## home **Earden** Raining Ribbons at Dixie Classic Fair

By: Alice Bostrom

Though the Friday Flower Show was a bit damp, there was no less excitement for Bermuda Run Garden Club's participation in this annual event. In the horticulture competition, top winners included Karen Coley with 18 ribbons, Donna DuToit with 29 ribbons and Bonnie Rockaway with 22 ribbons. Other club members winning ribbons were PJ Guerra, Judy Culler, Helen Boon, Sue Whittaker, Betsy Cochrane, Ann Cornwell, Shelby Nichols, Cindy O'Hagan and Diane Burke. One of the club's newest members, Betty Sheek, won a blue ribbon as well as the Mary Kate Dixson Special Fern Award. Linda Ernst, longtime dahlia enthusiast, won 25 blue ribbons, 19 red ribbons, 5 yellow ribbons and 1 white ribbon. Carol Quinn, rose expert, won 20 blue ribbons, 23 red ribbons, 13 yellow ribbons and 5 white ribbons. These two ladies are a big reason for the club's long-time successes at the Dixie Classic Fair. They are always willing to assist other club members with questions or concerns about fair entries. Ribbons won this year by the club's members totaled 225.

This year, many club members decided to try a new venture at the fair by participating in the photography judging. There were over 40 photos submitted for this competition by Bermuda Run Garden Club members with ribbons won by Diane Burke and Donna DuToit. Several club members also entered the antiques competition, as well as cooking and home furnishings. Diana Goolsby won third place for her Christmas Santa, and Alice Bostrom won third place for her Valentine's wreath. Judy Culler won first place and a Judge's Choice Award for her Easter basket.

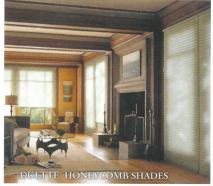
Entries for all the various competitions by club members were delivered to the fairgrounds on the appointed days beginning almost a week before the fair actually opened. Members' garages, driveways and homes are used as staging and collection points for various fair entries. Club members work during the course of the year towards the Dixie Classic Fair entries, and prize monies won are used in support of projects in Davie county.

The club feels a special commitment for outreach in the community toward such worthy causes as Pearls of Empowerment, Storehouse for Jesus, Thanksgiving Luncheon for Special Needs Students and bouquets for Meals on Wheels.





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