



The Scottish Rock Garden Club looks at
more Exhibits at Gardening Scotland June '17



Ayr Bonsai combined excellent, well grown plants in a modern setting. They won the prestigious **Best Floral Exhibit** for their beautiful display of bonsai. Their innovative approach, in which they used bonsai of different sizes and ages and then complemented these with small pans of other plants with distinctive foliage, meant that the display was much more interesting [for me] than the standard 'wee trees on parade' approach of bonsai. The centrepiece was a small blue 'lake' crossed by a traditional oriental bridge. In one corner a wood and paper screen reinforced the oriental feel to the stand. Perhaps because the plants had been grown by many people, we were treated to a huge range of bonsai in a whole range of containers and supporting stands. Every one had its own space, the whole exhibit being one of the largest in the Floral Hall. Each species was of course clearly named. Star plant? For me it was either the Antarctic beech or the flowering azalea. There is a wonderful irony in the fact that the best floral exhibit had only one plant in flower! Many congratulations must go to Ayr Bonsai Club for staging one of the best exhibits I have seen at Gardening Scotland.







Hosta
Dennis Green

Hosta
White

Hosta
June

Hosta
Peach Blossom

Hosta
White

Hosta
White

Hosta
White

Hosta
White

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White





Craig House Cacti



The National Vegetable Society staged a mouth-watering feast which would tempt carnivores, omnivores and vegetarians alike. Who built the individual pieces? Vegetables never looked this good. Magnificent is the only word that comes close to conveying the sheer beauty and power of the exhibit. Every vegetable was a pixel in the tableau!





Prehistoric Scotland by Rocco Gardens, Garden Designers of Carnoustie

Here was a fabulously dense, plant filled Jurassic Park set in the Floral Hall. It was one of the most imaginative gardens in the history of the Show. Its Gold Medal as well deserved and to my mind should have been awarded a Premier Gold Medal. Not unexpectedly it won The Sunday Post People's Choice Award.

This is their description and aim of their garden.

"Dinosaurs may be extinct but their food source is not. Many of the plants in our gardens are ancient and can be traced back to a time when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Plants such as ferns, Cycads, Tree ferns. Magnolia, Ginkgo and Horsetail are millions of years old. We also have plenty of monster plants like Gunnera and Canna that look right at home with the dinosaurs. We found inspiration for the garden after digging up a toy dinosaur in a customer's garden. We wanted to show how amazing plants are and that aspects of the dinosaurs ecosystem still exist, even though they are extinct—or are they?"









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