

## **Liz Stubbs Cutting Garden Annual Report for 2024**

**Respectfully submitted by Garden Co-ordinators**

**Sharon Rouleau and Anne Marie Bowen**

The pretty Cutting Garden on the seaside, lower lawn of Filberg Park is a favourite place for visitors to linger, take photos and chat to the volunteers. Sharing information and flowers always makes for a special exchange!

Sixteen active volunteers take part in all aspects of planting, maintaining and harvesting from the Cutting Garden throughout the growing season, collectively spending over 1,000 hours at this task.

Flower bouquets were offered for sale from the flower cart three days per week (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday). Bouquet sales began in late May and were available until late September.

A contract to provide table flowers and a large entrance bouquet continues with the Summer Kitchen. Many thanks to Chef Marc Andre Dubois for his support. The table flowers were assembled and delivered to the Summer Kitchen every Thursday from mid-May to the end of September.

The Cutting Garden volunteers also provide fresh flower arrangements to enhance the Filberg Gift Shop, the Filberg Festival and other special events by request of the Executive Director.

Small arrangements were made up weekly to spruce up the Lower Washrooms that are located closest to the Cutting Garden

In mid-November, the Cutting Garden set up an online pre-order system for handmade Christmas Posy arrangements. All materials to make up the arrangements are foraged throughout the Comox Valley by the Cutting Garden volunteers. The public response to this annual sale was very positive, and we were quickly SOLD OUT.

### **Highlights of 2024:**

- Over 1,000 annual flower seedlings, along with 50 dahlia tubers, were planted in the Cutting Garden
- The Cutting Garden raised \$2,714
- We would like to give special recognition and thanks to Sharon Rouleau, our Cutting Garden Coordinator, for over ten years of dedicated service in this role.
- We gratefully acknowledge the support of our efforts from Executive Director Linda Trevor, Operations Manager Serhii Krot, and Town of Comox Chargehand Tryna McLean.