

2014 Joint Philadelphia-Valley Forge ARS Flower Show -- May 10, 2014

A hard winter and late spring had a major effect on this year's competition. The competition usually draws 250 or more entries. This year there were only 86. Varieties that normally bloom right at truss show time were tight as could be, and many of the delayed early bloomers produced partial trusses.



The winning R. 'Mary K'

R. 'Mary K' from the garden of Randy Dalton and Michael Mills took Best In Show. This cultivar is a

Number of Ribbons Awarded	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	HM
Michael Mills & Randy Dalton	15	6	6	5
Sue & Marc Thomson	8	8	5	0
Bud & Marilyn Gressman	5	4	0	0
Tom Lloyd	3	3	1	1
Joe Minahan	2	1	0	0
Bob Smetana	1	3	0	1

Joe Gable hybrid, named for Mary Katherine Gable, his daughter-in-law. Mary Katherine's husband, James Gable, was the son of Joseph B. and Mary Dalton Gable, making Randy and Mary Katherine cousins-in-law.

Trophies:

Joe Becaes Hybridizer's Trophy (Best New Hybrid): John Paul II X Orange Ruffy (2006-24-001) – Joe Minahan

Dan and Betts Layman Trophy (Best Foliage): R. schlippenbachii – Michael Mills & Randy Dalton

Francis Sholomskas Trophy (Best Species): R. austrinum 'Millie Mac' – Susan & Marc Thomson

Maxine West Trophy (Best Evergreen Azalea): Coral Bells – Michael Mills & Randy Dalton

Walter Kern Trophy (Best Deciduous Azalea): Firecracker – Susan & Marc Thomson

Ross Davis Trophy (Best Rhododendron Hybrid): Mary K – Michael Mills & Randy Dalton

John Wister Trophy (Best in Show): Mary K – Michael Mills & Randy Dalton

Judi Meade Trophy (Sweepstakes): Michael Mills & Randy Dalton

Best in Class:

Rhododendron Hybrids, Elepidote: Unknown williamsianum hybrid – Tom Lloyd

Rhododendron Hybrids, Lepidote: Rhein's Luna – Tom Lloyd

Azalea Species: R. austrinum 'Millie Mac' – Susan & Marc Thomson

Azalea Hybrids, Deciduous: White Lights – Susan & Marc Thomson

Azalea Hybrids, Evergreen: Coral Bells – Michael Mills & Randy Dalton

New Hybrids (by hybridizer): John Paul II X Orange Ruffy (2006-24-001) – Joe Minahan

Other New Hybrids: Mary K -- Michael Mills & Randy Dalton

Foliage: R. schlippenbachii – Michael Mills & Randy Dalton

Judges: Judges this year were Judy Allison, Malcolm Boyd, Frank Brouse, Peg van Patton, Tom Schuetz – all seasoned veterans – and, in his maiden outing with our truss show, Harold Sweetman, director of Jenkins Arboretum. The trophies were presented at the chapter picnic at Chanticleer in Wayne, Pa.