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Website links will bring you audio tips from a top stylist

By Niamh Mullen

THE *Sligo Weekender* is this week pleased to launch the Golden Scissors website.

The site provides information on all aspects of the competition with audio clips to complement the text and pictures. The *Weekender* is believed to be the first regional Irish paper to use audio clips on its website.

Listen to award-winning stylist Martha Galvin's top hair-care tips and hear what she has to say about the competition. You can also hear what some of our hair spies said about their experiences in the shortlisted salons.

The site also includes profiles of the judges and the shortlisted nominees. You will find hair care tips,

information on the latest trends, hairdressing disaster stories and more.

The winners of the Golden Scissors Awards BEST HAIRDRESSER and BEST COMMUNITY SALON will be announced in the paper on Tuesday, May 22. The winners will also appear on the website.

The website will feature audio clips from the presentation, which will be held in the Radisson SAS Hotel & Spa at the end of May. You will hear from the winners, the losers and Martha Galvin about what it was like to participate in the competition.

Check out the Golden Scissors website by logging on to www.sligoweekender.ie and click on the Golden Scissors link. Otherwise go to www.sligoweekender.ie/goldenscissors



ONLINE: The website for Golden Scissors.

Comments from some of our secret hair spies

OVER the last two weeks the Golden Scissors hair spies have been busy visiting the shortlisted stylists and salons. *Weekender* reporter Niamh Mullen caught up with them to get feedback about the experience.

All the stylists got excellent feedback. Here are the shortlisted stylist's names followed by a comment from the hair spies.

MONICA BRADY - Monica's Salon: "She was very nice and friendly. It was extremely busy when I called in but she was still able to keep everyone happy and feel part of a family."

PAULINE DINEEN - Hair Design: "She gave me good advice on how I don't need my hair thinned out as it will get frizzy at the ends. She chatted and included me in conversation in the salon. I felt like I had been there many times before."

JOHN CAWLEY - JOCA Hair Design: "He was very easy to talk to and a great hairdresser. It is obvious that he is very popular because there were many people there. I noticed that the woman's hair he did before mine was really lovely."

MELINDA KELLY - Hair@Home: "She gave me good advice. My hair is fine so she told me I should not use too much conditioner as it will flatten my hair and make it dull. She told me what products to use."

ANTHONY KILCOYNE - Salon 2: "We discussed style and colour. He took my wishes on board but was not afraid to disagree with some of my suggestions. He is excellent with scissors and colour and he has a very friendly manner. He has it all."

JOANNE McDANIEL - Salon 2: "She didn't give a lot of advice but the advice she gave was interesting. She recommended that I could style my hair another way to suit the haircut, which was good."

There was also much praise for the shortlisted salons. Below are snippets of what the hair spies said.

FINUALA'S HAIR DESIGN: "I imagine this salon has a lot of regular clients and the atmosphere is good in there on a Saturday morning when it's at its busiest."

FLAIR HAIR DESIGN: "The salon was very bright, fresh and airy. It was quiet when I went in but there seemed to be a buzz about the place. People were coming in booking appointments and tourists were also popping in."

LYDIA MURRAY'S HAIR AND BEAUTY: "The salon was clean, modern and spacious. The staff were pleasant and efficient. They stocked nice products and I wasn't rushed."

OASIS HAIR DESIGN: "I was very pleased with the salon, so much so that I will get my hair done there again."

ROSSANO HAIR DESIGN: "It was a professional, friendly and accommodating to clients. Sometimes I find salons are so busy they don't notice that you have arrived but these guys were on the ball and seemed genuinely friendly, which all added to a nice atmosphere."

SALON 2: "The atmosphere in the salon was good. It was friendly. Most of the customers were greeted with a hello or a goodbye from the proprietor Anthony Kilcoyne."

I spy with my little eye . . . before and after cuts for some of our volunteer hair spies

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Nominees, family and friends invited to presentation evening

THE *Sligo Weekender* and the Radisson SAS Hotel and Spa are pleased to invite everyone who was nominated for a Golden Scissors Award to a special presentation evening at the Radisson.

The event will take place on

Tuesday May 22 at 8pm. All staff of the nominated salons, family and friends are welcome.

Each salon receive copies of the submissions made to the paper. Each shortlisted salon will receive a 'Golden Scissors Certificate of Excellence'.

The BEST HAIRDRESSER will receive a stylish Golden Scissors 'Award of Excellence' wall plaque and a holiday to a plush Marbella apartment for four courtesy of the Sligo Weekender.

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 awards will be presented by award-winning stylist Martha Galvin from Ballina, who will speak at the evening.