

Oban hosts Scottish Rhododendron Show

THE SCOTTISH Rhododendron Show held in Oban's Corran Halls saw a community garden among the prizes in the face of stiff competition.

A flower from the Millennium Garden won the Best Hybrid in Show. It was judged the best hybrid by taxonomist Dr David Chamberlain at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh. Nurseryman and plant explorer Alan Clark from Wigton was the other judge. Society secretary Willie Campbell said: 'The show is really the UK's premier rhododendron show. It is a big thing for Oban itself and some of the best gardens in the country are in Argyll.' The show will not be in its usual home next year as it will move to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh as part of a worldwide rhododendron convention but will return to Oban in 2009.

The show's committee member David Stark of Kilberry with a colourful display. t18rod01