

# Glasgow Show 2009

The hall in Milngavie is without doubt the best for natural light in the SRGC show circuit. Parking is good for early arrivals and late comers can use the big public car parks across the road. It is hard to remember a day at a Milngavie show when the sun did not shine. Brian Davidson won the Forrest Medal for his pan of *Trillium pusillum ozarkanum*. From its name it must be native to the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. If it ever needs a clonal name I propose 'President Clinton' because it is fresh, sharp and looks good! Brian's gardening must suit Milngavie because he won another Forrest here a few years back with *Paeonia cambessedesii*.



Whilst everyone always admires the Forrest plant, every show has another which makes members drool. More used to drooling animals than rockers, George Young caused a stir as soon as his wee *Delphinium* appeared in the hall. It was talked about in hallowed tones, in case too much praise and lust might debilitate the plant.



The Forrest Medal for the Best Plant in the Show, was won by Brian Davidson's *Trillium pusillum ozarkanum*



## SURVIVOR!

According to the Chinese flora, *Delphinium chrysotrichum var tsarongense* comes from gravelly, grassy slopes at 3000 – 4500m in SE Xizang and NW Yunnan in China, where it is known as 'cha wa long cui que hua'. Here are George's notes on the plant.

*Delphinium chrysotrichum var tsarongense*

Grown from Vojtech Holubec seed, sown in 2005 this delphinium is new in cultivation. The seed was collected in China, Dongda La, Tibet at 5,100m where it grows on gneiss scree.

Three plants germinated and were pricked out in the year of sowing but after dormancy only two re appeared the following spring with only the one in 2009. The plant is grown in the alpine house year round in a clay pot plunged in sand with no water in the pot during the dormant period. I have reotted the plant as growth begins each year. An attempt to manage one plant in a plastic pot resulted in failure. This is the first full flowering so





For several years Ron and Lyn Bezzant were joint show secretaries for the Glasgow show. Their plants have won several Forrest medals. I well remember a fabulous plant of *Gentiana brachyphylla* of theirs winning here. SRGC Presidential nominee Liz Mills has indicated that she wants to introduce compulsory singing to our shows as she ends her rendition of 'I did it my way'. Below current President Ian and fellow nurseryman Ron

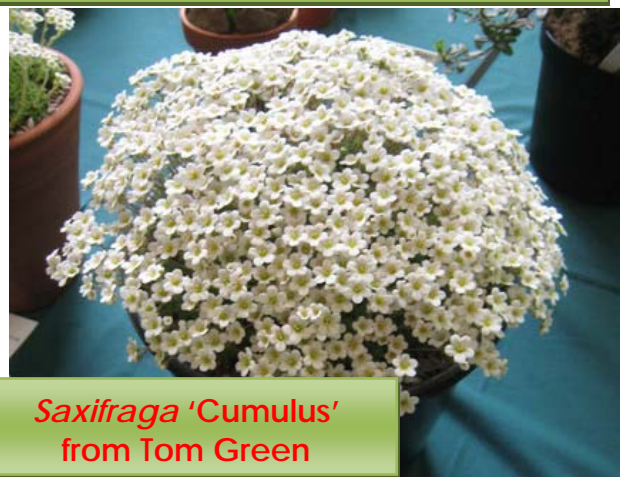




## Stars from Glasgow



Peter Semple's *Gentiana*



*Saxifraga* 'Cumulus'  
from Tom Green



Carole & Ian Bainbridge's  
*Primula ellisiae* -  
remember it at Perth 2



Anne Chambers and  
her *Arisaema griffithii*



*Fritillaria pyrenaica*



*Fritillaria liliaceae*



*Adiantum aleuticum* from  
Stan da Prato



## Display by Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh



One of my favourite plants in the whole show was *Polygonatum odoratum*.  
Look at the red tinged stems and green tipped flowers!

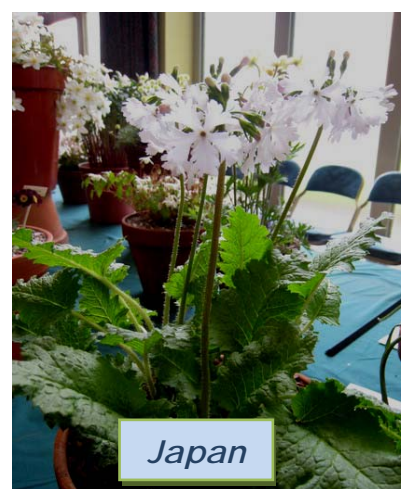


*Polygonatum*

### FLOWER OF SCOTLAND

George Watt encourages members to sign the petition asking the National Trust for Scotland to think again about closing gardens including





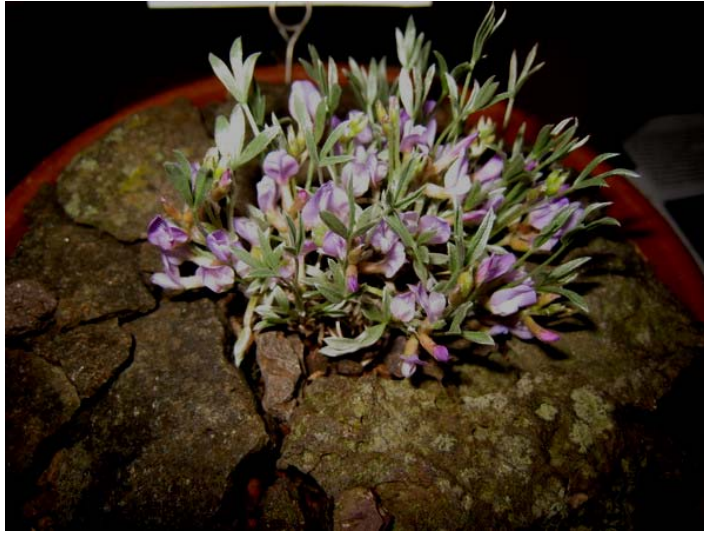
*Fritillaria pinetoru*    *Iris sari ssp manissadjanii*    *Meconopsis lanceolata*    *Primula*

Look at the number of different plants on this page. They come from all the continents of the world, from different habitats and are rarely grown in British gardens. If you need a reason to recommend a visit to an SRGC show



Cypripedium





*Astragalus barrii* from Wyoming,, Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska. I think this is the first time I have mentioned that a plant comes from Nebraska! It grows on top of buttes, hill tops and badlands in shallow rocky soils, either limestone or sandstone. It is very rare in the wild. This one was grown from seed from 'Alplains' sown in 2005 by Margaret and Henry Taylor. Its name presumably commemorates Claude Barr the eminent American botanist who wrote 'Jewels of the Plains' a wonderful book on the plants of the High Plains.

South



*Corydalis melanochlora* from David & Stella Rankin is a Tibetan plant. They note that they have been growing it for 14 years. I have downloaded a picture from the web to show it in its native habitat.



*Hebe cheesemannii* hails from the South island of New Zealand. It is an



Views of the show & some white flowers



**Aquilegia flabellata nana 'White Jewel'**



**Ranunculus amplexicaulis x parnassifolius**



**Anemonella thalictroides**



**Trilium grandiflorum and T. pusillum**



As you can see it was a fine show and Glasgow was a dear multicoloured place rather than just a dear green place. Sandy Leven