

BLACKPOOL SHOW 2009



Ian Christie & Margaret Taylor



Frank Tyndal on the right

The Blackpool show is a Joint show run by the SRGC and the AGS. Historically local members wanted to belong to both clubs and this is their local show. Members of both clubs travel from North south and east to support the show, consequently it is one of the best in the calendar. This year it was particularly wonderful. The first plants you saw when you entered the show hall were the colourful domes of saxifrages.

Blackpool is where folk go for a good holiday weekend. It is also a good place to hold meetings. Consequently Ian Christie SRGC president and Frank Tyndal his AGS counterpart were both there. Judging starts early. In the picture we see Ian Kidman keeping up to scratch. You will have gathered that family members are separated during judging. Each panel of judges is allocated a certain number of classes. There must always be three judges. If a judge comes across one of his own entries a replacement judge is found.

Once the classes have been judged the judges get together to find the best plant in the show and other special awards.



The show hall, during judging.



Ian Kidman with Carol Bainbridge and Peter Cunnington.



Vic Aspland, Ian Bainbridge and Henry Taylor



Brian burrow and Geoff Rollinson before the judging. Iris nicolai in the centre photographed with flash and in natural sunlight in the afternoon was one of the highlights of the show.



Hermodactylus tuberosus



Show secretary Lionel Clarkson conducts the judges





Saxifraga Allendale Hybrid



Saxifraga Your Success



Saxifraga Allendale Accord



Saxifraga Allendale Elf



Saxifraga clivorum



Saxifraga Coolock Kate



Saxifraga Cumulus



Saxifraga dinnikii alba



Saxifraga Lismore Carmine



Saxifraga oppositifolia

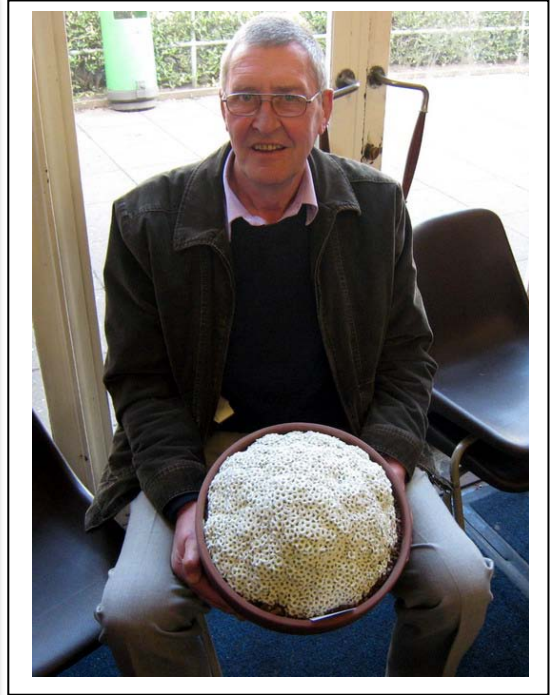


Saxifraga Red Poll



Saxifraga wendelbowii

The Saxifrage stole the show. The number of different species and hybrids was incredible and all were of superb quality. Congratulations to all the exhibitors.



Geoff Rollinson's Saxifraga Coolock Gem was the **Best Plant in the Show** and won **The Forrest medal**