



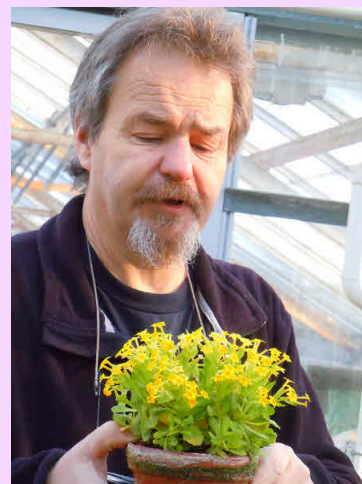
The Scottish Rock Garden Club George Forrest Memorial Medal BLACKPOOL 2011



Dionysia 'Goteburg' shown by Paul & Gill Ranson

Dionysia 'Goteburg' grown by Paul and Gill Ranson took the honours at the Blackpool show. Most SRGC members from north of the border can only wonder at the magnificent domes of the genus Dionysia which are shown every year at Blackpool. While AGS members from further south who had been at an earlier AGS show, probably in Loughborough, smile and compare the Blackpool selection with those we missed last week. As someone who doesn't grow any Dionysias I marvel at the superbly well flowered domes which those who do grow them manage to achieve. This is one genus which demands constant care and attention to detail from its owners. As you can see on the above plant of D. 'Goteburg', the tiny flowers are almost overlapping. Foliage is difficult to detect. Another plus for Dionysia growers is that the plant can be shown in cushion plants when it is finished flowering. Congratulations to them both on this wonderful achievement.

Dionysia Goteburg' was raised by Henrik Zetterlund of Gothenburg Botanic Garden from seed received from Europe's famed Dionysia breeder, Michael Kammerlander of Wurzburg. Its parents are D. freitagii and D. viscidula. I believe that Paul and Gill's plant was grown from a cutting taken from the plant which received a PC from Joint Rock in 2005.



Since I could not get to Blackpool because of snow, I have no picture of Paul and Gill. Here tho' is one of Henrik Zetterlund taken for the publication;-