

Another Successful Show Mighty Cheap

After being advised by council that the Civic Hall would not be available for our show some panic set in, and numerous phone calls made by our President to overcome the issue.

After a lot of leg work and discussions between some of our members looking at alternative locations, the old Mighty Cheap building was selected as the location for our 2022 Show.

Feedback from the public on the location was positive with many members of the public saying that the location was in an ideal area to attract members of the public due to the central location and the glass frontage sparking people curiosity.

This was reflected in the door takings and several new member applications received by our door staff over the weekend.

A big thank you to Bruce & Isobel Millard, Deb Aitken and Ian Hamley for the hours spent in sourcing a suitable location for our 2022 show. The old Might Cheap building proved to be a great success.



Mighty Cheap turned out to be a prime location to attract members of the public to come along and participate in our 53rd annual show.

Dahlia Society of Australia's Dahl Medal

Congratulations to Alf Hardingham founding member of Portland Dahlia Society for being recognised and awarded with the prestigious Dahlia Society of Australia's Dahl Medal at the Dahlia Society of Australia's Annual Conference, in Canberra June 2021. The Dahl Medal is the DSA's highest honour.

Due to covid restrictions Alf was unable to attend the conference in Canberra to accept the award however DSA President Warren Vigor presented the Dahl Medal to Alf during the 53rd Portland Dahlia & Rose Show presentations on Sunday 13th March.

Alf has dedicated many years developing dahlia varieties and promoting dahlia growing across the country and has won many awards for his achievements.

Alf always has time to help new growers with sound advice and tubers to help get them started.

Being recognised for his achievements by the DSA is well deserved. DSA President Warren Vigor summed it up quite well "Alf a true living legend". Well done, Alf.



Living legend Alf Hardingham recipient of the Dahl Medal pointing out the finer details of growing a champion Dahlia.



DSA President Warren Vigor presenting Alf with the prestigious DSA Dahl Medal

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And The Winners Are?

DAHLIA OPEN SECTION

Portland Championships

First Prize: Deb Collett
Second Prize: Bruce Millard

Noel Edge Championship

First Prize: Bruce Millard
Second Prize: Alf Hardingham

Wannon Water Championship

First Prize: Warren Vigor
Second Prize: Bruce Millard

Glenelg Shire Championship

First Prize: Bruce Millard
Second Prize: No Entry

Pompon Championship

First Prize: Warren Vigor
Second Prize: Bruce Millard

OPEN BEST BLOOMS

Best Decorative: Bruce Millard
Best Cactus: Steve Brown
Best Bloom of these classes: B. Millard

TROPHIES

Champion Bloom Open: Steve Brown
Champion Bloom of Show: S. Brown
Champion Vase of Show: Deb Collett

DAHLIA INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Intermediate Championship

First Prize: Rodney Clarke
Second Prize: No Entry

Dan Tehan Collection

First Prize: Delia Robertson
Second Prize: No Entry

INTERMEDIATE BEST BLOOMS

Best Decorative: Rodney Clarke
Best Cactus: Rodney Clarke
Best Any Other Variety: Delia Robertson
Champion Bloom: Rodney Clarke

DAHLIA NOVICE SECTION

Novice Championship

First Prize: Ian Hamley
Second Prize: Boxer Collins

Garden Life Centre Collection

First Prize: Ian Hamley
Second Prize: Brooke King

NOVICE BEST BLOOMS

Best Decorative: Ian Hamley
Best Cactus: Ian Hamley
Best Any Other Variety: Ian Hamley
Champion Bloom: Ian Hamley

DAHLIA SECTION 4

W.D.D.S Challenge Handicap

First Prize: Dot Maskell

Neil Robertson Challenge

First Prize: Bruce Millard

Ray Nagorcka Memorial

First Prize: Deb Collett

DAHLIA PUBLIC VOTE

WOW Dahlia Open & Inter: B. Millard
WOW Dahlia All Others: Deb Aitken

OPEN ROSE SECTION

Open Championship

First Prize: G. L Thompson
Second Prize: No Entry

OPEN ROSE BEST BLOOMS

Champion Rose Open: Isobel Millard
David Austin Rose Open: Isobel Millard
Aggregate Trophy Open: Isobel Millard

NOVICE ROSE SECTION

Novice Championship

First Prize: Brooke King
Second Prize: Lessa Thomas

NOVICE ROSE BEST BLOOMS

Champion Rose Novice: Leesa Thomas
David Austin Rose Novice: Leesa Thomas
Aggregate Trophy Novice: Leesa Thomas

POT PLANT SECTION

Aggregate Trophy: May Telfer

OPEN FLOWER SECTION

Champion Flower Open: Isobel Millard
Aggregate Trophy Open: Isobel Millard

NOVICE FLOWER SECTION

Champion Flower Novice: Deb Aitken
Aggregate Trophy Novice: Deb Aitken

FLORAL ART SECTION

Champion Floral Art Open: Ann Lyons
Aggregate Trophy Open: Ann Lyons
Champion Floral Art Novice: C. Brown
Aggregate Trophy Novice: Cheree Brown



Open Championship Deb Collett



Champion Novice Bloom Ian Hamley



Champion Bloom Of The Show: Steve Brown

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting will be held on Sunday 3rd April at the Portland Football Club Function Room Commencing at 1:30pm

Agenda:

- Show Review
- Shed at Alf's requires concrete floor
- Neutrog offer to members

AGM Meeting will be held on Sunday 15th May at Portland Football Club Function room commencing at 1:30 PM. This will be our last meeting until September.

Agenda

- Guest Speaker from Neutrog
- Election of Office Bearers for 2022/2023

Reminder member fees will be due at this meeting

Shepparton Dahlia & Flower Show

Saturday 26th March

Katamatite Public Hall

Neutrog

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Further information is available in Neutrog Garden Club Brochure attached. Bruce is investigating further and will have further information at our next meeting. A guest speaker from Neutrog will attend our AGM in May to discuss further and answer any questions we may have.



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Thank You



Some photos of our show thanks to Deb Collett



Please contact Secretary Ian Hamley if there is an article you would like to see in these news letters, Newsletter will be compiled on a monthly basis from September to May to help us keep in touch and update members on activities and events.