

# THE SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB

## Aberdeen show

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There is a well known saying, "Auld age does'nae come alone". I seem determined to prove this. Each year I look forward to travelling up to Aberdeen for the SRGC show. Once upon a time it was held in the Music Hall on Union Street. It then moved to the Cowdray Hall which was nearby on Schoolhill. Both are impressive Granite buildings with classical features. It moved to Ruthrieston Church Hall situated just off the southern end of Anderson Drive. This was a most convenient as well as practical venue for those of us travelling from the south. One time it was held in a venue further north on Anderson Drive. Now it is in the Duthie Park. So what if the venue changes? The Aberdeen SRGC show is always on the Saturday two weeks after Glasgow

which is the Saturday before the Chelsea Flower Show. Believing this I actually left Dunblane one week too late to see the flower show because this year it was held on the Saturday after Glasgow. So, I missed the show. I did wonder where everyone else was when I arrived at the David Welch Winter Gardens! Needless to say I had no pictures of the show myself. I am therefore indebted to Ian Young who has allowed me to use the pictures and text which he posted on the SRGC forum. **Thank you Ian!**



The Glasshouses of the Winter Gardens ensure that there is best lit Flower show anywhere. The only drawback is that it can get pretty hot

**Left. During a break, judges and stewards have time to admire the entries**

Simpson Salver for Best Rhododendron  
Dave Millward *Rhododendron* 'Arctic Tern'

A white border in a  
white greenhouse!



Two Trilliums. The taller plant is the single form of *Trillium grandiflorum* and the one in front is the double form, *flore plena*. Both are wonderful garden plants. All we needed was a pink one!



Three good Japanese plants from David Millward

This is a nice two pan entry. *Epimedium grandiflorum* 'nanum' would seem to be a contradiction in terms. I think the flowers are 'grand' but not big! It is one of my favourite plants to grow in a trough. The wee *Mianthemum* in the centre is another good trough plant. Just visible at the back is *Aruncus sylvestris* var. *sylvestris*





The Forrest Medal was won by Dave Millward's *Haberlea rhodopensis*, a native of the Rhodope mountains in Bulgaria and northern Greece.

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Another member of the Gesneriaceae, *Ramonda nathaliae* also shown by /Dave was awarded a Certificate of Merit. It could not win the Forrest as it had won the Forrest at the Glasgow show the previous week. Rules is Rules!



*Lewisia* 'George Henley' completed a trio of top awards for Dave. This clone was a favourite of the late Fred Hunt who won several first prizes with it in Aberdeen in the previous years.

Ian Christie took home two Certificates of Merit. One with his yellow flowered *Cypripedium* hybrid which closely resembles Cyril's winner at Perth *Cypripedium* 'Urcel'.

Ian other meritorious plant was a small plant of the very rare *Paris luquanensis*. As you would suppose it is cherished for its superb leaves as well as its intricate flower. It hails from Sichuan and Yunnan.





Shortia  
soldanelloides



Oxalis laciniata 'Seven Bells'



Ian Christie was the winner of  
The Walker of Portlethen Trophy  
for most points in Section I

Meconopsis  
quintuplinerva



**Nick Boss won The Esslemont Quaich for the winner Class 6 [Three pans of new, rare or difficult plants]**

sorry no picture of this class but here are three of Nick's other winners



**The Aberdeen Quaich for Best Plant in Section II - Jill & Jim Cole-Hamilton Daphne 'Cheriton'**  
**The Brian Bull Trophy for the Winner Class 63 for Two pans of rock plants, distinct (Section II) also Jill & Jim Cole-Hamilton**





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The George Forrest Memorial Medal for Best plant in Show :  
Dave Millward *Haberlea rhodopensis*

Simpson Salver for Best Rhododendron  
Dave Millward *Rhododendron* 'Arctic Tern'

Aberdeen Quaich for Best Plant in Section II  
Jill & Jim Cole-Hamilton *Daphne* 'Cheriton'

Walker of Portlethen for Most points in Section I Ian Christie 500 points

Esslemont Quaich for Winner Class 6 Nick Boss, for Three pans of new, rare or difficult types

Brian Bull Trophy Winner Class 63 for Two pans of rock plants, distinct (Section II)  
Jill & Jim Cole-Hamilton

Certificate of Merit  
Dave Millward *Ramonda nathaliae*

Certificate of Merit  
Ian Christie *Paris luquanensis*

Certificate of Merit  
Dave Millward *Lewisia* 'George Henley'

Certificate of Merit  
Ian Christie *Cypripedium hybrid*

