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AmericanHort Floral Design Contest Winners Announced

Columbus, Ohio – Several florists today were named winners of the Cultivate’14 Floral Design Contest. The contest featured three categories: Bridal Shower, Wedding, and Wedding Reception. The Student Design Contest was also held, with the theme of “Here Comes the Bride.” The contests were held in conjunction with the floral design sessions and workshops during Cultivate’14, July 12-15.

The Designer of the Year was Christine Dillon of Bo-Ka Flowers in Findlay, Ohio. The first runner-up was Jody Brown Spivey of Expressions Floral Design Studio in Gahanna, Ohio; second runner-up was Amanda Griffin of Petals & Leaves in Grandview, Ohio

The winners in each category were:

Category 1: Bridal Shower

1st Place – Jody Brown Spivey, Expressions Floral Design Studio, Gahanna, Ohio
2nd Place – Amanda Griffin, Petals & Leaves, Grandview, Ohio
3rd Place – Christine Dillon, Bo-Ka Flowers, Findlay, Ohio

Category 2: Wedding

1st Place – Amanda Griffin, Petals & Leaves, Grandview, Ohio
2nd Place – Christine Dillon, Bo-Ka Flowers, Findlay, Ohio
3rd Place – Meghan Greek, Pets & Leaves, Grandview, Ohio

Category 3: Wedding Reception

1st Place – Amanda Griffin, Petals & Leaves, Grandview, Ohio
2nd Place – Lisa Gazette, Petals & Leaves, Grandview, Ohio
3rd Place – Jody Brown Spivey, Expressions Floral Design Studio, Gahanna, Ohio

The Student Designer of the Year was Sarah Moore of Ohio State University-ATI in Wooster, Ohio. The first runner-up was Whitney Hottle of Ohio State University-ATI in Wooster, Ohio.

Cultivate’14 attendees had the opportunity to vote for their favorite design. The People’s Choice Award was presented to Patti Fowler of Flowerama in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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