



FLOWERS BY DESIGN

JUNE*JULY*AUGUST 2018

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The B.C. FLORAL ART SOCIETY meets the 2nd Monday of each month

at 10:00 A.M., at 76 Jamieson Court, New Westminster, B.C.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A story about moles!

After our return from Mexico in January we noticed a circular pattern of grass in our yard rolled back leaving us wondering about the bare ground. It looked like raccoons had been busy even though we had never seen any before. I rolled the grass back into place as best as I could and tamped it down hoping the roots would still grow. Next low raised tunnels started appearing close to the top of the grass. Not moles now! Yes, apparently so! I turned the hose on full force to flush water into their tunnels. There was water bubbling everywhere. Then mole traps were set in one area that looked recently visited. We waited for a result, nothing. Two weeks later nothing the traps are visibly still set. I guess the water flooded the little critter out. Now to repair the mess, if it would just stop snowing or raining!



Susan S.

PROGRAMME for JUNE 11, 2018: Show Bench – Contemporary or Traditional – Fruit and/or Vegetables as part of the Design

So, two categories. The design should be displayed with a back drop and stay within the 2' wide x 3' high display area. Fruit and/or vegetable not to be more than 50% of the design ... floral should be dominant and the fruit/vegetable for a pop of colour and/or texture. It would be really great if you would use one the leaf manipulation techniques learned at our May meeting.



<https://www.flowershowflowers.com>

<https://ca.search.yahoo.com/search?fr=mcafee&type=C111CA662D20170209&p=fruit+and+vegetables+in+floral+design>

Category 1 – Contemporary -- Fruit or vegetable as part of the floral design.

Category 2 – Traditional -- Fruit or vegetable as part of the floral design

Note: in floral competitions (possible hot conditions and spoilage), cut, exposed fruit is not allowed unless it is sealed. I have seen lemon slices in the base of a vase (underwater) for instance. I will include a recipe for a gelatin layer that should protect soft fruit and sliced fruit from the “elements” (Irantaj gave it to me last year). Here it is: “Using 1 packet of Knox unflavored gelatin, add only 2 Tablespoons of water to dissolve (follow instructions on the box), then 1 T of cold water and 1 T of hot water. Brush or carefully spoon onto fruit surface.”

Again, think about the duration of a flower show ... 2-3 days ... when planning your design. Please do not use a watermelon etc. as a container; it will shrivel. Avoid soft fruit as well.

**PROGRAMME for JULY 9, 2018: Work Bench – Imposed Design --
Serendipitous design to be kept or given away**

Ready for some fun!

We will set up 22 stations. You may work alone or with a partner.

You will be given an ordinary 9” vase/container, twigs/sticks, some purchased seasonal flowers, and donated flowers and greenery from our (and our friends’) gardens.

If any of you have an abundance of greenery or flowers from your garden that can be donated and divided up to supply a small amount to each of the 22 stations, it would be appreciated. Let us know and we can come and pick them up in advance or we will arrange for you to bring them to the meeting.

You don’t have to use all the imposed plant material in the design. Leftovers at the end will be sold at a nominal cost.

For this, we ask that you bring your tool kit and (your choice) some “bits and bobs” that might be useful to or enhance your design (ie. wire, tape, raffia, string, ribbon, glue).

At the end, we will self-critique pointing out how the design came together. Then, it is your choice to give your design away to someone you know or randomly to someone you think will enjoy the gift (with the BCFAS business card and note saying “For you! Enjoy!” OR just keep it for yourself and enjoy.

Bring a box and packing material to transport your design home.



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<https://oasisfloralproducts.com/Ideas/recipe/copper-armature-light-pink-floral-centerpiece/>

PROGRAMME for AUGUST 13, 2018: Show Bench – A Nod to the Rose Bowl Parade and Garden Floral Art

Floral design takes so many forms. We love our flowers and create topiaries and mini Land Art in our gardens. We make cute animal shaped table centres. What about a pavee detail of a Rose Bowl Parade creature? What about a 3-D stand along structure for your garden?

This month is a nod to such events as the Rose Bowl Parade and the flower parades of Europe. Your challenge is to create a flower and/or plant covered sculpture! All materials must be plant based: actual plants, any part of the plant including seeds, dried material, branches etc. The base or frame structure can be metal, paper, wood etc. and does not have to be entirely covered (ie. metal “feet” can be showing). You may use a purchased frame. As this can be quite the time-consuming design, please work with a partner or two if you like.

Animal, human or ?? form ... There is no size requirement for this design other than it must be portable! You will have some time at the beginning of the meeting to place/assemble your “sculpture” ... it can sit on the floor or be put on a table.



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REMEMBERING IRANTAJ AND HER AMAZING DESIGNS

Irantaj Zargarpour



Photos from BCFAS photo files and Rhonda M.

Thank you Irantaj for your friendship and mentorship. We will miss you.

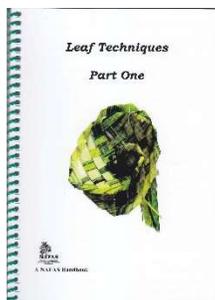
NOTES OF INTEREST

1. <https://www.hgtv.com/design/outdoor-design/landscaping-and-hardscaping/design/clever-floral-design-ideas-pictures>

Check out this website to see floral designs inspired by art works. Wow! We had a demonstration (by some club members) of this two years ago.



2. Some of our members were interested in the books on leaf manipulation that Nanette had at her table at the May meeting and demonstration. They can be ordered on line from the NAFAS website: <http://www.nafas.org.uk/product-category/educational-books-and-leaflets/page/2/>
Go to the website and find them under the “Shop” button.



They are 4.50 pounds UK each and they will ship to you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Chilliwack Floral Art Club presents “The Shape of Things to Come” Flower Show 2018 on Friday, May 25th from 9:30 am to 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 26th from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Cottonwood Mall, 45585 Luckakuck Way, Chilliwack. You are encouraged to put in an entry.
2. Fraser Pacific Rose Society Flower Show, Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, 2018 at the Dogwood Pavilion, Poirier Avenue, Coquitlam. You are encouraged to put in an entry.

THYMELY TIPS:

1. This item I picked up at the Seattle Flower Show (at the Container Wars demo) ... to elevate a pot in a container or “pan” so that it doesn’t sit in water, use 4 plastic bottle caps at the bottom. Cheap and easy.
2. Build a design using natural materials as the mechanics. One way is to cut a stick to fit tightly across a square or rectangular container to use as support.



<http://thegraciousposse.com/2013/05/10-floral-design-tips-from-latham-flower-camp-2013/>



3. A grid of clear cellophane tape spanning the wide mouth of the bowl supports the top-heavy flowers better than a frog would. Cut the stems short and insert one or two flowers in each opening in the grid. Tuck fern clippings in last.

<https://www.marthastewart.com/274335/marthas-flower-arranging-secrets?slide=3377331>

**** next BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

On or before our August meeting, 2018!

Send items or ideas for the September/October/November 2018 Newsletter to Gerri Willms at prwillms@telus.net

** Starting next January, we will be looking for a new Newsletter person. Please consider taking this on. I will help the next person in line, just as Nanette got me started. gw