

COLUMN FLOWER CLUB

CHAIRS REPORT FOR AGM at BELVIDERE SCHOOL 7.30pm TUESDAY 4th

October 2016

Good evening everyone and welcome to the AGM for Column Flower Club.

I always like to start with a huge thank you to everyone for your continued support to the club.

We have seen new members join Column and I really hope you will continue to enjoy our flower club and have many happy years with us. --- Welcome

Over the last year we have had varied programme with demonstrations and practical evenings for floral and craft work plus our open Evening and a Saturday morning workshop. The latter two held at Cross Houses Community Hall. I've had feedback from several club members how much they are enjoying the programme this year. My thanks go to Barbara who works very hard contacting demonstrators for our special events and putting together our programmes.

Our web-site is regularly up-dated and you will find the current programme and the one for 2017 is there for information/reference plus other items that may interest you. I have to say at this point I have "hidden" the pictures as I've work to do to get it up to date --- work in progress shall we say.

The biggest event this year was our Open Evening on 12th July with guest demonstrator Jane Pugh from Bishops Castle. Her demonstration continued with our current programme theme in creating arrangements with the Victorian era in mind. Unfortunately I was not able to attend as we were on holiday doing our 7000 mile road trip in America but I understand this was another very good evening enjoyed by all. I know just how much hard work all of you will have put into this beforehand and on the night and thank you for this.

Our Saturday morning workshop on 1st October was led by Ros Anwyl from Cold Hatton who is a Tutor and Demonstrator. The workshop again continued with our current programme which by then we had reached Art Deco/Nouveau. We had a lovely relaxed morning creating an Art Deco design using techniques we had not done before and learning more tips and ideas. I do realise some members were unable to attend but unfortunately only 7 club members did come. This resulted in the club making a loss of £5.

Again the Competition at our Christmas "Bring and Share" evening was a great success and once again a thank you to Carol's Husband Trevor who judged the competition for us.

I think a special mention needs to go to Debbie who achieved a Silver award at the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show this year. Recently too she achieved 1st at the Malvern Three County Show with her arrangement in the class "Iron Brew". I have included a picture of her Chelsea exhibit in this report. Also I'd like to say well done to those of you who also do floral work outside club who offer their time with things like hospital flowers, church flowers and at other venues.

My thanks go to all the Committee who have taken on various tasks on behalf of the club, without their commitment running the club would be extremely difficult. Celia and Ann are retiring from the committee this year and just a small thank you for all you work whilst on the committee and for the club in general (presented with small flower arrangements).

I know my report does seem to contain a lot of "thank you's" but I really do appreciate the way you all support club be it hostessing, tea making, donating things for our sales tables and of course creating some wonderful flower arrangements --- You ALL do Column Flower Club proud. ---- Thank You.

Trish Payne (Chair)



Debbie's Chelsea Entry --- Silver award