

People

Winners! BR Club Brings Home The Ribbons

In early spring they're off and running.

The Bermuda Run Garden Club members are digging, clipping, fertilizing, gathering plants and artifacts to compete in the Dixie Classic Fair.

October comes quickly and the results are in – the club's highest amount ever – a total of 241 ribbons; 103 were first place blue ribbons.

This year marks the 29th anniversary of the founding of the Bermuda Run Garden Club.

"A chartered club of 39 members, they are small, powerful and aimed on supporting others through community service," said member Diane Burke.

"Winning is more than just wishful thinking," says club president, Carol Quinn. "It takes a strategic plan put in forward motion to ensure the clubs goals stay in the forefront of our efforts."

Focusing on four areas of fair competition: horticulture, floriculture, container plants and antiques – planning sessions started several months in advance. Using member homes as collecting points the club gathered more than 400 single entries all arriving at the fairgrounds on the appointed days.

Top Gardener Linda Ernst won 62 ribbons for her dahlias. Among those ribbons were 43 first place including 13 out of a possible 14 blue ribbons in the collections competition:

In the flower show, Ernst won the "Award of Merit," the top award for dahlias. She earned a ribbon for a "creative centerpiece design titled "Going to the Garden."

And competing with all collections in a Friday Flower Show she won the top award "The Collector's Showcase."

Additional top winners included: Quinn with 49 ribbons; Donna Dutoit, 29 ribbons; Karen Coley, 25 ribbons; Bonnie Rockaway, 17 ribbons; and Judy Culler, 11 ribbons. Other members with entries and/or receiving ribbons were JoAnn Mintz, Cindy O'Hagan, Alice Bostrom, Sue Whittaker, Betsy Cochrane, Bette Krause, PJ Guerra, Beth Gross, Marie Laborowski, Donna Lamonds, Kathy Watson and Martha Morgan. Twenty-two of the members participated.

Other awards included a ribbon for Ann Cornwell's design titled "Going Nuts" and Judy Culler for her cross stitch piece; top ribbons awarded in antiques went to Helen Boon for her glass butter dish, silver table serving piece and family quilt; Donna Dutoit – early turn of the century buttoned shoe and family photography equipment; Shelby Nichols – embroidered linens; and Diane Burke – medical instruments.

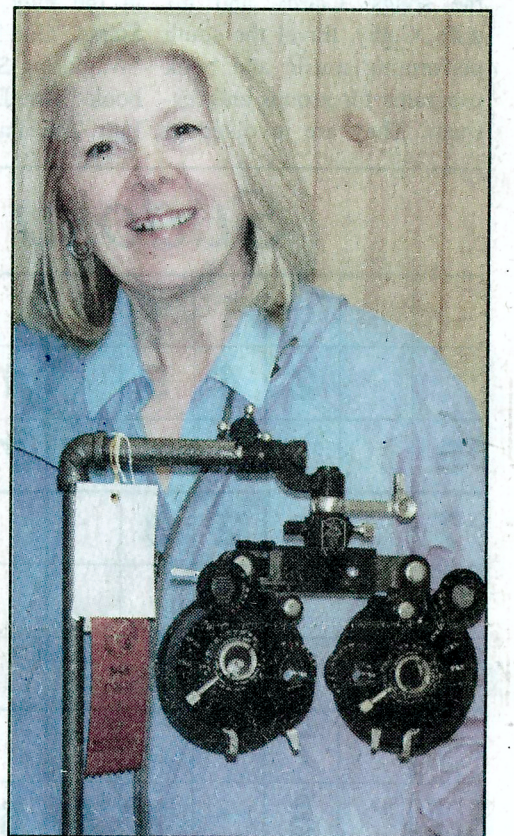
The Bermuda Run Garden Club meets monthly but planning successions are ongoing throughout the year. They have a vision, broad in scope, covering the whole spectrum in which their club plays a county role in supporting programs like Lunch Buddies, Special Needs Children Thanksgiving outreach, Pearls of Empowerment, Hospice and Storehouse for Jesus.



Bermuda Run Garden Club members Ann Cornwall, Bonnie Rockaway and Linda Ernst with Ernst's Dixie Classic Fair winning entry, "Going to the Garden."



The roses are boxed and ready to take to the fair.



Diane Burke with her ribbon-winning phoropter in the medical supplies category.



Betsy Cochrane and Alice Bostian with an award-winning fern.



Ann Cornwall's "Going Nuts."



Award-winning dahlias from Linda Ernst.



These members of the Bermuda Run Garden Club won ribbons at the Dixie Classic Fair.