



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

The Alf Evans Award for Best Commercial Alpine Exhibit went to Kevock Garden Plants





David Rankin **, President of the SRGC & Monica Wyllie *SRGC Council members start working on the Kevock stand on the Tuesday before the show. Stella Rankin is working at bottom right.





The Meconopsis Group to which many members of the SRGC belong had a magnificent stand. It combined many well grown potfuls of named selections of the famed blue poppies and numerous photographs. The combination and juxtaposition of live material, pictures and writing was just right. This was also an opportunity to buy at reduced cost the excellent new book 'Meconopsis for gardeners' edited by Christopher Grey-Wilson and published by our sister society, The Alpine Garden Society and The Meconopsis Group.

Order your copy soon. Ask John Mitchell or Ian Christie



Jacques Amand international always stage a wonderland of bulbous plants. This year a forest of giant purple ball shaped Alliums complimented a dark shady and quite creepy landscape of Arisaemas offset by incredible stands of exquisite Cypripedium.





Allium 'Cameleon'. Yes it is spelled that way because it was named in the Netherlands. It is about 10cm high with typical Allium flowers which open pink and fade to white.



Allium carolinianum is slightly taller than A. 'cameleon' but its flower heads are rounder and smaller. It is a deeper purple colour



Nerines



Ranunculus asiaticus AVIV hybrids



Sandersonia aurantiaca



One of the delicate little almost pretty Arisaemas was the delightful *Arisaema urashima* available in red and white. Although not shown there were many others which were much bigger and uglier!





Hartside Nursery Garden, long time friends of SRGC shows, based their Gold Medal texture garden display mainly on Roscoeas. They were complimented by the crisp background planting of foliage plants.







Ice Alpines came a long way from Bewdley in Worcestershire to stage their nice **scree garden**. It gave each plant its own space and consequently it was very easy to appreciate the beauty of each. The rock work simulated a crevice garden and let one see that the plants like to grow between stones and put their roots down into cooler and moister soil underneath





Darcey & Everest come from St Ives in Cambridgeshire each year to stage their exhibit of a very wide range of alpines and rock garden plants in containers. There must be something there for every garden. This year as you can see they used wooden crates as containers, each one stamped with the nursery name. I love the bright orange Calceolaria. The round cushion of Scleranthus biflorus was an eye catcher.



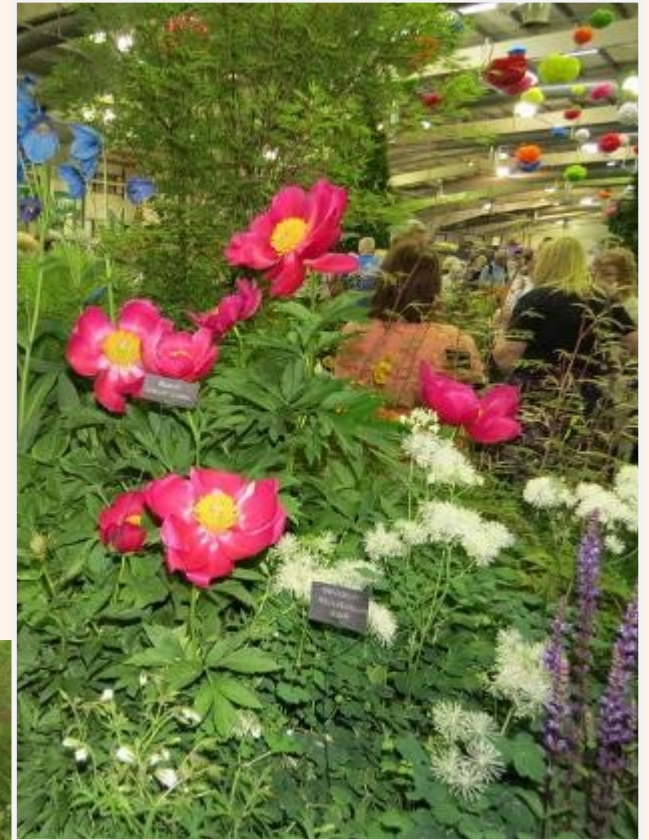




Macplants of Pencaitland just south of Edinburgh always stage a Garden of Eden packed with plants suitable for the herbaceous garden as well as for the rock garden. From ebullient Paeonies, stylish Irises to caerulean Meconopsis and Jaggy Eriogonums they cover the spectra for both taste and colour.

Their stand of Meconopsis was the best in the while show and was as good at the end of the show as it was at the beginning.







The Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh built an impressive big box inside which they planted a garden full of Chinese plants. Its purpose? To celebrate the curiosity, courage and tenacity of the Plant Hunters. Most were plants which George Forrest brought or sent back to the RBG Ed.

The box represented one of the wooden cases into which he packed his samples and seeds. One advantage was that the inside of the box provided a suitable background for the plantings.

Brains with style at the RBG!



I really liked the chair upholstered in mosses. It looked quite comfortable and after a day walking on hard concrete floors I needed somewhere soft to sit and relax. Come with an open mind and the exhibitors at Gardening Scotland will fill it for you!

The Potting Shed in the shire grow and sell an eclectic mix of plants and containers. They show novel ways of growing and displaying plants of all sorts. The displays were fascinating, not exactly rock gardens perhaps but there are ideas there for all of us. Based in Hill of Clyne, Newmarcher in Aberdeenshire their slogan says it all, 'the new way to spice up and liven up your home'

