



IGA Perth Royal Show

1st October to 8th October 2011

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Blossoming talent on display

Lesley Parkin of **Lesmurdie** is the winner of The RAS Floral Competition (Open) at this year's IGA Perth Royal Show. The competition's theme was "Ladies Day at the Races".

Lesley's purple and white creation was inspired by Audrey Hepburn's scenes at Ascot in the 1964 film *My Fair Lady*.

Lesley, a former hairdresser, has her own business and works at the florists at the airport.

Jessica Harper of **Karawara** was second and Vicki Dodgson of **West Leederville** came in third.

The RAS Flora Competition is open to entrants of all ages and abilities.

Floriculture is a hugely popular part of the Show and entries are created in situ right before the Show opens.

Annie Farrell, of **Kallaroo**, was the winner of the Smithers-Oasis Designz Cup Competition at the Show.

Annie is a Certificate 111 Floristry student at the Challenger Institute of Technology, Murdoch campus.

A fellow Challenger Institute student, Merrie-Jane Harries, of **Coolbellup**, came third.

The theme of the competition was "Painting with Passion."

Annie's piece was inspired by Van Gogh's *Mulberry Tree*.

The prestigious competition is open to all floristry students with State winners selected from each Royal Show and a national winner chosen from State winners.

In second place was Flowers Design School student Stephanie Law, of **Hilarys**. She based her work around Van Gogh's *Starry Nights*.