

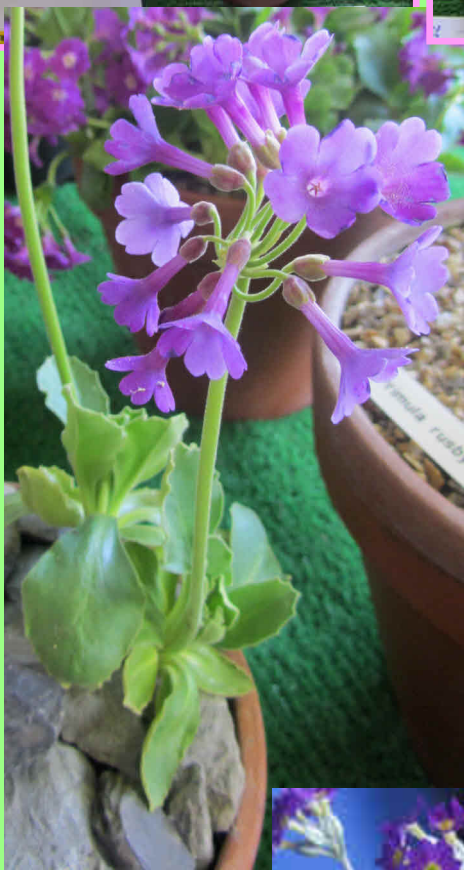


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There was a wide range of Primula species and hybrids to consider from recently introduced species to old florists favourites; from Asian through European to American plants; from woodland primroses and meadow cowslips to high alpine mountain plants, all offered food for thought and discussion. Even in this one genus it is amazing just how many 'difficult' plants thrive in cultivation. In recent years David and Stella Rankin of Kevock Nursery Plants have been at the forefront of discoveries and re introductions from China. Stan da Prato loves the double primroses



and often includes them in his entries. Graham Butler of Rumbling Bridge Nursery has developed and refined his own hybrid Auriculas over many years. At this year's show Pam Eveleigh, the Canadian Primula expert who runs the web site Primula World was at the Edinburgh show. She is currently the SRGC travelling speaker, delivering talks on a range of Primula related subjects to SRGC groups. Catch her if you can! Maybe not this time but definitely next time. A fabulous pan of our native Primula scotica, shown by the RBG,Ed evinced much admiration. This wee beauty can be found in short seaside turf along Scotland's north coast.

Clockwise from centre picture
 Primula latifolia , P. scotica, P. rusbyi
 Pam Eveleigh and Elspeth MacIntosh
 with Primula scotica



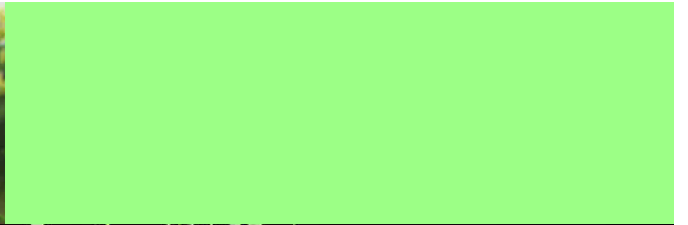
Diagonally from centre picture
Old allionii favourite, Primula 'Clarence Elliott'
Margaret & Henry Taylor's
Primula obtusifolia, from the Eastern Himalaya
Stella & David Rankin's
very rare Primula chapaensis



Primula chapaensis

This is a member of the Carolinella section, none of which are believed to have ever been in cultivation until this collection was made by Tom Hudson. It comes from northern Vietnam. It has been grown in a shady place, with overhead cover, in an open, humus-rich compost. It remains in growth all year, slowly producing new leaves, but flowers only in spring.







Several forms of *Lewisia tweedyi* and a good plant of *Lewisia nevadensis rosea*



RBGE's *Iris camillae* - from Azerbaijan? Certainly it is a Transcaucasian plant
 A large pan of *Iris bucharica*. Similar to the above, *Iris orchoides* bicolour
 A brown *Iris meda* form Iran [RBGE] *Iris sari*, *Iris paradoxa*
 Sam Sutherland's *Iris babadagica*



SOMETHING FOR THE WOODLAND, SIR?

Trilliums like those above are great plants for Scottish gardens. Several species are available from nurseries. The Best Plant in Section II was *Trillium grandiflorum* from Jeanne & Ewan Mason.

Struan Harley's *Anemone polyphylla* var *wallichii* was a stunner. Fine plants of *Anemone thalictroides*. You can have the green double form 'Betty Blake' or a pure white single one like this from Tommy Anderson. For a more delicate plant why not be like Cyril and go for a *Ramonda nathaliae*?



This fine *Cypripedium parviflorum* makasin came second in its class for American plant. What beat it? Cyril's big yellow *Lewisia tweedyi* on page 6!




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