



THE NATIONAL SHOW 2010

The Executive committee, having drawn up the show schedule with the object of catering for the smaller growers and attracting more exhibitors, must have been pleased with the support these classes were given.

The Local lad **Nick Toogood** from Writhlington walked away with the **BENTLEY Trophy**, **Ian Greenhalgh** from Manchester and **Clayton Beale** from New Milton in the depths of Dorset took the **200 and 100 plant challenge** respectively, it was pleasing to see these classes with a riot of good quality blooms.

Phil Watson from Bishop Auckland, after collecting so many second places in championship classes in 2009, corrected the situation this year by winning several championships including the **TERRY CLARKE Trophy**, with **David Gillam** from Essex climbing from fourth position in 2009 to a very credible second place.

The **HERBERT BROWN Society trophy** was again won by **Midlands Society** from Vagabonds which was again a very close result, this year by 2 points. It would however be more satisfactory to see more Societies entering this competition as the entries have fallen off the last few years.

There were some interesting seedlings which is our life blood for future exhibition, **Don Kershaw** from Rossendale won the **JESCOT Trophy** for the best seedling with a Medium Decorative Rossendale Flame, also the **LUCKHURST trophy** with Rossendale Parky named in honour of John Parkinson's 80th birthday which was an honour for such a most respected long serving officer of the Society.

Geoff Gardener from Darlington again showed his expertise with the Medium Decoratives, winning the **NORMAN LEWIS trophy** for best Decorative vase with Andrea Clark. It is many a year since Mediums have ruled the roost over the smalls, although we have had some good mediums exhibited, the smalls always seemed to catch the judges eye.

Trooper Dan won the **PHILIP DAMP AWARD** for **David Kent** from Ash Vale, this yellow large Semi – Cactus will provide some much needed material for this section but like many more cultivars it will struggle against “Challenger”.

Marie Jane Roberts swept the board with her miniature cactus and was aptly rewarded by winning the **DEREK HEWLETT AWARD** which was the nominated section this year. The Pompon classes were dominated by **Alan Barlow** from Windermere and **Barry Smith** from Tarporley who won the **BRISTOL Trophy** for the best vase.

David Gillam from Essex winning the **SILVERHILL SHIELD**, followed in the footsteps of his late father Terry, who always favoured these Large Cactus. **John Jack** came from north of the border to terrorise the Sassenachs with his Giant and Large decoratives, although **Ian Hill** from Thirsk provided some stiff opposition.

Good to see some well supported Novice classes with **E.C.Mills** from Storrington winning the **MONTAGUE trophy**, the standard of the blooms in these classes was high which is always a good omen for future shows.