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Outstanding Stand Award for Twizza



The Twizza team in PE won the 'Outstanding Stand Award' for Vibe, Administration and interaction. (seen above)

The Spar Trade Show took place on 20 August at The Board Walk - Port Elizabeth. Seen here are Twizza team members, Deon Van Eyk, Tamryn Vo and Liesel Hulet.

St Francis quilts win 1st prizes



Colleen Butler and Joan Barnes were awarded 1st places in the National Quilting Festival.

For this Quilt she is holding up, Colleen got her inspiration from the designs inside African bowls. It took her about 4 months to complete this quilt working 6-8 hours a day.

Apart from Colleen and Joan (absent when this photo was taken), St Francis has two other ladies who are keen Quilters. They are Antoinette Kriel and Margaret Landman.

Colleen advises that Port Elizabeth will be holding the 2017 National Quilt Festival.

Nicky wins Top Business Development Award



Nicky Nortje Blume has been awarded the prestigious title of Top New Business Development for her company Blume co that focuses on the design and manufacture of children's clothing.

Nicky is the daughter of proud Mom and Dad, Julie & Charlie Nortje who live at St Francis Links.

A mom to three children and wife to citrus farmer Heine, Nicky started her business three years ago from the farm kitchen. She needed some children's pyjamas and decided to make her own. Family and friends all wanted some too and so the business developed.

Initially she sold mainly by word of mouth and at the morning market in St Francis Bay, plus online at Blume Co. Last year she heard about a course offered by SEDA for women entrepreneurs and enrolled with 25 other women from the Eastern Cape. At the end of the 8-month course she was awarded one of the top 5 Awards at the Gala evening for Top New Business Development during the course.

"The course was amazing," she says. "Our mentors, Bev and Ricardo, taught and inspired us through our months of learning. I now have a fully functioning manufacturing studio in Port Elizabeth and supply shops all over South Africa as well as exporting to Germany."

Nicky says her inspiration has always been the beauty and innocence of farm life and she strives to carry this through to her clothing design.

Nicky adds: "I love what I do and feel very blessed!"

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