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Judges name their shortlist of leading stylists and salons

THE Sligo Weekender is this week pleased to announce the shortlist for the *Golden Scissors Awards*.

Our panel of judges spent hours trawling through the nominations before coming to a final decision.

The six shortlisted stylists are: Monica Brady; Pauline Dineen; John Cawley; Melinda Kelly; Anthony Kilcoyne and Joanne McDaniel.

The six shortlisted salons are: Finuala's Hair Design; Flair Hair Design; Lydia Murrays Hair & Beauty; Oasis Hair Design; Rossano Hair Design and Salon 2.

Award winning stylist Martha Galvin, from Ballina, said it was a difficult decision because the testimonials sang the praises of all the nominated stylists and salons. "The standard was so high. Everyone who nominated their hairdresser is getting an excellent service.

"We considered both the number of nominations, as well as the strength of each nomination. We were looking for stylists who go out of their way to meet their clients needs, which every nominee does.

"We were also looking for salons which had a community-centred ethos."

Also on the judging panel is Kate O'Hara from the Radisson SAS Hotel & Spa, which is sponsoring the *Golden Scissors Awards*, as well as Lydia Rogers *Weekender* marketing manager; and *Weekender* reporter Niamh Mullen.

The judges also chose 12 hair spies to play their part in deciding the overall winners of the *Golden Scissors BEST HAIRDRESSER* and *BEST SALON AWARD*. All 12 have been getting a FREE hairdo at one of the shortlisted salons. They are reporting back to the judges on the friendliness and professionalism of the hairdresser as well as the

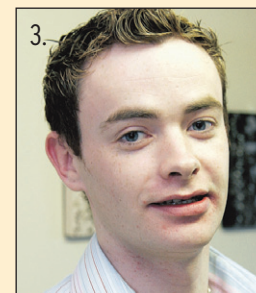
overall experience in the salon. Our spies are rating the performance of the stylist or salon. The panel of judges are rating the hairstyle when the hair spies return. They are examining before and after photographs of the spies. Comments from the spies and a checklist of items on how they were treated also form part of the judging process.

The winners of the *Golden Scissors BEST HAIRDRESSER* and *BEST SALON* awards will be announced in the *Sligo Weekender* newspaper at the end of May.

The *BEST HAIRDRESSER* will win a holiday for four in Marbella. The winner will also receive a stylish *Golden Scissors Award of Excellence* wall plaque.

The *BEST SALON* will receive a Golden Scissors 'Best Community Salon' wall plaque and a half-day rejuvenating spa treatment at the Radisson SAS Spa for four people.

The shortlisted stylists are. . . .



1. Monica Brady; 2. Pauline Dineen; 3. Johny Cawley; 4. Melinda Kelly; 5. Anthony Kilcoyne; 6. Joanne McDaniel.

MONICA Brady said meeting new people is what keeps her motivated about hairdressing. "I just love the people. My clients and I are one big family. And I just love doing hair. All these years I love getting up and going to work," she said.

Pauline Dineen first trained as a hairdresser thirty years ago. In November 2005, Pauline opened her own salon on Charles Street [not Quay Street as stated in last week's profile]. Of her nomination, Pauline said: "It was a compliment - it's nice to think that someone took the time to write to the paper about me."

John Cawley who trained with Toni & Guy in London qualified ten years ago. He opened JOCA hair design in Collooney in October 2006. "Putting up hair and doing colour are my favourite aspects of hairdressing," he said.

Melinda Kelly, who runs Hair@Home

calls out to your house to do your hair. Her clients range from young mums to elderly people who can't leave home. Melinda also styles hair at Cregg House and other community care facilities. "I love the fact that you get very close to your clients because you are calling out to their home," she said.

Anthony Kilcoyne said he was delighted to hear that he and his salon - as well as a number of salon staff - had been nominated in the Golden Scissors competition. "It's brilliant - it's awfully nice that people take the time to nominate us," he said.

Joanne McDaniel typically deals with between 15 and 25 customers in a day at Salon 2. "At the salon, we have a great mixture of people from the young to old. I do a lot of colouring and upstyles, and I like highlights and changing styles. My main thing is, if the customer is happy, then I am happy."

The shortlisted salons are. . . .

FINUALA McMunn of Finuala's Hair Design said she is delighted to be nominated for a Golden Scissors Award. "It's a nice compliment to get from customers. It's a joint effort at this salon and that's nice for the other girls.

"I want to say thanks to all my clients. It's nice to get recognition, especially for someone like me who's only new in the business."

Annette Davey of Flair Hair Design said customers like the Coolaney location because it has great parking and it is a scenic area. "It's not rush, rush, rush. It's relaxed. Customers can come in for their consultation, have a cup of tea, relax, take time out to relax and chat. It's a very friendly atmosphere - people feel at home."

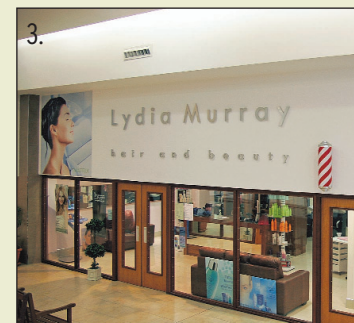
Karrie-Anne McLoughlin, who works in Lydia Murrays Hair and Beauty, said: "We

were delighted to be nominated for a *Golden Scissors Award*. Lydia was over the moon for days about it. We were surprised and delighted. It is great that clients nominated us."

Annette Hayden of Oasis Hair Design said she was delighted to be nominated for a Golden Scissors Award. "I was shocked. It was so thoughtful for anyone to sit down and write a letter. It's nice and very much appreciated."

Rossa Danaghan of Rossano Hair Design said: "It's great to be nominated - it's a good achievement. What we're doing, we're doing right. Client care means a lot to us and we work constantly. Our client is our business."

Anthony Kilcoyne of Salon 2 said: "I'd like to thank my clients for taking the time out to nominate us. We'll continue to look after them to the best we can."



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