Forrest Medal Blackpool 2009

Since the earliest days of the Blackpool [before that Morecambe] show there has been one man to beat and if anyone did so then he had to have a terrific plant. 25 years or so later Geoff Rollinson is still the man to beat - if you can! This year no one could beat his magnificent **Saxifraga 'Coolock Gem'**. The 12 inch pan resembled a bowl of ice cream from a distance. Thousands of waxy looking white flowers covered the dome of the plant. Geoff's Gem had lots of competition from other plants grown to a very high standard but the judges were unanimous in their choice of winner. Well done Geoff.

Many years ago he revealed his secret of growing great plants [and perhaps life's guiding principle] for success] -- look after them and give them 'plenty of Bulls..t.'

