



Trophies and Awards

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General Trophies

The Jim Macfarlane Trophy



Awarded at the AGM each year to the most successful exhibitor in the four major shows during the previous financial year. The winner must be a member (financial, life or honorary) and points are collated by the Show Secretary on the following basis: 3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, 1 point for 3rd or highly commended (where there is no 3rd prize) – no extra points are awarded for champions.

Mr and Mrs J D Macfarlane (Jim and Rene) were hard-working and treasured members of the Society for almost 50 years. In 1957 they were awarded life membership of the Society. In 1980 Jim was rewarded for '42 years of untiring and selfless service to fellow horticulturists throughout the ACT, NSW, Vic and Tas' when he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's honours list.

In 1981 the Society introduced this trophy to honour their work and triumphs. The first presentation was made at the AGM on 16 August 1982, when Mr Macfarlane thanked the society for the singular honour accorded them and presented the trophy to the first winners - Tony and Daphne Davis.

The Len McInnes Medal



Awarded for outstanding service to the Society and also for outstanding show exhibits.

Founded in 1996, during his lifetime, the medal commemorates the outstanding contribution made to the Society, and horticulture in general, by the late Len McInnes.

Daffodil Trophies

Jackson's Daffodils Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Bulb and Camellia Show for 3 daffodil stems, distinct, from 3 divisions, selected from divisions 1 to 4.

This trophy was presented in 1986 by Jackson's Daffodils of Geeveston, Tasmania, during the visit by Robin and David Jackson to Canberra for the Australian Daffodil Championships.

Betty Fleming Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Bulb and Camellia Show for novice competitors only. Three daffodil stems, distinct, from at least 2 divisions in separate containers.

Donated by Helen and Graham Fleming of Keira Bulbs, Pialligo, ACT, this trophy is for novice exhibitors only and can only be won once by any exhibitor.

The A C Graham Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Bulb and Camellia Show for the best daffodil in novice classes.

Norma and Cedric Graham were well known and experienced daffodil exhibitors. Following the death of Cedric, Norma donated this trophy in 1994.

A C Scott Memorial Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Bulb and Camellia Show for Grand Champion Daffodil.

Mr A C Scott was both a life and founder member of the Society and from the early 1930s was a judge of general flowers, potted plants and garden competitions. Following his death in 1949 it was proposed and seconded, in Council, that this trophy be purchased and awarded in his memory.

The Mollie Shoobridge Memorial Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Bulb and Camellia Show for the most successful exhibitor in daffodil classes.

Mollie and David Shoobridge exhibited in the Society's shows for many years and, on Mollie's death, David donated this trophy to the Society in 1980.

Iris Trophies

G H Fetherston Memorial Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Iris, Rhododendron and Azalea Show for 6 units, distinct cultivars, consisting of 3 spikes and 3 individual blooms.

The late Mr G H Fetherston was a lecturer at the Canberra Technical College (now CIT) and following his death the College donated the trophy, in 1981.

Rose Trophies

Pialligo Nurseries and Landscaping Centres Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Exhibition and Rose Show and Autumn Flower Show for 3 exhibition roses, distinct, plus any 2 of the following units: floribunda, 4 stages bud to full bloom, bunch roses, decorative roses and miniature roses.

This trophy, which is competed for at both the Spring Exhibition and Rose Show and the Autumn Show, was donated collectively by the Pialligo Nurseries, in 1985.

J. A. Carrodus Memorial Perpetual Trophy — Sponsored by the Kingston Hotel (ACT)



Awarded at the Spring Exhibition and Rose Show and Autumn Flower Show for 6 (Autumn) or 9 (Spring) exhibition roses, at least 4 cultivars, staged in a single HSOC vase.

In 1979 Mrs M.F. Carrodus donated the trophy as a memorial to her late husband.

The W and M Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show for Champion Exhibition Rose.

Rose enthusiasts Wal and Madge Bennett donated this trophy to the Society in 1983.

Dahlia Trophies

Thurbon Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show for 6 vases of dahlias (standard units), at least 4 types.

Presented to the Society by Mr A C Thurbon, in 1958, it was originally awarded for six dahlias distinct but in 1978 was changed to be awarded to the winner of the ACT Dahlia Championship.

Claude Wilkes Memorial Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show for 9 blooms, distinct types, one bloom per container.

Claude Wilkes from Goulburn grew and exhibited dahlias for many years and, on his death, his son Ron, also a well-known grower and exhibitor, donated this trophy in 1982 in honour of his late father.

Dahlia Society of NSW and ACT Medallion



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show for Grand Champion Dahlia.

'Max the Dahlia Man' Trophy



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show for the largest dahlia staged.

Gordon and Lola Tickner Memorial Trophy



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show for 3 vases of waterlily dahlias, distinct (standard units).

Gesneriad Trophies

The Ebba Marrington Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Exhibition and Rose Show for the most successful exhibitor in African Violet classes over the four HSOC shows.

Ebba Marrington was a 1966 Foundation member of the African Violet Society and for many years she was Honorary President of the Society.

The Arthur Boyle Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Exhibition and Rose Show for the most successful exhibitor in Gesneriad classes (other than African Violets) over the four HSOC shows.

Arthur Boyle was for many years Editor of the Gardening section of the Canberra Times. He introduced the growing of Gesneriads to the African Violet Society.

The Inez Graham Trophy



Awarded at the Iris, Rhododendron and Azalea Show for Champion Gesneriad.

Inez Graham was a very active member of the African Violet Society from its beginning in 1966.

The Joan Cooper Trophy



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show for the Champion Gesneriad.

Originally used by the African Violet and Gesneriad Society, Inc, this trophy was transferred to the HSOC when the former disbanded and became a group within the HSOC.

Joan Cooper was Competition Secretary of the African Violet Society in the 1970s.

The Irene Alavdin Trophy



Originally belonging to the African Violet and Gesneriad Society Inc, this trophy was part of the assets taken over by the HSOC. It was not awarded during the early amalgamation.

A Ranleigh Silver plated, large, two handle cup plus wooden base awarded perpetually to the "Queen of the Show".

Irene Alavdin was a very active member of the African Violet Society and a successful grower.

Floral Art Trophies

The C.S.L. Bowl



Awarded to the most successful exhibitor in the Open Section over the four HSOC shows.

Donated by Canberra Steam Laundry Ltd., in 1935, for a bowl of mixed flowers for arrangement (not arrangement as a float bowl) for Spring and Autumn Exhibitions. Trophy to become the property of member winning same four times. Won outright by Mrs R. H. Hewson. It was replaced and won outright by Mrs L.O. Brown in 1953.

This original trophy was returned to the Society in 1993 by Mrs Hewson's daughter, Mrs Pat Parker, and re-allocated as above.

The Brighter Homes Bowl



Awarded to the most successful exhibitor in the Novice Section over the four HSOC shows.

Brighter Homes, furniture specialists, donated this trophy for a bowl of flowers with shades of two distinct colours, in 1938.

It was won outright in 1940 by Mrs R.H. Hewson. Her daughter returned it to the Society in 1993 and it was re-allocated. It is awarded, at the Spring Exhibition and Rose Show, to the most successful exhibitor in the Society's four annual shows.

The Lady Gowrie Cup



Awarded for a table arrangement at the Iris, Rhododendron and Azalea Show.

This trophy was donated by Lady Gowrie in 1936 and was won outright in 1949 by Mrs J H L Cumpston. It was returned to the Society by her daughter in 2005. From 2006, it has been reinstated as a Floral Art trophy, for a table arrangement in the Intermediate Section.

The Marie Lenon Perpetual Trophy – Floral Art - One of the Modern designs



Awarded at the Spring Exhibition and Rose Show to the most successful exhibitor in the nominated classes over all shows.

Donated by Mrs Patrice Hurrell to the Floral Art Guild in 1981, the trophy was won outright in 1990 by Marie Lenon. Marie returned it to the society and it was made perpetual. In 2002 the Guild asked for it to be renamed.

Anna O'Brien Memorial Perpetual Trophy



ACT Championship for Floral Art.

Donated by Joan Crook and Joan Gare in 1985, in memory of the late Anna O'Brien, it replaces the annual award of the same name which was donated by the Floral Art Guild and discontinued in 1983.

Awarded at the Iris, Rhododendron and Azalea Show to the winner of Class 180 Open Section.

The Floral Art Guild of the ACT Inc Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Exhibition and Rose Show to the winner of Class 170 Open Section – Traditional design featuring roses.

The Floral Art Guild of the ACT donated this trophy in 1993 in memory of the late Margaret Schock who was well known in floral art circles. The name was changed in 2008 at the request of the Guild.

Marjorie Taylor Memorial Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show to the winner of Class 310 Open Section.

This trophy is owned by the Floral Art Guild and was presented to them, in 1983, by the late Mrs Taylor's husband, Kevin, and family in her memory.

Geranium/Pelargonium Trophies

The Ann Dalgarno Memorial (Perpetual) Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Exhibition and Rose Show to the winner of Champion Exhibit.

Originally awarded to the most successful exhibitor in the Geranium Section, the trophy was donated in 1980 by Mr J Dalgarno in memory of his late wife. In 1996, a minor reallocation saw the trophy moved to its present status.

Cut Flower Collection Trophies

The Steward Cup



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show and Spring Exhibition and Rose Show for a collection of cut flowers (may include flowering shrub/s), 3 kinds, each in a separate container.

Commenced in 1939 for Sweet Peas, the cup was won outright in 1946 by Mr B K Lawrey, and returned to the Society in 1981 by his family. It was then allocated to its current designation and is competed for twice a year.

The Dalgarno Trophy



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show and Spring Exhibition and Rose Show for 1 flower, spike or cut of 5 distinct kinds (may include flowering shrub/s) in 1 container.

Originally donated by Mrs Ann Dalgarno, for the Junior Gardener of the year, the status was changed in 1985 due to lack of interest. Permission was sought and given to change the requirements and for it to be offered for competition twice a year.

J. H. L. Cumpston Memorial Perpetual Trophy



From 2015, this has been awarded to the winner of the HSOC Bruce Trial Garden Challenge, for a container of Australian native/s in flower.

In memory of her late husband, Mrs G L Cumpston donated this trophy to the Society in 1966 and specified that it be awarded for a collection of Australian native flowers.

Due to lack of entries over several years, the Society decided, in 1996, to change the requirements to a container of native flowers. A further change, in 1998, amended the requirements to one container of flowering shrub.

The Jim Macfarlane Memorial Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Iris, Rhododendron and Azalea Show for 3 containers of cut flowers (may include flowering shrub/s), 3 distinct kinds.

Introduced in 1937 and originally known as the President's Trophy, for the most successful exhibitor in general flowers. It was won outright in 1941 by the late J.D. Macfarlane. It was returned to the Society by his family in 1987 and re-designated.

The Peterson Bowl



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show and Spring Exhibition and Rose Show for 1 flower, spike or cut of 5 distinct kinds (may include flowering shrub/s), in 1 container, height to not exceed 250mm above the table, including container.

Donated in 1935 by Peterson Bros Ltd, retailers of Civic, the trophy was originally awarded to the most successful exhibitor in the Decorative section at two shows.

It was won outright by Mrs R.H. Hewson in 1938 and upon being returned to the Society by her daughter in 1993 was re-allocated and made a perpetual trophy being competed for again at two shows each year

Rhododendron Trophies

Ally Nish Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Iris, Rhododendron and Azalea Show for Champion Rhododendron.

Donated by Mr J.A. Nish, a Civic Centre retailer, in 1949 to be awarded for six vases of Sweet Peas, the trophy was won outright in 1954 by Mrs B.K. Lawrey.

In 1982 it was returned to the Society by Mr Vic King and, as Sweet Peas are no longer a strongly contested section, was re-established in its present category.

Azalea Trophies

Keith and Edna Brew Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Iris, Rhododendron and Azalea Show for Champion Azalea Exhibit.

In 2005 Keith Brew finally agreed to accept the honour of having a trophy named for himself and his late wife, Edna, for the many years of work and support they have both given to the society.

The trophy to be used was previously the Mayes Amateur Cup, which had been returned by the Rochford Family in 2002.

Camellia Trophies

W. Jessep Medal



Awarded at the Spring Bulb and Camellia Show for Grand Champion Camellia.

Scott Bonnar Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Bulb and Camellia Show for Grand Champion Camellia.

One of the Society's oldest trophies it was donated by the Scott Bonnar Company (of mower fame) in 1937.

Originally awarded for a decorated table it was changed in 1973 to its present status.

H. R. Phillips Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Bulb and Camellia Show for Champion Camellia – Miniature/Small.

H.R. (Bob) Phillips was a Society member, camellia exhibitor and manager of the Albert Hall. He donated the trophy in 1990 prior to retiring to Sydney.

ACRS, St George and Sutherland Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Bulb and Camellia Show for the most successful camellia exhibitor.

Presented to the Canberra branch of the Australian Camellia Research Society in 1977 by the St George and Sutherland branch.

Jack Bloomfield Perpetual Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Bulb and Camellia Show for 6 different camellia blooms from any classification.

The trophy was awarded by the Society, in 1930-1931, to Mr A.H. Truelove for the Champion garden in the Garden Competition of that year.

It was returned to the Society in 1997 and a decision was made to rename the trophy after Mr J. (Jack) Bloomfield to honour his long service to the Society and his great interest in camellias.

The Blue Range Trophy



Awarded at the Spring Bulb and Camellia Show for novice exhibitors. 3 camellia blooms, any type/size, not necessarily distinct.

This trophy was donated to the Canberra branch of the Australian Camellia Research Society, in 1985, by Mavis and Don O'Reilly, former proprietors of the Blue Range Camellia Nursery at Parkwood, ACT and well-known growers and exhibitors.

Fruit Trophies

The Lord Gowrie Cup



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show for the most successful exhibitor in the Fruit Section.

Originally awarded for a collection of fruit, at least four kinds, at the Autumn Exhibition, but was changed to the present award in 1973. Presented to the Society in 1937 by His Excellency, Lord Gowrie, the Governor-General of Australia.

General Flowers Trophies

Arthur Yates Perpetual Cup (for cut flowers)



Awarded at the Iris, Rhododendron and Azalea Show for Champion General Flower Exhibit.

This trophy was originally awarded at the Autumn Flower Show for Champion Vegetable (standard unit). The trophy was originally won outright by Mr and Mrs Rochford, and was returned by the Rochford family in 2002 and replaced in the schedule.

Vegetable Trophies

The Simmie Bowl



Awarded at the Autumn Flower Show annually to the most successful exhibitor in the vegetable section.

One of our older trophies it was donated by Mr J Simmie in 1936 and has always been awarded for the same category.

The Arthur Yates Perpetual Trophy (for vegetables)



Awarded for Champion Vegetable Exhibit at the Autumn Flower Show.

Originally donated for the Lord Gowrie Garden Competition (since discontinued), this cup was won outright by Mr R Rochford in 1940.

In 2002, it was returned to the Society and from 2003 has been awarded annually.

Orchid Trophies

The Laurence Woods Perpetual Trophy



Awarded for the Champion Orchid of the Show.

This trophy was donated by Laurie Woods in 1997.

The Lila Rose Perpetual Trophy



Awarded for the Reserve Champion Orchid.

Mrs Lila Rose, a long-time member of both the Horticultural and Orchid societies, was largely instrumental in establishing the popular addition of an orchid section at each of our shows.

In 2003 the Canberra Orchid Society donated this trophy in recognition of her efforts. It will be awarded annually at each Autumn Flower Show.