

# Part of Our Community

## For the Love of Flowers

When the Horowhenua Art and Garden Club began in 1962 it was instantly successful with 300 women joining.

Members no longer wear hats and gloves to meetings and the fashion in floral arrangements has also changed but the passion for turning flowers into floral designs hasn't.

The club's 50th anniversary year just passed was a big one – as well as marking their Golden Jubilee they also hosted the Manawatu Area Designer of the Year with entrants from all over the lower North Island.

Floral artists get together regularly to share ideas and skills on a regional and national basis. Guest speakers, demonstrations and competitions help foster talent and inspire members to further their skills.

Levin members are looking forward to seeing international demonstrator Damian Koh from the Netherlands at the Palmerston North club in September.

Floral art shows are the public face of the club but they also enjoy using their talents for others, putting together colourful and perfumed posies for rest home residents during September using flowers and greenery from their own gardens as their annual community service.

New members are always welcome.



The club meets on the first Thursday every month in the Uniting Church Hall, Oxford Street, Levin, at 7.30pm.

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