Solway Flower Club Meeting notes March 2022

President Doreen welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the Solway Flower Club on the 16th.  It was lovely to see everyone, especially as the Club had to be cancelled last month but we are so lucky that Kate Liddle, who should have been with us then, could actually come tonight instead.  Doreen introduced Kate to do her demonstration which Kate told us she has entitled 'Reasons to be Cheerful'.

For her first design, Kate had prepared her container, a circular entwined wooden construction, with lots of greenery including pittosporum and heather.  This looked really striking even without any flowers.  But Kate added 2 tall twisted willow twigs then tall iris, double daffodils and different coloured ranunculas.  Kate's 'reason to be cheerful' at this time of year is that gardens are growing beautifully, the weather getting better and not too many weeds in the garden yet.  Kate then placed 2 plants, a primrose and a narcissus alongside the arrangement.

Secondly Kate used a square container adding various greenery then red/yellow tulips and yellow and orangey coloured ranunculas, making it an all-round design.

She amused us all by telling us her 'reason to be cheerful' about going to visit the Tulip fields in Amsterdam.  She found out that Dutch shoe shops stock really large shoes and pointing to her own large shoes, really enjoyed shoe shopping in Amsterdam.

Thirdly after greening up her circular container, Kate produced the most striking South African orange Leucospermum flowers then added orange carnations, which looked very stunning.

The next design Kate entitled 'The Circle of Life' she grouped each greenery including Choisya, hebe, heather, camelia and cupressa into a patchwork design.  Then added oranchio roses, scabiosas, and a beautiful clematis called Amazing Rome which is a 4 petalled violet coloured flower.  Kate's 'reason to be cheerful' right now is that she is going to be a Granny in May, but this event is happening in Australia, so they are going there for the baby, not just for a short time, but for a year.  She is naturally so excited.

The final container was a frame painted silver and white, the greenery included fatsia leaves then added lovely white double chrysanths called Ali-baba, then lovely dark iris and lots of white lisianthus.  Then Kate produced an identical but smaller design to complete her demonstration.

As Chairman Margaret, could not be here tonight, Maureen was delighted to give the vote of thanks to Kate stating what a wonderful start to this year, our first demonstration.

The raffle followed with very lucky members winning these arrangements.

The evening concluded with tea, coffee and biscuits, and everyone looking forward to next meeting on 20th April, when everyone brings their own flowers to make an 'Easter Basket'.

Friends and neighbours are very welcome to come at 7.30 pm in Beaumont Village Hall.