

2025 Liz Stubbs Cutting Garden AGM Report

Our beloved Cutting Garden continues to thrive under the care and maintenance of 15 dedicated volunteers, who collectively donated 431 hours of their time and expertise to this blooming project. Our garden work begins in February, and the garden is officially put to bed at the end of October.

2025 was a busy year for the Cutting Garden volunteers; in addition to planting and maintaining the garden, they:

- *Created and sold flower bouquets every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from the flower cart.
- *Fulfilled a weekly Summer Kitchen flower order of 24 small table posies and one large reception arrangement.
- *Put fresh flowers in mini arrangements in the ladies and gents lower washrooms from May to October.
- *Partnered with the Comox Valley Hospital Foundation, creating floral table arrangements for their annual gala held at Crowne Isle.
- *Introduced two new revenue streams: 1) for our Filberg Wedding clients – DIY floral buckets (by special order only; each bucket holds 40 assorted stems and sells for \$80 plus GST). This concept was very popular and will continue to be offered in our wedding service lineup. 2) Seed packages of hand-collected flower seed from the Cutting Garden were offered for sale in the Filberg Gift Shop.
- *Participated in the Comox Berwick Garden Party Open House in July, a valuable networking opportunity.
- *Worked with Linda Trevor and the Gift Shop to host two separate bus tours for a comprehensive visit to the Lodge and Park.
- *Provided 12 large floral arrangements to MRG to be placed in strategic spots throughout the Filberg Festival.
- *Decorated the Lodge porch and the interior of the potting shed for Christmas, as well as creating and hanging 18 evergreen swags for the exterior of the Lodge, Summer Kitchen and adjacent outbuildings.
- *Our final fundraiser for 2025 was our Winter Posy pre-sale; 32 posies at \$25 each were sold out.
- *Gross revenue raised by the Liz Stubbs Cutting Garden was \$3,750
- *Park visitors and volunteers' enjoyment of the Cutting Garden is priceless.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Stubbs, Cutting Garden Coordinators

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