

BC Floral Art Society

## Report for Arts New West, AGM November 2023

Our membership numbers increased this year! We are very happy that folks love flowers and design and are still interested in learning new hobbies, being creative and meeting new people. All our meetings were in person this year and we particularly enjoy the Centennial Lodge, thanks to our affiliation with the Arts New West. Our meeting dates are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Meeting dates and the Program for 2023:

- February 14 – Show Bench, “Cut & Dry”, a design using dried materials.
- March 14 – Workshop – Leaf Manipulation techniques
- April 11 – Show Bench, “Nature’s Awakening”, a Spring design to include leaf manipulation.
- May 9 – Workshop – “Surprise”, members brought in containers and materials and then had to exchange with someone else to create a design.
- June 13 – in house, Mini Flower Show – 5 classes – practice for entering “real” show.
- July 11 – Show Bench – “At the Crack of Dawn”, design of choice.
- August 8 – Workshop – “From the Recycle Bin”
- September 12 - “You put flowers in what?”, design using an unusual container.
- October 10 – “Harvest Festival”, Cornucopia or design of choice
- November 14 – Show Bench – “Wax On”, a design using wax techniques.
- December 12 – Show Bench and Luncheon – Christmas tree centrepieces.  
Demonstration by Christine de Beer.

Our meetings also have a “Show and Tell” component when members talk about a special technique they have learned, share an experience etc. We will start up again in February. The Executive is currently working on our Program for 2024.

As in the past two years, we also scheduled two “garden” workshops for smaller groups (July & August) with each gathering having its own focus. Our club had a table and exhibit area at a Dart’s Hill Garden event in September; some club members volunteered at Burnaby Blooms (May); members entered various local flower shows (one hosted by the Canadian Western Association of Floral Art Clubs, two hosted by the BC Council of Garden Clubs, others hosted by local flower and garden clubs and then, some virtual shows as well ... with some very good results. Three of our members were thrilled to be able to attend Britain’s National Association of Floral Art Societies’ national show (Florilegium) in Gloucester, England in May. BCFAS is affiliated with the London & Overseas branch of NAFAS.

Please check out our website at [www.bcfloralartsociety.com](http://www.bcfloralartsociety.com) and we are also posting from time to time on Facebook and Instagram.

Executive: President, Gerri Willms. Vice-President, Sherri Summers. Secretary, Leslie Roach. Treasurer: Ann Peters. Membership: Gayle Lyons. Past President: Rhonda Maljuk.

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