



# The Scottish Rock Garden Club Forrest Medal, Granton upon Spey Discussion Weekend 2013

## Best Plant in the Show Cyclamen mirabile Shown by Roma Fiddes



### The Cyclamen Queen strikes again

Roma Fiddes from Kintore scooped the Forrest medal with her wonderful plant of *Cyclamen mirabile*. Shown in a 10 inch pan, the centre of the plant was a mass of delicate pink flowers. The blue-green round leaves were delicately sculpted in pink. This led to discussion among members about how much green and how much pink looked best. 'Is there a Christmas tree in the centre?' asked somebody. It's not even Halloween and she's asking about Christmas trees, I thought. I bet she stops and buys one on the way down. I find *C. mirabile* a bit difficult, i.e. it does not suit my regime! I either dry it put or over-water it. I know that the ideal is between these extremes. Roma has the knack and she was explaining it to Cyril.



Already Roma has won the Discussion weekend Forrest with her wonderful *C. rolfsianum* in previous years and with a fabulous *Gentiana acaulis* at an Aberdeen show a few years ago. She is amassing quite a collection. Well done Roma, I knew it was the winner as soon as I saw you carry it into the hall. Quality speaks! Or in the this case, it shouts.