

Marlay Park Sweet Pea and Rose Display Results 17th and 18th July 2010

This Display is unique. A landlord and tenant - in this case Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Parks Department and our Society - combine to highlight the magnificent Regency Walled Garden in Marlay Park by staging an annual Display of Sweet Pea and Roses.

Our grateful thanks to Lettie McCarthy the Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council for presenting the trophies.

The 2010 event was extra special in so far as the sweet pea cultivar, 'Bridget McAleer', which won the Best Vase, was raised by the exhibitor, Chris McAleer of Balbriggan Horticultural Society. Named after his wife, it features in the 2010 RHS Trials at Wisley. Moreover, it was also exhibited alongside vases of 'Glasnevin' and 'Gwendoline' in the 3 cultivar class and together they were the Best Sweet Pea Exhibit.



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Congratulations are also due to Chris on winning the Col Woods Cup, the Leila & Louis Smith Cup and J Lionel Richardson Cup for his entries in other categories.



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Maria Melvin, Rush Horticultural Society, won two Firsts for 12 mixed stems and a bowl of 20 stems.



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John Markham, Delgany & District Horticultural Society, took a First for a single stem of 'Gwendoline' with 5 florets. Both Maria and John were awarded RHSI Spoons for the best bowl and best single stem.

In the classes confined to growers of 80 plants or less, Irene Dixon, Delgany & District Horticultural Society, was awarded the Cruess-Callaghan Cup for the best exhibit, a mixed vase.



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Niall Coveney, also Delgany & District Horticultural Society, took the first awards in the single stem and single vase classes.

The number of rose entries were below expectations for the second year running. This may be due to the time of year, when many cultivars are between flushes or there are insufficient gardeners growing roses to an exhibition standard.

Niall Coveney was awarded the President's Cup for the best exhibit in the large-flowered classes, with John Markham and Brian Berry coming second and third, respectively.

John Markham's vases of 'Anne Harkness' and 'Penny Lane' received the McGredy and Power Cups respectively for the best cluster-flowered and other roses. Jim Durham, Rush Horticultural Society, Niall Coveney and Brian Berry, shared the lower placings in these classes.

The RHSI Spoon winners were Niall Coveney and John Markham.



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The Winning Group.



(This is the winning flower of Class 7 and for more pictures of the Show taken by Koraley Northen go to 'Events' and then 'Reports on Events'.(webmaster))