Solway Flower Club – March Meeting

Chairman Eve Johnson welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the Solway Flower Club.  Eve gave out a few notices including Bowness Church are having a flower festival in June and our flower club members are asked to decorate a window for this occasion.

Our demonstrator for the evening, Carol Grieve, was introduced.  Carol’s theme was entitled ‘Nature’s Treasurers’.

For the first design Carol used a large oval oasis ring filled with foliage and tall teasels for structure, to which she added cut yellow Amarylis, pussy willow, green Anastasia chrysanths, pinky orange gerbera including the cut stalks then another similar design in a fabulous metal container in the shape of a stork with its long legs and outspread wings.

Next Carol used a piece of tree trunk painted in shades of white and grey which represents the snow on the fells.  As Carol lives near to Alston she told us there is still snow on the fells looking like the Alps at the moment.  To this structure she added Italian holly fern, white astilbe, pussy willow, tree ivy and really beautiful floribunda Snowflake roses, then large Avalanche roses, very unusual green dianthus to complete.  Then she produced another similar arrangement already completed.

Next a two tier wooden structure, made by her husband, this design is to replicate a woodland walk.  It contained helebore leaves, aspidistra leaves, ferns then spray dark burgundy roses, large red/cream fire cracker roses, sedum and small pink roses.

A large piece of driftwood, with water feature seen along the coastline, added to this was Portuguese laurel, rosemary, fatsia leaves, purple magenta tulips, gerbera and alstromeria all in toning shades.

Lastly Carol used a bird-bath for her container, adding lucadendron, curled aspidestra leaves, tree fern, laurel and bear grass.  A very unusual festival alstromeria flower which was so much like bird feathers plus lots of colours to depict bird’s dark red lily for robin redbreast, orange gerbera, a tri-colour rose in a yellow/orange colour finishing with a Gloriosa lily and twisted yellow cane like birds in flight.

President Margaret Hodgson thanked Carol for her inspirational demonstration.  All the designs were raffled before tea, coffee and biscuits were served.

Next month on the 18th April we have Derek Morgan coming all the way from Morecambe, to do his demonstration entitled ‘Fierce Creatures’.  Friends and neighbours are very welcome to come and enjoy this demonstration.