

Eighty-seven entries

June 25, 1986

The 22nd annual rose show of the St. Marys Horticultural Society was held at the Legion Hall June 25th with 18 exhibitors and 87 entries. Ruth Sparling was chairman for the show and Frances Culliton of Stratford was the judge.

The Elizabeth Read memorial trophy for the most points in the show was won by Edythe Howe with the runner-up for second highest number of points being won by Alice Hawkesworth.

The Heather trophy for the best rose in the show was won by John Hawkesworth. His winning entry was a bloom from a peace rose.

The best pink rose in the show was won by Frances Semple for Electron.

The best red rose in the show was won by Susan Towle for her entry, Mr. Lincoln.

The best white rose in the show was won by Susan Towle for Pascali.

The best yellow rose in the show was won by Susan Towle for King's Ransom.

The Becker's Flowers gift certificate (\$15.00) for most points in design was won by Alice Hawkesworth.

The I.O.D.E. trophy for best I.O.D.E. rose was won by Susan Towle.

Rose show poster contest winners were as follows, in the order of judging: Paula Haight of Arthur Meighen public school was first, followed by Michelle Saunders, Kendal Weber, Cheryl Spearin, Christina Boscarato, and Sara Tkaczuk, all of Holy Name of Mary school.

Honourable mention went to Krista Valdron and Carolyn Ball of Holy Name.

Flower and Vegetable Show poster winner was Tina Brennan of Holy Name.

Lil Haworth of Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, spoke on Growing and Showing and encouraged members to participate in the flower and vegetable show which is being held August 27 at the Legion Hall. Entries will be received from 10:30 a.m. to noon with the program and presentation of awards at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Haworth had many suggestions about showing that, if applied, would help exhibitors win red ribbons.

The speaker advised that the entry tag should show the name of the cultivar, if known, and mentioned that members should use of proper light, soil, humidity and moisture for growing.

She also urged exhibitors to study the Ontario Ministry of

Agriculture's publication 34 and the local show schedule carefully.

Exhibitors were advised to try to use plant material that stands up well and that it is very important to pick show material in the morning or evening and sear the ends of all cuttings containing milky sap.

Always use plain, clean containers and show when the bloom is two-thirds to three-quarters open so the judge may see the centre of the specimen bloom. Foliage should be clean, free of insects and disease, and the stem should be straight and strong.

When the class calls for three blooms, pick all of the blooms off the same plant to give better uniformity of colour, size, and condition. Prune out buds, seed heads and dead flowers, and show the exact number of blooms indicated in the class being entered.

When showing fruit and vegetables, it is important to choose specimens uniform in size and free of scratches and bruises. Show onions should never be peeled and carrots and beets should have tops from 1" to 3" in length.

Paper plates are suitable for showing fruit and vegetables and when used specimens should be evenly spread and lined up.

Plants should be shown when mature and in bloom, be well groomed with the pots nice and clean. All dead leaves should be removed and plant misted with water just before leaving for the show.

When showing African violets, symmetry is important with only one crown showing and clean, healthy leaves.

Try to exhibit exotic plants rather than the common cultivars and always take along extra plant material when showing sprays or arrangements. Be sure to place entries on the show table in the correct class.

Mrs. Haworth was introduced by the program chairman, Dorothy Elliott, and Anna Peterson thanked her for sharing her knowledge of growing and showing.

George Harris provided background music for the show and door prizes were won by Bessir Franks, Dora Thomson and Helen Cull.

The chairman announced that some thought is being given to sponsoring a basic training course in design to help encourage more members to participate in the flower and vegetable show.

If interested in taking the course, please contact flower show chairman, Ruth Sparling at 284-1239 as soon as possible.

in 22nd Rose Show



THE BEST ROSE. John Hawkesworth of St. Marys won the Heather Trophy for entering the best rose at the St. Marys Horticultural Society's 22nd annual Rose Show last Wednesday night at the Legion.