



# Show Rules



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## SRGC SHOWS 2011

### SHOW RULES

1. Exhibitors must be members of the Club, unless otherwise stated.
2. The term 'rock plant' shall mean any plant suitable for the rock garden, bog garden, wild garden or alpine house.
3. Section I is open to all members. Section II is open only to members who, at the start of the show year have not won more than 25 SRGC Section II First Prizes. Section III is for Junior members. Section IV is for non-competitive exhibits of plants, photographs, paintings, sketches, etc. Council is anxious to encourage these to make the shows as successful as possible. Please advise the Show Secretary of the size of the exhibit by the entry date.
4. All plants for competition should be clearly labelled and the names should be horizontally displayed. Inaccurate naming shall not be a disqualification.
5. Competitive exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor and must have been in his or her possession for at least six months before the date of the Show.
6. No competitor may have more than one exhibit in any one class, unless specified for that class in the schedule.
7. No exhibit shall be removed from the hall between the hours of judging and the close of the Show without the permission of the Show Secretary.
8. All exhibits must be removed at the end of the Show.
9. The scoring for all awards based on an aggregate of points will be as follows:  
First Second Third  
6 Pan Classes 180pts 120pts 60pts  
3 Pan Classes 90pts 60pts 30pts  
2 Pan Classes 60pts 40pts 20pts  
1 Pan Classes 30pts 20pts 10pts
10. The Show Secretary shall appoint Judges for the Show, and their decisions shall be taken as final. For Sections I and II at least two of the three Judges shall be selected from those names on the Club's Panel of Judges which is held by the Chairman of the Show Secretaries' Committee. At least one of these three Judges shall reside outside the immediate neighbourhood of the town where the Show is being held. For Sections other than I and II, Show Secretaries are at liberty to use their discretion. No Show Secretary shall appoint a Judge who has already served at the Show for the previous two consecutive years.
11. Any protest must be delivered in writing within half an hour of the Show opening on the first day of the Show to the Show Secretary, who will then appoint a Committee of not less than three persons who will consider the protest.
12. All cups and trophies (except medals) to be held for one year. Cost of engraving trophies may be reclaimed from relevant show secretaries.
13. All exhibitors, except those officially retained, shall leave the hall at the commencement of judging.
14. All plants entered in classes for plants 'grown from seed' or 'new, rare or difficult' must be accompanied by a brief description of their cultural requirements and date of sowing where appropriate.
15. Classes for bulbous plants include corms and tubers. Judges should exclude rhizomes and Orchidaceae, but may give liberal interpretation to plants coming under the other headings. They should look for established plants.
16. All plants should be free of pests and diseases. Any plants may be removed to a safe place by

the Show Secretary if in his or her opinion a plant is harbouring pests or diseases.

## **SHOW NOTES**

I. Plant taxa appearing in the Show Schedules are listed below following the convention of APG

II. If in doubt as to whether a specimen belongs to one of these taxa, for which there is a class, enquiry should be made of the Show Secretary.

**Alliaceae:** Acis, Allium, Amaryllis, Cyrtanthus, Galanthus, Habranthus, Hippeastrum, Ipheion, Leucojum, Narcissus, Nerine, Nothoscordum, Rhodophiala, Sternbergia, Tristagma, Tulbaghia, Zephyranthes.

**Alstroemeriaceae:** Alstroemeria, Luzuriaga.

**Apiaceae** (was Umbelliferae): Aciphylla, Anisotome, Astrantia, Azorella, Beupleurum, Bolax, Eryngium, Hacquetia, Lomatium,

**Araceae:** Arisaema, Arisarum, Arum, Biarum, Eminium, Lysichiton, Pinellia.

**Asparagaceae:** Albuca, Anthericum, Aphyllanthes, Arthropodium, Bellevalia, Brimeura, Brodiaea, Camassia, Chionodoxa, Convallaria, Disporum, Eucomis, Hosta, Hyacinthella, Hyacinthoides, Hyacinthus, Lachenalia, Leopoldia, Maianthemum, Massonia, Muscari, Muscarimia, Ophiopogon, Ornithogalum, Polygonatum, Polyxena, Puschkinia, Scilla

**Asteraceae** (was Compositae): Achillea, Anacyclus, Anaphalis, Antennaria, Anthemis, Arnica, Artemisia, Aster, Bellidiastrum, Brachycome, Carduncellus, Celmisia, Centaurea, Chrysanthemum, Cotula, Craspedia, Cremanthodium, Crepis, Dimorphotheca, Doronicum, Erigeron, Eriophyllum, Euryops, Felicia, Haastia, Helichrysum, Inula, Jurinella, Leontopodium, Leptinella, Leucanthemum, Leucogenes, Nassauvia, Perezia, Raoulia, Saussurea, Senecio, Serratula, Solidago, Tanacetum, Townsendia, Waldheimia.

**Berberidaceae:** Berberis, Bongardia, Epimedium, Gymnospermium, Jeffersonia, Mahonia, Podophyllum, Ranzania, Vancouveria.

**Bignoniaceae:** Incarvillea.

**Boraginaceae:** Anchusa, Arnebia, Echium, Eritrichium, Leontice, Lithodora, Lithospermum, Mertensia, Moltkia, Myosotis, Omphalodes, Onosma, Pulmonaria, Symphytum.

**Brassicaceae** (was Cruciferae): Aethionema, Alyssum, Arabis, Aubrieta, Cardamine, Dentaria, Draba, Erysimum, Eunomia, Hutchinsia, Iberis, Lesquerella, Lithodraba, Matthiola, Morisia, Parrya, Petrocallis, Physaria, Ptilotrichum, Thlaspi, Xerodraba.

**Cactaceae:** Maihuenia, Mammillaria, Opuntia, Rebutia.

**Campanulaceae:** Adenophora, Asyneuma, Campanula, Codonopsis, Cyananthus, Edraianthus, Hypsela, Jasione, Lobelia, Physoplexis, Phyteuma, Platycodon, Pratia, Symphyandra, Trachelium, Wahlenbergia, .

**Caryophyllaceae:** Arenaria, Cerastium, Dianthus, Gypsophila, Lychnis, Melandrium Minuartia, Petrocoptis, Petrorhagia, Saponaria, Silene, Stellaria, Tunica.

**Cistaceae:** Cistus, Halimocistus, Halimium, Helianthemum

**Colchicaceae:** Androcymbium, . Colchicum, Merendera, Uvularia, Wurmbea.

**Commelinaceae:** Weldenia.

Compositae - see **Asteraceae**

**Coniferae:** includes

**Cupressaceae;** Chamaecyparis, Cupressus, Juniperus, Thuja;

**Pinaceae;** Abies, Cedrus, Larix, Pinus, Tsuga;

**Sciadopytiaceae;** Sciadopytis; **Taxaceae;** Taxus.

**Convolvulaceae:** Convolvulus

**Crassulaceae:** Aeonium, Chiasmophyllum, Cotyledon, Crassula, Jovibarba, Orostachys, Rhodiola, Rosularia, Sedum, Sempervivella, Sempervivum, Umbilicus.

Cruciferae – see **Brassicaceae**

**Diapensiaceae:** Diapensia, Diplarche, Galax, Schizocodon, Shortia.

**Dipsacaceae:** Pterocephalus, Scabiosa

**Epacridaceae:** Cyathodes, Epacris, Leucopogon, Pentachondra, .

**Ericaceae:** Andromeda, Arctericia, Arctostaphylos, Bruckenthalia, Bryanthus, Calluna, Cassiope, Chamaedaphne, Chimaphila, Daboecia, Epigaea, Erica, Gaultheria, Harrimanella, Kalmia, Kalmiopsis, Ledum, Leiophyllum, Leucothoe, Loiseleuria, Menziesia, Pernettya, Pieris, Phyllodoce, Rhododendron, Rhodothamnus, Therorhodion, Vaccinium, X Phylliopsis.

**Empetraceae:** Empetrum.

**Euphorbiaceae:** Euphorbia.

**Fumariaceae:** Corydalis, Dicentra, Fumaria, Rupicapnos, Sarcocapnos.

**Gentianaceae:** Centaurium, Erythraea, Fraxinella, Gentiana, Gentianella, Gentianopsis, Lomatogonium, Megacodon, Sebaea, Swertia, .

**Geraniaceae:** Erodium, Geranium, Pelargonium.

**Gesneriaceae:** Briggsia, Conandron, Haberlea, Jankaea, Lysionotus, Mitraria, Petrocosmea, Ramonda, .X Brigandra, X Jancaemonda

**Globulariaceae:** Globularia.

**Hydrangeaceae:** Deinanthe, Kirengeshoma.

**Hydrophyllaceae:** Hesperochiron, Phacelia, Romanzoffia, .

**Hypericaceae:** Hypericum.

**Hypoxidaceae:** Empodium, Hypoxis, Rhodohypoxis, Saniella.

**Iridaceae:** Bulbocodium, Crocus, Gladiolus, Herbertia, Hermodactylus, Hesperantha, Iris, Ixia, Libertia, Moraea, Olsynium, Romulea, Sisyrinchium, Sparaxis, Watsonia.

**Ixioliriaceae:** Ixiolirion.

**Lamiaceae (was Labiatae):** Acinos, Ajuga, Calamintha, Dracocephalum, Horminum, Lamium, Lavandula, Mentha, Micromeria, Nepeta, Origanum, Prunella, Salvia, Satureja, Scutellaria, Sideritis, Stachys, Teucrium, Thymus.

Leguminosae – see **Papilionaceae**

**Liliaceae:** Calochortus, Erythronium, Fritillaria, Gagea, Lilium, Lloydia, Nomocharis, Notholirion, Tulipa.

**Linaceae:** Linum

**Malvaceae:** Malvastrum, Malvus, Tarasa.

**Melanthiaceae:** Daiswa, Heloniopsis, Paris, Scoliopus, Trillidium , Trillium, Veratrum, Ypsilandra, Zigadenus.

**Onagraceae:** Epilobium, Fuchsia, Oenothera, Zauschneria, .

**Orchidaceae:** Aceras, Barlia, Bletilla, Calanthe, Calypso, Cephalanthera, Cypripedium, Dactylorhiza, Disa, Epipactis, Goodyera, Gymnadenia, Habenaria, Listera, Nigritella, Ophrys, Orchis, Pleione, .Pterostylis, Serapias, Spiranthes.

**Oxalidaceae:** Oxalis.

**Paeoniaceae:** Paeonia

**Papaveraceae:** Chelidonium, Eomecon, Hylomecon, Meconopsis, Papaver, Sanguinaria, Stylophorum, .

**Papilionaceae (was Leguminosae):** Adesmia, Anthyllis, Astragalus, Carmichaelia, Coronilla, Cytisus, Erinacea, Genista, Hedysarum, Lathyrus, Lotus, Lupinus, Ononis, Oxytropis, Parochetus, .Thermopsis, Trifolium, Vicia.

**Parnassiaceae:** Parnassia.

**Plumbaginaceae:** Acantholimon, Armeria, Ceratostigma, Dictyolimon, Limonium, Statice.

**Polemoniaceae:** Collomia, Gilia, Ipomopsis, Phlox, Polemonium.

**Polygalaceae:** Polygala

**Polygonaceae:** Eriogonum, Persicaria, Polygonum.

**Portulacaceae:** Calandrinia, Calyptridium, Claytonia, Lewisia, Montia, Talinum.

**Primulaceae:** Anagallis, Androsace (includes Douglasia), Cortusa, Cyclamen, Dionysia, Dodecatheon, Lysimachia, Omphalogramma, Primula, Samolus, Soldanella, Trientalis, Vitaliana.

**Pteridophyllaceae:** Pteridophyllum

**Pteridophyta: Filicopsida:** all ferns

**Pyrolaceae:** Chimaphila, Moneses, Orthilia, Pyrola.

**Ranunculaceae:** Aconitum, Actaea, Adonis, Anemone, Anemonella, Aquilegia, Callianthemum, Caltha, Clematis, Coptis, Delphinium, Eranthis, Glaucidium, Helleborus, Hepatica, Isopyrum, Paraquilegia, Pulsatilla, Ranunculus, Semiaquilegia, Thalictrum, Trollius.

**Rosaceae:** Acaena, Alchemilla, Aruncus, Astilbe, Cotoneaster, Dryas, Fragaria, Geum, Kelseya, Luetkea, Petrophytum, Potentilla, Prunus, Rosa, Rubus, Sanguisorba, Sorbus, Spiraea.

**Rubiaceae:** Asperula, Coprosma, Houstonia, Mitchella, Nertera, Phuopsis, .

**Salicaceae:** Salix

**Saxifragaceae:** Astilbe, Bergenia, Boykinia, Chrysosplenium, Heuchera, Lithophragma, Micranthes, Mitella, Parnassia, Rodgersia, Saxifraga, Tellima, Tiarella.

**Scrophulariaceae:** Antirrhinum, Asarina, Besseyia, Calceolaria, Castilleja, Celsia, Chionohebe

(includes Pygmaea), Cymbalaria, Diascia, Digitalis, Erinus, Glumicalyx, Hebe, Jovellana, Linaria, Mimulus, Ourisia, Paedorota, Parahebe, Penstemon, Rehmannia, Synthyris, Verbascum, Veronica, Wulfenia, Zaluzianskya .

**Solanaceae:** Benthamiella, Jaborosa, Nierembergia, Petunia, Solanum

**Tecophilaeaceae:** Conanthera, Tecophilaea, Zephyra.

**Thymelaeaceae:** Daphne, Pimelea, Stelleria, Thymelaea.

**Tropaeolaceae:** Tropaeolum

Umbelliferae – see **Apiaceae**

**Valerianaceae:** Valeriana

**Verbenaceae:** Junellia, Lippia, Verbena

**Violaceae:** Viola

**Xanthorrhoeaceae:** Asphodeline, Asphodelus, Hemerocallis

**Zingiberaceae:** Roscoea, Zingiber

2. All plants exhibited may be in or out of flower, and the term 'pan' shall be taken to mean 'pan' or 'pot'.

3. Members of the Trade shall be allowed to sell plants other than those exhibited during the Club Shows, subject to the discretion of the Show Secretary concerned.

4. The Club accepts no responsibility for exhibits or private property left in the Hall.

Show Secretaries are requested to send a list of 'firsts' gained in Sections I and II of their Show as soon as possible after each Show, using the forms supplied, to Mrs Jean Wyllie, 1 Wallace Rd, Dunblane, FK15 9HY. Phone 01786-822593, email [jandjwyllie@talktalk.net](mailto:jandjwyllie@talktalk.net)

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **1. A GEORGE FORREST MEMORIAL MEDAL**

may be awarded at each club show, to the most meritorious plant or pan of rock plant(s) (one variety) exhibited in the scheduled classes.

Plants eligible for the award should come from the following:

- a. a plant that has won its class outright
- b. a plant from a multi-pan entry (the entry need not have won the class)
- c. a plant from the non-competitive classes

A Forrest medal shall not be awarded more than once in any one year at the Spring/Summer Shows to the same individual plant.

To members who have previously won this Medal an Award Card and Bar will be awarded instead of another medal.

### **2. A SILVER GEORGE FORREST MEMORIAL MEDAL**

Is presented to any member winning a total of ten Forrest Medals, to mark the achievement. Thereafter members winning subsequent Forrest Medals will receive an Award Card and Bar only.

### **3. CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.**

The judges shall have the power to award a Certificate of Merit to any exhibitor for a plant. The number of such certificates in any one Show shall not be limited, but the standard must be kept high.

### **4. A BRONZE MEDAL**

May be awarded at each Club Show to the competitor with the highest aggregate of points in Section II. A Bronze Medal shall not be awarded unless an exhibitor obtains 20% of the total points available in Section II of the show, except where, in the opinion of the Show Secretary and judges, the entries of that exhibitor are of outstanding merit. 'Points available' are calculated by totalling the points available from first prizes in the section. The exhibitor's aggregate of points must be at least 20% of the total; but may have been obtained from any prize placings. In the case of a 'tie' two Bronze Medals will be awarded. To members who have previously won a Bronze Medal an Award Card will be awarded instead of another medal.

### **5. A SCOTTISH ROCK GARDEN CLUB PROFESSIONAL MEDAL CARD**

may be awarded to a plant, exhibited on a trade or professional display, which in the opinion of the judges is of the same standard as expected for the Forrest Medal.

### **6. GOLD, SILVER or BRONZE MEDAL CARDS (Honorary)**

may be awarded in each of the following categories:

- (i) Built-up Rock Garden
- (ii) Rock Garden Plants in Pans
- (iii) Floral Display
- (iv) Display of Photographs
- (v) Display of Paintings or Drawings

**7. THE ALPINE GARDEN SOCIETY SALVER**

is awarded annually to the Plantsman of the Year, the exhibitor gaining the highest aggregate of First Prize points in Section I of Club Shows in the calendar year

**8. THE RUTLAND SALVER**

is awarded annually to the exhibitor in Section II who gains the highest aggregate of first prize points.

**9. MERIT MEDALS**

will be awarded for First Prizes gained in Section I. The only exceptions are that no `firsts' awarded for cut flowers or floral arrangements will be eligible. One Medal only of each will be awarded as follows:

Bronze Merit Medal after gaining 10 First Prizes

Silver Merit Medal after gaining 25 First Prizes

Gold Merit Medal after gaining 50 First Prizes

Subsequent Gold Merit Medal winners will receive an Award Card only.

**10. GOTHENBURG TROPHY**

A new trophy funded from the sale of seed from the Gothenburg Botanic Garden. To go to the best plant grown from seed, cuttings or bought from the Garden and exhibited at a SRGC Show over a year (covers the North of England Shows). Plants that qualify will be photographed on a digital camera and relayed on the internet to Gothenburg for the final judging by Jimmy, Henrik, Gerben and the girls. The trophy will be given out at the AGM in the autumn.

**11. Alpines 2001 TROPHY**

This trophy rotates between the competitive shows in date order. If two shows change position in date sequence, the trophy moves in such a way as no show has the trophy for two consecutive years and no shows miss a year. It is awarded for the best cushion plant in the show.

**12. The Williamson Cup**

This cup will be awarded at the AGM for the best entry to **Class 5** of the Twice-yearly Photographic/Art Competition, exhibited in the current show year. See twice-yearly photographic/art completion schedule.

**13. Alpine Garden Society - Ulster Group Quaich**

Presented by the AGS Ulster Group to commemorate the 75th SRGC Anniversary. This trophy rotates between the competitive shows in date order. If two shows change position in date sequence, the trophy moves in such a way as no show has the trophy for two consecutive years and no shows miss a year.

**RULES FOR JUDGES**

Judges are asked to observe the following Rules in making awards:

**1. Classes other than those specified in 2 and 3 below.**

Points shall be awarded as follows, except for classes in categories 2 and 3 below.

Condition of plant..... 60

Skill in Cultivation..... 30

Rarity in Cultivation..... 10

**2. Classes for new, rare or difficult plants.**

Points shall be awarded as follows:

Difficulty in Cultivation..... 40

Rarity in Cultivation..... 30

Condition..... 30

**3. Classes of rock plants of generally easy cultivation and grown in the open ground.**

Points shall be awarded as follows:

Condition..... 50

Garden worthiness..... 50

Rarity and difficulty..... Nil

#### **4. General Rules.**

- (i) One well-grown plant shall receive more points than several smaller ones.
- (ii) A plant in fruit shall rank equal to a plant in flower.
- (iii) No plant, unless in a class for some special quality, shall receive more than half the points allocated for condition if not in flower or fruit.
- (iv) No distinction shall be made between a plant grown in a pot or pan and one lifted from the open ground.
- (v) Only if other points are equal should preference be given to a species over a natural or garden hybrid.
- (vi) The judges are authorised, and are requested, to withhold any trophy, prize or award if they consider the exhibits to be of insufficient merit.

### **THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S JOINT ROCK GARDEN PLANT COMMITTEE**

The Joint Rock Garden Plant Committee consists of representatives from The Royal Horticultural Society, The Alpine Garden Society, and The Scottish Rock Garden Club. It deals with all rock and alpine house plants other than irises, rhododendrons, narcissi and tulips although it does deal with dwarf members of these genera when these specialist committees are not meeting. There will be six meetings of the Committee in Scotland in 2011 and one at a joint show with the AGS. These will be held at the following shows:

Dunblane 12 noon, Saturday 19th February

Stirling 12 noon, Saturday 19th March

Perth 12 noon, Saturday 9th April

International Conference (Joint with AGS) 1.30 pm, Saturday 16th April

Aberdeen 12 noon, Saturday 21st May

Gardening Scotland 8.30 am, Saturday 4th June

Discussion Weekend 10.00 am, Saturday 24th September (Dumfries)

Newcastle Show (Ponteland) 12 noon, 8th October

#### **1. The awards which may be recommended at shows are:**

First Class Certificate

Award of Merit

Certificate of Preliminary Commendation

Certificate of Cultural Commendation

#### **2. ENTRY FORMS**

Details of plants to be submitted to the Committee must be entered on forms obtainable from the Show Secretary on the morning of the Show. Alternatively, for meetings held in Scotland these may be obtained in advance by sending an SAE to:

Dr Carole Bainbridge, 3 Woodhouselee, Easter Howgate, Midlothian, EH26 0PG.

Tel 0131 445 3268 e-mail bainbridi@aol.com

Completed forms must be returned to the Committee Secretary by 11 am on the day of the Show, or the previous day for the meeting at Gardening Scotland.

#### **3. PLANTS SUBMITTED FOR AWARD**

a) Plants may be entered for the competitive classes in the Show, in which case the Show Secretary will be responsible for moving them to the Committee Room. In order to assist the Show Secretary to do this, the owner must provide a separate note of the plants and the classes in which they are being exhibited, not later than 9 am. A suitable pro forma will be supplied with entry forms.

b) Plants not on the Show Bench must be delivered directly to the Committee Room by 11 am by the owner.

#### **4. PLANTS REQUIRED FOR TRIAL**

Exhibitors entering plants before the Committee must understand in so doing that, if a cultivar is selected or recommended for trial, they tacitly agree to send the required plants, bulbs, cuttings, scions or buds of it for trial when desired by The Royal Horticultural Society.

Exhibitors will be notified of the date by which the plants etc. should be sent.

**5.** A herbarium specimen may also be required for the horticultural herbarium at the RHS Garden at Wisley, in order to provide scientific material for the record and for study.