

The Mòd 2008

Friday, Sept. 5

Competition: Bàrdachd/Poetry Recitation

1. Micheal MacAoidh (Mike MacKay), Virginia
2. Ellen Beard, Maryland & Neacal Freer, Virginia

Special Award:

The *Searrag-Ghlainne Mhic Dhòmhnail*, an Edinburgh Crystal decanter presented courtesy of Donald F. MacDonald for best poetry recitation, went to Micheal MacAoidh.

Competition: Sgeulachd/Storytelling

1. Cathleen MacKay, Virginia
2. Liam Ó Caiside (Cassidy), Virginia
3. Nick Freer, Virginia

Special Award:

The *Duais Dhàibhidh Mhic Risnidh/David MacRitchie Award* for best traditional story in Gaelic was presented to Cathleen MacKay.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Competition: Òran Mall/Slow Song

Mnàthan/Women

1. Frances Acar, Ohio
2. Ellen Beard, Maryland
3. Anne Alexander, Ohio

Fir/Men

1. Liam Ó Caiside, Virginia
2. Micheal MacAoidh, Virginia
3. Rudy Ramsey, Colorado

Competition: Òran Obrach/Work Song:

1. Ellen Beard, Maryland

2. Debra Davidson, North Carolina

Competition: Puirt-à-Beul/Mouth Music

Mnàthan/Women

1. Frances Acar, Ohio

2. Anne Alexander, Ohio

Fir/Men

1. Liam Ó Caiside, Virginia

2. Micheal MacAoidh, Virginia

3. Rudy Ramsey, Colorado

Competition: Unison Singing (Group)

1. Anne Alexander & Bobby Horvath, Ohio

Competition: Òrain Luaidh/Waulking Songs (Group)

1. MacTalla

2. Great Lakes Gaelic Singers

Special Award:

The SCOTS Shield, presented by the Scottish Club of the Twin States for best waulking group, went to MacTalla.

Competition: Òran Mòr/Final Song

Mnàthan/Women

1. Ellen Beard, Maryland

2. Frances Acar, Ohio

3. Anne Alexander, Ohio

Fir/Men

1. Liam Ó Caiside, Virginia

2. Micheal MacAoidh, Virginia

3. Rudy Ramsey, Colorado

Na Buannaichean/The Medalists

Mnàthan/Women

Gold: Ellen Beard, Maryland

Silver: Frances Acar, Ohio

Bronze: Anne Alexander, Ohio

Fir/Men

Gold: Liam Ó Caiside, Virginia

Silver: Micheal MacAoidh, Virginia

Bronze: Rudy Ramsey, Colorado

Special Awards:

The *Marietta MacLeod Quaich*, presented by Donald F. MacDonald of Edinburgh in memory of his wife to best over-all female singer, was awarded to Ellen Beard.

The *Herbert P. MacNeal Quaich*, presented by the Clan MacNeil to best over-all male singer, was presented to Liam Ó Caiside.

The *Duais Leòdhais agus na Hearadh* (Lewis & Harris Award), presented for the best performance of a song from Lewis and Harris, went to Micheal MacAoidh.

Distance Learning Competition

Advanced

1. Jeanne Pendergast

2. Scott Morrison

New Beginner

1. Brenna Morrison

The *Duais Sgoilearachd Sabhal Mor Ostaig*, a two-week scholarship presented by Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Scotland's Gaelic college on the Isle of Skye, for best score in the Distance Learning Competition, goes to Jean Pendergast.

Meal-ur-naidheachd dhan a h-uile duine! Congratulations to everyone.