



SLIGO stylists let their hair down to celebrate the Golden Scissors Awards presentation night last Tuesday.

Around 80 people including nominated stylists, their friends and family attended the event at the Radisson SAS Hotel and Spa.

Meave O'Healy Harte, publisher of the *Irish Hairdresser* magazine attended the event. She said: "It is great to see hairdressers who are working so hard everyday appreciated by their clients and able afterwards to find out what those clients said about them. To be here tonight either nominated, a finalist, or a winner it is an achievement. Everyone is a winner if someone nominated them."

There was a canapé and wine reception for guests before the presentations began. Each salon/stylist received copies of the customer submissions made to the paper. All the shortlisted stylists and salons were presented with 'Certificates of Excellence'.

The **BEST COMMUNITY SALON** award went to Flair Hair Salon in Coolaney. Stylist and judge Martha Galvin presented the manager, Annette Davey, with the best salon wall plaque designed by Breeogue Pottery and a half-day rejuvenating treatment at the Radisson SAS Spa for four people.

Annette said: "We feel great. It is a great achievement for the salon and for the clients. It is great that people took time out to nominate us and that they are happy with the service we give. It is great for my mum Gabrielle who has been there for 30 years. She started the whole thing. So well done to her."

Anthony Kilcoyne, proprietor of Salon 2 won the **BEST HAIRDRESSER** award. Martha presented him with the best hairdresser wall plaque also designed by Breeogue Pottery and a holiday to a plush Marbella apartment for four; courtesy of the Sligo Weekender.

"I must say I am absolutely delighted. It is always lovely to win an award but I think when it is on your home territory it is even more special. There is no doubt about it. And if you don't mind I'd like to thank a few people. I would like to thank all those who nominated us and without doubt I would like to thank all the team in Salon 2. They are an absolutely fantastic gang."

Mrs O'Healy Harte stressed the importance of hairdressers in people's lives. "For the person who doesn't speak to many people throughout the week their social event is going to the hairdresser. That is so important. I am delighted that a small salon won an award because it shows it is not open just to large salons and it is achievable for anybody."

Staff family and friends of Flair Hair Salon and Salon 2 continued celebrating into the early hours of the morning at the Radisson.

After the presentations Lydia Rogers, *Sligo Weekender* area marketing manager, congratulated all the salons and stylists who were nominated. "I hope the Golden Scissors competition has been as worthwhile for you as it has been for the *Sligo Weekender*," she said. "I would like to thank the Radisson, our sponsors who have been so good to the Golden Scissors. I would also like to thank all the hair spies who took the time out to get pampered by yourselves - your wonderful salons and stylists. I would also like to thank Breeogue Pottery who did a fantastic job on the awards for the winners."

"Finally I would like to say an enormous thank you to Martha Galvin. She has provided invaluable insight and critique into the running of the Golden Scissors competition and has been so passionate and enthusiastic about the whole initiative."

"I would like to thank you for attending tonight and on behalf of the *Sligo Weekender* wish you well in your future careers and with your businesses."

Check out the Golden Scissors website at www.sligoweekender.ie/goldenscissors

HAIR EXPERTS:
Maeva O'Healy Harte (left) and Martha Galvin.



BUBBLING OVER: Winning stylist Anthony Kilcoyne is the centre of attention as the Moët flows.



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WINNERS AND JUDGES: See key to the above picture below.

Night of champagne for our golden winners



THAT WINNING FEELING: Stylist Anthony Kilcoyne is joined by his Salon 2 colleagues.



SHEER FLAIR: The Flair Hair Salon team are all smiles after collecting their award.



- 1. Janette O'Connor, Salon 2; 2. Joanne McDaniel, Salon 2; 3. John Cawley, Joca;
- 4. Finuala McMunn, Finuala's; 5. Gabrielle Davey, Flair Hair Salon; 6. Brian McHugh, Weekender editor; 7. Niamh Mullen, Weekender reporter and Golden Scissors judge;
- 8. Lydia Murray, Lydia Murray Hair & Beauty; 9. Pauline Dineen, Pauline Dineen Hair Design;
- 10. Annette Davey, Flair Hair Salon; 11. Anthony Kilcoyne, winning stylist; 12. Monica Brady, Monica's Hair Salon; 13. Lydia Rogers, Weekender marketing manager and Golden Scissors judge; 14. Martha Galvin, top stylist and Golden Scissors judge.

NEXT WEEK

More pictures and full report on who was there, in Kathleen Henry's **SOCIAL DIARY**

