



Press Release

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Blooming Brilliant!

In May 2010, former Langside College NC City & Guilds Floristry student Lyn Powrie will be attending an awards ceremony at Buckingham Palace hosted by HRH Duke of Edinburgh, to celebrate her competence and skills in floristry.

Lyn's success began at the *Langside College Annual Awards Ceremony* held in November 2009 where she was awarded the prize for *Endeavour and Achievement in Floristry*. This was followed by the *City and Guilds Medal for Excellence* which was presented at Scone Palace. Shortly after this prestigious ceremony Lyn was invited to attend the *City & Guilds Lions Award Dinner* at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London where she was presented with a further prize of £300 from one of their 'Livery Companies' - *The Worshipful Company of Gardeners*.

Such is the prestige associated with these awards, Lyn is now to be re-presented with her medal at Buckingham Palace on 19 May 2010: one of only 13 medal winners in Scotland to be invited.

Lyn's floristry success began in 2006 when she enrolled onto a Beginners Floristry class at Langside College. During this course Lyn discovered she had a talent for floristry and subsequently enrolled onto the NC Floristry (City & Guilds) course from 2007-2009.

Lyn commented on her amazing achievements, "I still feel completely shocked and overwhelmed but extremely honoured. This medal seems to have taken on a life of its own and each time I think the excitement is over, something else seems to come up! I am so grateful to my wonderful lecturers at Langside College (Julie Lindsay, Margaret Byrne and Jayne Buet) and my supportive classmates."

Margaret Hamilton, Head of Maths, Science and Technology at Langside College stated: "Lyn's creative talent for floristry was displayed throughout her studies at Langside College. It is wonderful that her dedication and skill has also been recognised by City and Guilds. We wish her every success for the future and look forward to hearing about her visit to Buckingham Palace."

Langside College is extremely proud of Lyns' award successes and are hoping many other Langside College students will 'bloom' next week when the College is the accredited host centre for the *World Skills UK Floristry Competition*.

For further information on Floristry or courses at Langside College, please visit www.langside.ac.uk or call Student Services on 0141 272 3636.

Image Attached: Louise Robinson, Lyn Powrie and Michael Howell at the City & Guild Lions Awards.

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