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Bonnie Rockaway, Donna DuToit and Eleanor Salley enter plant specimens at the fairgrounds.



Bermuda Run Garden Club members have their flowers cut and ready to take to the Dixie Classic Fair competition.



Linda Ernst stands beside her winning Dahlias.



Cindy O'Hagan wins the Barbara Smith Manning Award.



Blue Ribbon winner Peggy Schuppert in Wednesday's floral show.

Blooming Blue Ribbons Bermuda Run Garden Club Members Big Winners At The Dixie Classic Fair

The Bermuda Run Garden Club dug down deep to win big at this year's Dixie Classic Fair.

More than 200 ribbons, many first place, were awarded at Wednesday and Friday's flower shows, floriculture and antique competitions.

In the dahlia division the "Award of Merit," "Collector's Showcase" and the top show award "Horticultural Excellence" were awarded to gardener Linda Ernst.

Two members, Ann Cornwell and Cindy O'Hagan, won the "Barbara Smith Manning Award" for best use of color in design entries.

In the perennials category, Donna Lamonds won the top division "Award of Merit."

The club entered Wednesday's Flower Show "Happy Days are Here Again" selecting "Happy Healthy Life" as the theme for their floral design focusing on creative utilization of fruits and vegetables. Design criteria included theme conformance, distinction, design, artistic concept and expression. Tedious planning started months in advance with numerous design meetings and many trial runs until the right plants were chosen. The club also collected more than 150 jarred specimens and container plants plus more than 15 entries in the antique division.

Blue ribbon winners included Betsy Cochrane, Judy Culler, Donna DuToit, Linda Ernst, Vi Golding, Karen Coley, Bette Krause, Donna Lamonds, JoAnn Mintz, Shelby Nichols, Carol Quinn, Bonnie Rockaway and Peggy Schuppert. More than half of the club's 39 members participated.

The Dixie Classic fair is second in size next to the state fair held in Raleigh.

"We love participating and are proud that we qualify to win awards. Best of all it lets us give back using the monies in support of our community projects in Davie County such as Meals on Wheels, Storehouse for Jesus, Hospice, Davie County Public Schools special needs children, as well as many others," said president Alice Bostrom. "It's a win-win situation for all."



Ann Cornwell's "Happy Go Lucky" blue ribbon collage.



Bermuda Run Garden Club 2012 Dixie Classic Fair participants show the more than 200 ribbons and prizes they earned.