January 2019 Solway Flower Club

In December we were welcomed at Skitby House with coffee and scones and enjoyed seeing the beautifully decorated rooms.  This was followed by a Christmas flower demonstration by Chris with lucky members winning the designs to take home.  Then the highlight was the lovely Christmas lunch.  After lunch everyone had a browse around the shop and enjoyed the day very much.

In January, Chairman Eve welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2019.  Eve suggested we try to encourage friends and neighbours to come to future meetings.  We are starting a library of Flower Books if members would like to bring a favourite book to share with others.  Carol will be librarian.  Also suggested we bring magazines to swap.

Eve introduced our demonstrator, Sally Pigg, from Dalston, to do her demonstration entitled ‘Berries and Foliage’.  Sally is a florist working from home, mainly doing wedding flowers and special orders.

Firstly, Sally showed us a hand tied bunch including tete-a-tete daffodils, purple lisianthus, eucalyptus, green chrysanths, hazel twigs and pussy willow all tied with string and wrapped in brown paper.

Next was an arrangement on a long piece of bark with evergreen foliage, lots of catoneaster berries and skimmia, dark red anthuriums, dark red cranberry roses, chrysanths, thistles, a large fir cone and completed with pheasant feathers.

Sally’s third arrangement was in a round container using moss, a succulant, hyacinths, stripped phormium leaves, hypericum berries, red roses and a different eucalyptus called baby blue.  This design was like a pot-e-de-fleur with all the different textures.

Sally continued to surprise us with more arrangements including lilies, more berries, wine coloured roses, large white chrysanths, pampas grass, avalanche roses and a peacock feather.

President Margaret thanked Sally for coming and showing us her floristry skills.

All the designs were raffled and the evening concluded with the usual coffee, tea and biscuits.

Next month on the 20th February, Pam Coke is coming to do her demonstration entitled ‘Swansong’.  Everyone welcome.