

MOUNT BARKER SHOW SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

Well, this year we had perfect judging conditions, ideal spring weather, with the inspection of 19 gardens throughout the Mount Barker District Council, judged on Wednesday 8th November.

There were 6 new entrants this year, with participant numbers on a par with 2016, and 6 gardens which returned after one or two years off.

Awards in various categories of the competition will be presented on Saturday February 10th at 9.00pm at the Mt Barker Pre Show Dinner to be held in the St Paul's Lutheran Church Hall, Hahndorf - when all results, including the Grand Champion Garden and Runner-up will be announced.

An Apple Pie Competition will be part of the evening's activities, with the pies then be served as dessert on the night. (to be round and 22-25 cm in diameter). There is also a produce competition for the Cut Flowers, Vegetables and Pot Plants which is creating some interest.

Proceedings will start at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm dinner, and all entrants are invited to attend, whether for the \$25.00, 3 course meal plus B.Y.O. drinks – or at 9.00pm for the presentation of awards.

All results will be on display at the Mt Barker District Show on Saturday March 24th.

RESULTS:

FRONT AND BACK GARDEN:

1st Prize – Lorraine & Patrick Scott, "Buccleuch", Mount Barker

2nd Prize – Jenny McLeay, Mt Barker

Champion Front and Back Garden - Lorraine & Patrick Scott, "Buccleuch", Mount Barker

Runner-up Front and Back Garden – Jenny McLeay, Mt Barker

LARGE / RURAL LIVING GARDEN:

Joint 1st Prize – Dennis Roberts, "Denella Downs", Meadows

Joint 1st Prize – Christine Colyer, "Paws A While", Hahndorf

Champion Large / Rural Living Garden - Dennis Roberts, "Denella Downs", Meadows

Runner-up Large / Rural Living Garden - Christine Colyer, "Paws A While", Hahndorf

MOST COLOURFUL GARDEN:

1st Prize - Philip & Marie Christian, Nairne

2nd Prize – Ann Haines, Hahndorf

Champion Most Colourful Garden - Philip & Marie Christian, Nairne

Runner-up Most Colourful Garden - Ann Haines, Hahndorf

SMALL OR RESTRICTED GARDEN:

1st Prize – Kyle Griffin, "KJ's Cottage", Nairne

Commendation – Pat Dean, Mt Barker

Champion Small or Restricted Garden - Kyle Griffin, "KJ's Cottage", Nairne

WATERWISE GARDEN:

1st Prize – Christopher Schmeiss, "Poona Tandan", Nairne
2nd Prize – Raelene Wegener, Callington
Commendation – Beaney Berlinsky, Nairne
Champion Waterwise Garden – Christopher Schmeiss, "Poona Tandan", Nairne
Runner-up Waterwise Garden – Raelene Wegener, Callington

GARDENS NOT PREVIOUSLY ENTERED - FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS:

1st Prize – Dick & Meralyn Nagel, Hahndorf
2nd Prize – Sharon & Angelo Pippas, Hahndorf
Encouragement – Kathy Weidenhofer, Mt Barker
Champion Garden not previously entered - Dick & Meralyn Nagel, Hahndorf
Runner-up Garden not previously entered – Sharon & Angelo Pippas, Hahndorf

ANY OTHER TYPE OF GARDEN:

1st Prize – Diane Uppill, Mount Barker
Champion Any Other Type of Garden - Diane Uppill, Mount Barker (Creative Garden)

BUSINESS PRESENTATION:

1st Prize – McDonald's, Mount Barker
Champion Business Presentation - McDonald's, Mount Barker

COMMUNITY GARDEN:

1st Prize – Duck Flat Community Garden, Mount Barker
Commendation – Macclesfield Primary School
Champion Community Garden - Duck Flat Community Garden, Mount Barker

MOST IMPROVED GARDEN SINCE 2016 JUDGING:

Jim & Sue Smith, "Drouin", Littlehampton

JUDGES DISCRETIONARY AWARD:

Byethorne Park, Nairne

GRAND CHAMPION GARDEN AND RUNNER-UP TO THE GRAND CHAMPION, CHOSEN FROM ALL CHAMPIONS:

- Phillip & Marie Christian, Nairne
- Dennis Roberts, "Denella Downs", Meadows
- Christine Colyer, "Paws A While", Hahndorf
- Kyle Griffin, "KJ's Cottage", Nairne
- Christopher Schmeiss, "Poona Tandan", Nairne
- Lorraine & Patrick Scott, "Buccleuch", Mount Barker
- Dick & Meralyn Nagel, Hahndorf
- Diane Uppill, Mount Barker
- Duck Flat Community Garden, Mount Barker

- McDonald's, Mount Barker

GRAND CHAMPION GARDEN:

Kyle Griffin, "KJ's Cottage", Nairne

RUNNER-UP TO THE GRAND CHAMPION GARDEN:

Phillip & Marie Christian, Nairne

The overall Champion Garden received the Marjorie Fishlock Perpetual Award – and the Runner-up received the Avis Marston Perpetual Memorial Trophy, donated by her family.

JUDGING COMMENTS:

FRONT AND BACK GARDEN

Jenny McLeay, Mount Barker

Lots of interesting features as you wander through. Very colourful blend of flowers and foliage. Clematis looked outstanding. Major highlight is the archways of roses, clematis and poppies creating the mass of colour in the front garden. Plenty of pleasant & cool areas in the back garden. Enjoyable to wander through.

Lorraine & Patrick Scott "Buccleuch", Mount Barker

The sweet peas and roses were truly stunning on our visit this year, with the many other annuals and perennials contributing to the welcoming display. The garden has lost 2 trees this year, but with other areas filling in, this hasn't been too noticeable. Once again a lot of work put into this amazing garden was great to revisit.

Diane Uppill, Mount Barker

We enjoyed our visit to the new tea room. Nicely presented and a nice new feature to add to the back yard. Very creative to add to the other quirky areas. Everything else is up to its usual high standard, neatly and well-presented and interesting to visit. Front garden very eye-catching as a corner block, with splashes of colour throughout.

LARGE / RURAL LIVING GARDEN:

Jim & Sue Smith, "Drouin", Littlehampton

Garden presentation like a large park. Jim & Sue have been living here for 4 years, however the garden is only 3 ½ years old. There are now 500 roses planted in this English style garden, which is set on 5 acres. Formal and semi-formal areas. Garden edging defines paths. Great to see many planned improvements evident.

Christine Colyer, "Paws A While", Hahndorf

Christine has now been here for 26 years. Fairy garden is a lovely new feature in a new location. Would appeal to many young at heart. Rose archway accentuated by newly gravelled pathway with a contrasting and fresh look. Some older areas cut back with new plantings. While many roses were not yet blooming, garden looked good with clematis, Shasta daisies and garden features.

Dennis Roberts, “Denella Downs”, Meadows

Laburnum arches have now filled out as many other areas of this massive and impressive garden, which Dennis has now owned for 27 years. As usual the contrasting foliage colours of gold, silver and purple highlighted the whole garden making it stand out in the blue sky. It is always great to see new areas that Dennis is establishing, and his future visions. Great to meander around.

MOST COLOURFUL GARDEN:

Ann Haines, Hahndorf

Very colourful front garden, neatly presented with a more areas filled in. The same can be said for the back garden which is very noticeable since our last visit 2 years ago. With the diosma hedge removed the garden seems to flow. Very nice to wander through or sit back and enjoy, Ann has now set this garden up to be a restful and enjoyable area for her to spend time in.

Philip and Marie Christian, Nairne

Very colourful approach. Plantings that are present give all the year round colour, with something always in bloom. Noticeable development& heights of planting in the back garden. Highlights were the roses and foxgloves. The lobelia flows and ties the front and back garden together. Well planned and well maintained garden.

SMALL OR RESTRICTED GARDEN:

Kyle Griffin, “KJ’s Cottage”, Nairne

Immaculate presentation. Not a thing out of place. Lots of colour. Effective use of small space, with creation of garden on different levels. The garden flows nicely and really catches the eye. Lawn looked great again this year. Back yard also very nice, with a pleasant outdoor living/ entertaining area.

Pat Dean, Mount Barker

Pat moved here in 2011and has kept this compact small unit style garden well maintained. Colourful surrounds, poppies, linarias and petunias, as well as potted azaleas. Narrow conifers give garden height. Pat is also kept busy looking after some of the neighbouring gardens as well.

WATERWISE GARDEN:

Raelene Wegener, Callington

8 ½ years ago when moving here Raelene started her garden with bare ground with only a few trees. Splashes of colour in a nice rural setting on top of a hill. An abundance of statice were outstanding and complimentary to the rest of the garden. Clever use of repetition of useful plant species with a vibrant colour palette, successful repeated throughout garden showcasing statice and roses. Mixture of natives and exotics planted side by side.

Christopher Schmeiss, “Poona Tandan”, Nairne

Chris has now finished planting at the back with a large area of natives. A second veggie patch has been established. Seeds are taking off in the mulch. Fort is a new feature of the garden. Very noticeable growth in the newer areas. Plantings nicely filled in, and the garden is maturing nicely. Lots of colourful areas.

Beaney Berlinsky, Nairne

Beaney has been living on this 2/3 acre block for 14 years and has made a lot of changes in this time. Toto helped lead us through the garden, which was very interesting to wander around. Self-sufficient house runs on minimal amount each week as a result of vegetables grown in the garden.

GARDEN NOT PREVIOUSLY ENTERED:**Sharon & Angelo Pippas, Hahndorf**

Sharon & Angelo have been living here for 6 years. Garden has been established in 3 areas – yellows/ whites and other colours. Herbs, Fruit trees, along fence line, 18 varieties, veggie garden, almond tree. Utilized every aspect of the garden. Good use of a sloping block and containing wall. Nice outdoor living area well screened from neighbouring properties.

Kathy Weidenhofer, Mount Barker

Kathy has always enjoyed her garden and at judging time there was nice colour with the roses plus other plantings and was very noticeable as you drove past. Complimentary to the house.

Dick & Meralyn Nagel, Hahndorf

This garden has been established for 3 years, being bare when the Nagels first moved here. An extension has been built to the cottage, and the garden has been established to be very complimentary. Relaxing and peaceful garden with a lovely outlook. The pond which is 2 years old, is a great feature with lots of plantings.

BUSINESS PRESENTATION AND COMMUNITY GARDEN:**McDonald's, Mount Barker**

As usual this garden was up to a very high well presented, with the white standard roses in full bloom, and the hedges well-manicured.

A feature of this year's dinner was an "Apple Pie Competition" with a total of 11 pies being entered, before judge, Mr Vaughan Wilson who then had to make the hard decision of choosing the Champion Apple Pie, with so many top quality pies being a part of the judging.

Vaughan was very impressed with the overall presentation of most of the pies. To add to the interest of the evening, "Nanna" entered an apple pie still in its packet, and caused quite a lot of interest.

Unfortunately Nanna's pie didn't meet the size requirement, however had good flavour and was nicely decorated with lattice on top.

Results of the judging were:

Apple Pies: Champion: Brett Draper

First Prize – Brett Draper; Second Prize – Mike Edmondson; Third Prize – Chris Draper

Commended – Jill Murphy, Kevin Sims

Judges Comments:

1st flavoured with lemon, well presented and decorated and held its shape well when cut

2nd Great even golden colour, held shape well with a great flavour

3rd evenly baked lovely flavour

Commended 1 highly flavoured with cinnamon and using pastry swirls

Commended 2 traditional with crispy pastry

Produce:

Champion: Diane Uppill (Miniature Garden)

Cut Flowers:

First Prize – Philip & Marie Christian; Second Prize – Diane Uppill;

Third Prize – Diane Uppill; Commended – Thelma Pfeiffer

Roses:

First Prize – Thelma Pfeiffer; Second Prize – Thelma Pfeiffer;

Third Prize – Philip & Marie Christian; Commended – Lorraine Scott

Vegetables:

First Prize – Lyn Varcoe; Second Prize – Yvonne Menz; Third Prize – Monty Bunnett

Pot Plants:

First Prize – Diane Uppill; Second Prize – Philip & Marie Christian; Third Prize – Lyn Varcoe

Floral Arrangement:

First Prize – Jean Page

The produce section was judged by Brett Draper. There was 29 entries in this section.