

29th august 2008

Flower and Vegetable Show

An enthusiastic crowd of growers and spectators gathered for the annual Durness Flower and Vegetable show last Saturday. Cathy Wood from Eddrachilles, a member of the Food Links producers group was this year's judge. There was plenty of friendly rivalry as growers competed in three sections and for the prestigious 'Overall Shield'. This year saw an encouraging number of new entrants. A café serving home-baking, salad and quiches helped to raise money for the village hall.

The results were as follows:

Potted Plants:

Best Geranium- 1. Katy Lee/ Janet Roberts, commended Maureen Munro
Begonia- 1. Graham Bruce, commended Graham Bruce
Fuschia- 1. Tracy Mackay commended Graham Bruce
Busy Lizzie- 1. Sheena Mackay commended Graham Bruce
Foliage- 1. Denise MacNamarra,
Flowering (any)- 1. Graham Bruce commended Tracy Mackay
Cactus- 1. Frances Arrowsmith. commended Carol Miller
Succulent. 1. Katy Lee/ Janet Roberts, commended Denise MacNamarra

Section winner- Graham Bruce

2nd - Katy Lee/Janet Roberts

Flowers:

Single Rose – 1. Graham Bruce commended Katy Lee/Janet Roberts
3 Rosebuds- 1. Tracy Mackay
6 Sweet Peas- 1. Nicola Poole/ Ludo Van Muysen commended Katy Lee/Janet Roberts
3 Marigolds- 1. Tracy Mackay commended Graham Bruce
3 Cut heads- 1. Graham Bruce commended Tracy Mackay
Pansies – 1. Graham Bruce commended Graham Bruce
5 Stems flowering Shrubs- 1. Katy Lee/Janet Roberts commended Graham Bruce
Vase of Mixed flowers- 1. Katy Lee/Janet Roberts commended Graham Bruce

Section winner- Graham Bruce

2nd - Katy Lee/Janet Roberts and Tracy Mackay

Floral Art (sponsored by Loch Croispol Bookshop):- **A Book Title-** 1. Jill Bruce (Eats Shoots and Leaves) Mary Mackay- (The Shell Seekers)

Vegetables:

4 Tomatoes-Nicola Poole/Ludo commended- Tracy Mackay
3 White Potatoes- 1. Katy Lee/Janet Roberts commended Graham Bruce
3 Red Potatoes - 1. Tracy Mackay commended Katy Lee/Janet Roberts
3 Beetroot - 1. Denise Macnamara commended Katy Lee/Janet Roberts
4 Carrots- 1. Nicola Poole/ Ludo Van Muysen commended Graham Bruce
3 Turnips- 1. Graham Bruce
3 white Onions- 1. Denise Macnamara commended- Tracy Mackay

Pair Courgettes/Cucumbers- 1. Nicola Poole Ludo Van Muysen / commended
Denise MacNamarra

3 Leeks- 1. Graham Bruce commended Tracy Mackay
Cabbage- 1. Tracy Mackay commended Katy Lee/Janet Roberts
Lettuce- 1. Katy Lee/Janet Roberts commended. Graham Bruce
Cauliflower- 1. Katy Lee/Janet Roberts commended. Carol Miller
Selection of Cut Herbs- 1. Jenny Andrew commended Graham Bruce
Tray of Mixed Vegetables- 1. Katy Lee/Janet Roberts commended Graham
Bruce

Section winner- Katy Lee/Janet Roberts
2nd Graham Bruce

Junior Competition: Veggie Super Hero - 3-7 years- Durness Nursery
2nd Billy Morrison
8-12 years- Tiffany Hartley
2nd Craig MacKinnon

Overall Winner for 2008- Graham Bruce

Birthday party

Friends and family celebrated Gould's 95th Birthday this week. A surprise birthday buffet was held at the Loch Croispol bookshop. Gould moved to Balnakeil with Kevin and her son Simon when they opened the bookshop and restaurant in 2000 and has become a popular lady with visitors to the facility. Gould is an active 95 year old enjoying painting and has an ongoing interest in the smooth running of the enterprise.