alan Furness. I don't know who Edward Rymer is or was unless he was a trade unionist in Victorian times.

