



The Scottish Rock Garden Club Forrest & Farrer Medals NOTTINGHAM CONFERENCE 2011



Photo by Cliff Booker

Trillium grandiflorum shown by Chris Lilley



Many of us grow *Trillium grandiflorum*. It is a plant which, like most *Trilliums*, loves Scottish gardens and Scottish gardeners love. No wonder then that such a fabulous specimen would entrance judges from North and South and have them vote to make it Best in Show at the International Conference, held in Nottingham on April 16th, 2011. Such a joint conference is only held every 10 years and uniquely it offers the only chance in a decade for a single plant to scoop a Forrest and a Farrer Medal at the same time, so Chris joins a very exclusive band of rock garden plant exhibitors.

Trillium grandiflorum is an Eastern American plant where it is known as white wake-robin. In truth I do not understand the epithet wake-robin - bird or person; friend of bats?

Trillium grandiflorum is the official flower of Ontario.

In cultivation there are double white forms and pink forms but the winning form is the best of all. Congratulations Chris on growing this fabulous plant which triumphed in a superb show.

