

*Jim Jermyn -  
The Steve Newall Memorial Lecture*

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**Above:** NTS Branklyn Garden, Perth where Jim Jermyn is able to ply his craft. Photo from Jim's website

Jim has had a long career in the horticultural industry and as well as being a world renowned Alpine expert he has also operated a successful nursery, specialising in Alpine and Woodland plants as well as exhibiting at the very highest level.

After obtaining his horticultural qualifications in 1973, Jim Jermyn held a variety of posts in Germany, Italy, and the U.K. and was for twenty years the proprietor of Scotland's distinguished Edrom Nurseries, which was established in 1930. He has led many botanical tours to the Dolomites and was the horticultural consultant and Show Manager for Gardening Scotland, Scotland's National Gardening Show, held in Edinburgh and the Ayr Flower Show.

In January 2017 he took up the post of Property Manager/Head Gardener

for the National Trust for Scotland's Branklyn Garden in Perth. The Garden enjoyed its Centenary in 2022 and received accolades from Robin Lane Fox in an article which featured in the Financial Times Weekend, 25/26 June 2022.

He is a frequent lecturer on gardening topics in the U.K., Europe, U.S.A., and Canada. He has written a number of books related to plants and gardens:

The Himalayan Garden, Growing Plants from the Roof of the World; Alpine Plants of Europe, a Gardener's Guide; Mountain Flower Walks: The Eastern Alps, including the Dolomites.

Jim has recently retired and now works as a volunteer gardener at the Edinburgh Botanic Gardens.



**Above:** Jim Jermyn's work as a Himalayan plant expert has been instrumental in expanding our understanding of Himalayan plant cultivation. The Himalayan blue poppy, *Meconopsis betonicifolia*. Drake's Strain seedlings including Galloway Skies which was bought from Edrom by Jim Jermyn to Branklyn. Photo from Jim's website: <https://www.jimjermyn.co.uk>